



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 27th February 2015

Dear Parents

I wandered lonely as a cloud... Please excuse me if I drift into poetry for this week has been packed full of your children's wonderful recitals. From class competitions to the grand final, lovely lyrical poetry has filled the school. Congratulations to all the children who learnt a poem. Governors Mrs Smart and Mrs Crossley judged the final on Thursday and had an extremely difficult job. The results are printed below but congratulations to all the brave and talented children who made this week so enjoyable.

On 13th February we were treated to a magnificent assembly by Nursery. We were delighted by the wonderful singing and information all about bears and as well as a solo by 4 year old Jack B, we then watched a play taken from 'Whatever Next'. It was a joy to see our youngest pupils perform with such happiness and confidence. Well done Nursery and thank you to Miss Kate Rendall for this super production ably supported by the wonderful Nursery Team.

We then all hurried to the playground for the magnificent Inter-House Pancake Relay and you will see some wonderful photos of this on page 2 and the website. We returned from half-term to two more state of the art SMART boards so that every year group now has one of these wonderful learning aids installed. We also returned to our new initiative designed to celebrate good manners; Polite Penguins were awarded to Oliver Q, Rowan N, George F, Lexi M and Sienna A who exhibited delightful manners this week.

Times tables talents were in evidence this week as the first crop of Year 2s were put to the random quick-fire test that results in a Bronze Star. Well done to Miles R, Finn H and Ava S for 'being a sensation with multiplication' if you will forgive the poetry!

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Jago G for settling in so quickly and being a charming member of the dining hall.

*At the top of the board with winning reward are **Donaldson House with 911** housepoints. Well done Donaldson House.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Poetry Recital Awards

KS1 1 st prize Gold	Sophie B
2 nd prize Silver	Reem E
3 rd prize Bronze	Dylan H
FS 1 st prize Gold	Joaquin G
2 nd prize Silver	Stanley G
3 rd prize Bronze	Charlie S

Event of the Week The Great Inter-House Pancake Relay



The House Teams lined up excitedly



Sachin set off for Donaldson



Rowan raced for Ahlberg



Sara sped off for Morpurgo



Dahl delighted us by winning



and all the House Captains received a cheer!

The Foundation Stage News

We were very proud of our superstars during Poetry Week when Foundation Stage children recited their poems. It can be hard to remember all the words when lots of people are watching, but it is amazing how confident these little children are becoming. Congratulations Sophie, Reem and Dylan.

The Reception classes have been learning how to find out about owls. They discovered that you can learn from watching a film or PowerPoint and by reading non-fiction books. The children are learning that the title and front cover tells us what the book is going to be about and 'the blurb' on the back cover tells us more. They know that inside these books we find 'information' and 'facts' and that an index is useful for finding the right page. Our children are so clever they have become authors, making their own non-fiction books about owls which include some beautifully labelled diagrams. They are looking forward to sharing their books with their families on open morning next month.

Special thanks to Benji in Mars Class., He brought in an information book about history facts to share in school. If your Reception child has a favourite 'non-fiction book' they would like to bring from home it would be lovely to share information about a range of topics.

It has been great fun counting in 2s and 10s in maths lessons and the teachers are very proud of the children. Ask your child to show you their super counting at home. Do your children help with the shopping? We are sure they would love to try paying for something in a real shop using real money. They have been practising counting and working out the money needed in the role play shop. Pretending is fun but first hand experiences are even better.



新年快樂

Happy New Year!
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The Nursery children love the story of each Chinese New Year is named and the rat won the race by jumping on the back. Chinese celebrations are very the stir fry cooking in the kitchen has



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a great success and smells delicious. We have had great fun playing with noodles, dancing with ribbons and dressing up.



For maths this week we pretended to be Chinese children celebrating this festival, rolling the dice to see how many coins to put in the red envelopes. Then we compared who had more coins and who had the most in the group.

The children have been perfecting their fine motor skills trying to write in Chinese script and

they also used their fingers to print beautiful pink cherry blossom on circular pictures.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Monday 2nd March: Year 1 visit to St Martin's Church

Tuesday 3rd March 9 - 11am: Sun & Moon Groups Teddy Bears' Picnic
in Elizabeth Welchman Gardens

Wednesday 4th March 9 - 11am: Earth & Sky Groups Teddy Bears' Picnic
in Elizabeth Welchman Gardens

Please remember your teddy!

Wednesday 4th March: Year 1 visit to Hever Castle

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

Please see the recent letter from Mrs London and Mrs Russell.

Please can the children come dressed as a character from Alice in Wonderland



Friday 6th March at 9am: NEPTUNE Class Assembly
Parents are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be available in the Porch from 8.30am

Mathletics

Congratulations to Ho Y, Caia H, Harriet G and James S for earning their Bronze certificates and to Michael S, Luke S, George



F and Thomas M for being awarded their Silver certificates in assembly this week.