



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 29th September 2017

Dear Parents

Thank you all for supporting our Jeans for Genes day as part of the national initiative. We were delighted to be able to write a cheque for £196.25 to this important charity. We were all enchanted by the Jupiter Assembly on Friday. Complementing the Year 1 topic 'Where did you get that hat?' was an enjoyable performance all about hats! The children performed a cat walk displaying a magnificent array of hats and they narrated information about the origin of their hat with great confidence. They then performed a play based upon the book 'Mrs Honey's Hat' by Pam Adams and we all enjoyed this superb show. Well done to Jupiter Class and special thanks to Mrs Kay for her production.

On Thursday Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Mrs R who talked about the history of the sari and how they are made. She brought some sari samples for the children to look at and dressed a child in the beautiful fabric.

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation with regard to parking issues. Staff are working hard to achieve success so do smile at your high-vis wearing member of the team and help us to help both parents and residents by parking considerately every day.

I enjoyed a lovely lunch on Wednesday sitting with last year's year 2s at City of London Freeman's School. It was wonderful to see our former pupils a little taller and a little wiser and hear about their new timetables. My next stop is Downsland School where I shall also enjoy catching up with our last year's stars and hearing all about their adventures.

Thank you all for your magnificent support of our Book Fair last week. We raised an astonishing £1501.91 which gave us £841.15 to spend on new books for our children and our Literacy Coordinators are already busy choosing from the exciting catalogue.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Reis P for remembering to take his plate up to the hatch when he asked for seconds which is not easy when you are only 3. Well done Reis!

Congratulations to all the children in **Dahl** House for creating a fabulous lead with this week's housepoint challenge! They are now at the top of the leader board with a total of **409** Housepoints.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Weeks Merit Awards

Thomas S, Matilda G, Sophie B, George S, James H, Leo E, Max T, Ebba R, Lily C, Frederick K, Dylan F and Kai K.

Philosopher of the Week

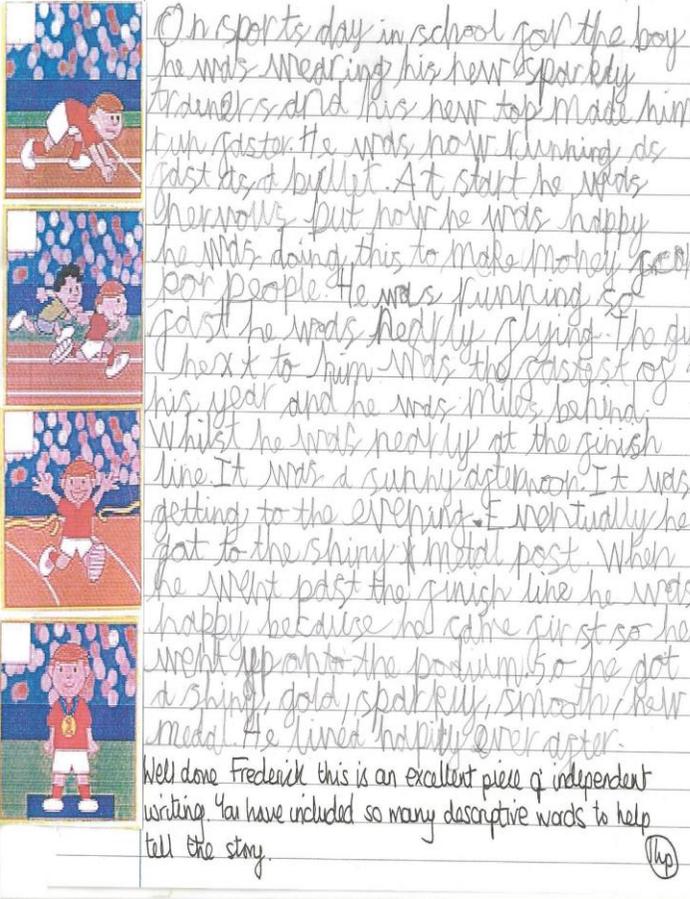
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Thought for the Week

Should you go to school or should you use your money to travel?

