



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parents

On Friday, dressed in denim jeans for Jeans for Genes Charity Day, we all enjoyed an informative assembly by Mercury Class. Their presentation was all about genes as well as a little information about the history of jeans and we marvelled at the complicated makeup of our bodies and felt humbled when learning about the things that can go wrong resulting in genetic illness. Having a biology lesson from 6 year olds proved to be very illuminating and we thank Mrs Garrod for writing this important assembly together with Mr Bischofer who assisted on the day for such a wonderful performance.

On Monday we were very excited to watch Pre-Reception step up during their first sports lesson with David Cole from Josh Evans Sports School. The children loved their lesson and are already looking forward to next week.

On Tuesday Reception headed off to wonderful Wakehurst Place for a day of nature discovery coupled with a pirate themed treasure hunt. The sun shone brightly in a brilliant blue sky and we made the most of the beautiful grounds enjoying a picnic on the grass half way through a day packed with activities. It was lovely to receive an email complimenting the children on their excellent behaviour and focus. Well done Reception.

On Wednesday we welcomed two headmasters in to school to talk about the next chapter of our pupil's educational journey. Mr Matt Robinson from City of London Freeman's School and Mr Ian Thorpe from Downsens School talked and entertained the audience with anecdotes about their respective schools and spoke with passion and charm about their vision for the very best educational provision. We thank them both for a very enlightening afternoon.

On Thursday we had our first Library Raffle run by our new Librarian Mrs Ruth Thum. She had well-prepared the three Librarians, Ebba, Lambert and Max and they organised the raffle with style awarding books about buildings to lucky winners in line with our term's engineering theme.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Nathan H for delivering important information about lunch latecomers to help the kitchen run smoothly.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg House** for leaping to the top of the leader board with a splendid total of **398 Housepoints**.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Emma S, Nathan H, Arabella B, Lambert S, Christopher B, Annie R, Matilda G, James C, Felice F, Toby C, Zahra M and Harry L.

Philosopher of the Week

Saraya J

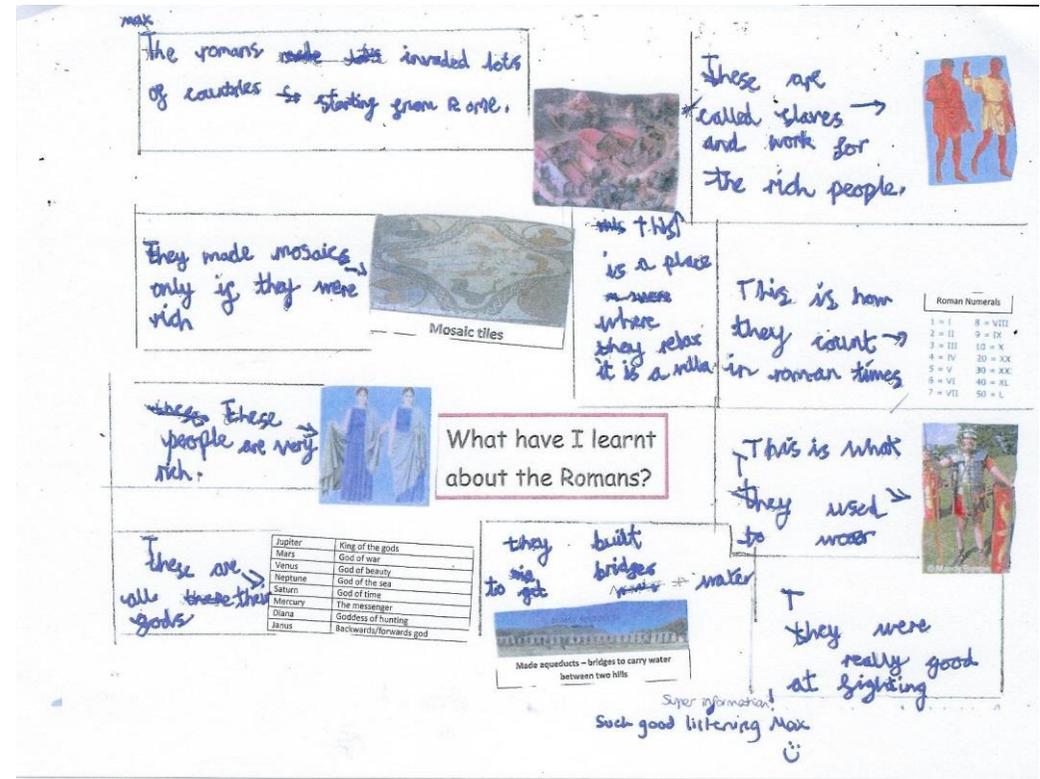
Thought for the Week

What are the most important things to learn?