Work of the Week

Year 2 have been investigating the perfect ingredients for a successful story. Frederick K in Venus Class wrote this super story all by himself.



On sports day in school got the boy he was wearing his new sparkly trainers and his new top made him run faster. He was now running as fast as a bullet. At start he was nervous but now he was happy he was doing this to make money for poor people. He was jumping so fast he was nearly flying. The girl next to him was the fastest of his year and he was miles behind. Whilst he was nearly at the finish line it was a sunny afternoon. It was getting to the evening. Eventually he got to the shiny metal post. When he went past the finish line he was happy because he came first so he went up onto the podium so he got a shiny, gold, sparkly, smooth, new medal. He lived happily ever after.

Well done Frederick this is an excellent piece of independent writing. You have included so many descriptive words to help tell the story.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have celebrated two birthdays this week; Daniel and Conall were both 4. Happy birthday! As well as birthday cakes, Mrs Taylor has been food tasting with the children. They have tried something sweet, salty, bitter and sour. Our books this week have been Funny Bones and Peace at Last as we look at our bodies and senses. We have been dancing to the Skeleton Dance in Wakey Shakey and you will get a look at this fabulous dancing when you come to our Pre-Reception Assembly in a couple of weeks. Funky fingers has been going strong this week with the children drawing large circles to practise those large arm movements and using hama beads to make bracelets. We have been using tweezers to sort the compare bears into different colours - a very tricky activity. The children have been practicing their balancing outside by walking carefully along the beam and jumping in the hoops. Law enforcement on the road area has become very strict. Policeman and traffic controllers have been patrolling, making sure that everyone is driving sensibly and remembering to stop at the crossing. We have been using different parts of our body to paint with, so far we have used feet, hands and fingers. 'Cold' and 'slimy', are words heard from the children. The children have been making clothes for little dolls using different materials and trying to make a complete skeleton from broken parts. With P.E, trim trail time and Woodland Adventures, we do wonder where the children get their energy from!



Reception News

Our maths focus this week has been ordering numbers. We had to place the numbered 'stones' in order on the path (a number line), to find the dragon. Then the children needed to work out the tricky problem of finding the number 1 more and 1 less along the number path. We have been learning about George and the Dragon and we have made fiery dragons with paper and glue. We were very proud of the children's work so we took photos of the dragons and the children wrote a list to describe their dragons and to explain what they can do. They used their phonic knowledge to listen for the sounds they can hear and tried hard to write their list. Mathias described his dragon as: big and scary, with a long tongue! In our Woodland adventures we have been looking under the trees to find beech nuts (mast) and their shells and we have used them in Maths for counting and pattern making activities. There will be more autumn activities next week as we learn about Harvest. As an ongoing homework please help your child to be independent when dressing and undressing. Buttons are tricky and need a lot of practice, please give your child plenty of time and some guidance so they learn to help themselves. WOW awards are great incentives.

The Foundation Stage Team



DATES FOR THE DIARY

HARVEST FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER
at St Martin's Church, Epsom at 10.30am
We look forward to welcoming you all however please note that no children under 3 will be admitted (a crèche is available at school, please complete a booking form and return to the school office together with £10 cash per child.



Exhibition will be held on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 23rd November. Please add to your diary. Exciting details to follow.

A Date for your Diary – 2nd Hand Uniform Sales
Wednesday 11th October – 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.45pm.
Please leave any unwanted uniform at the office clearly labelled.

Congratulations to this week's Respectful Rabbits:
Raffery O, Dylan F, James H, Elodie B, Sophia A, Sophie R, Jessica H, Max T and Baylen B.



Mathletics: Congratulations to Lottie R and Andy D for achieving Silver awards. Bronze awards were gained by Emma S, Clara H, James B, Seth J, Myles H, Nathan H, Carlos D, Freya C and James H. Well done children.

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