Work of the Week

Max T in Year 2 Venus Class listened really well to learn all about the Romans. He then wrote up all his new knowledge and added some superb collage effects, to make this marvellous poster.

Well done Max! A budding historian.



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| 1 = I | 8 = VIII |
| 2 = II | 9 = IX |
| 3 = III | 10 = X |
| 4 = IV | 20 = XX |
| 5 = V | 30 = XXX |
| 6 = VI | 40 = XL |
| 7 = VII | 50 = L |

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| Jupiter | King of the gods |
| Mars | God of war |
| Venus | God of beauty |
| Neptune | God of the sea |
| Saturn | God of time |
| Mercury | The messenger |
| Diana | Goddess of hunting |
| Janus | Backwards/forwards god |

Made aqueducts - bridges to carry water between two hills

Super information!
Such good listening Max

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Autumn is on its way, with a chill in the air in the mornings only to be replaced with brilliant sunshine in the afternoons! Please ensure that your child brings in their school coat daily and has their waterproof trousers in their bag. You never know what this weather is going to do and we like to be prepared! Continuing our theme of 'Let's Build it!' we have been busy creating all sorts of amazing models, buildings and displays. Earlier in the week some children decided to build

their own room for Nursery. There were many discussions about what it should look like and they worked as a team to build their masterpiece. The children had to use their clever thinking heads to complete a house puzzle, we did end up with some rather weird and wonderful looking homes but everyone worked hard and tried their best. We have been honing our listening skills by trying to work out what the mystery sounds are. We heard masking tape being ripped, a stapler being used, a mixing spoon in a bowl to name a few. We have been singing nursery rhymes which involve the number five, trying singing some at home: 5 Little Monkeys, 5 Little Ducks, 5 Little Men in a Flying saucer to name a few. We have also had a first look at capacity. We were talking about full and empty and having a go at estimating how many little jugs it will take to fill a big jug, very grown up work!



Reception News



We have had another busy and fun filled week in Reception. We were all very excited about going on our school trip to Wakehurst Place. We made treasure bags then went on a 'treasure hunt' and found lots of different 'seeds' which had fallen off the different trees in Wakehurst. We also potted our very own bean to take home and grow.

Some of us thought we might climb up it when it is fully grown to see the giant! However, it seems that although all the activities were fun the best part was having our picnic lunch and running around the large field afterwards with our friends. Needless to say, we did have lots of sleepy children on the way home in the coach! The children really impressed us with their listening skills, questioning and behaviour. It seems that they impressed the teachers at Wakehurst too as we received a lovely email from them praising our well-mannered and well-behaved children. Top Job! Continuing with our pirate theme this week we have been making sea monsters, counting their legs and writing our numbers too. We have been practicing our handwriting in Phonics as well as attempting to write simple CVC words independently. We have been learning superstars this week!



The Foundation Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 2nd October – Year 2 Trip to Dorking.
TUESDAY 2nd OCTOBER - 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.45pm
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES – in Mercury Classroom.
Friday 5th October 9.15 – 10.30am – Open Morning for Prospective Parents
– Please inform family and friends who may be interested.



ORGANISED OCTOPUSES

This week's Organised Octopuses are: Arisa A, Caitriona O, Jessica H, Elodie B and Freya C.

PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

There are four types of Playground Panther. Patrol Panthers look out for rough play and intervene or report to an adult. Polite Panthers are kind and friendly and quick to involve others in their games. Playful Panthers think up exciting new games and encourage others to join in and Promising Panthers may have played roughly before but are now committed to gentle safer play.



This week's playground panthers are: Isaac A, Morgan W, Jessica H and Caitriona O.

Mathletics: Sincere apologies to Fraser W, Saraya J and Arabella B for the mistake in last week's Newsletter. They had all achieved their Gold Awards rather than Bronze. Sophie Roberts, Lucy A and Oliver N gained Bronze Awards. This week congratulations go to the following children for achieving Bronze: Christopher B, Joseph G, Jisoo P, Medina O and Erin O.



Thank you for supporting our Jeans for Genes Day. We raised £211.00.

Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at StChrisEpsom for information and weekly highlights

