



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 31st March 2017

Dear Parents

We were absolutely delighted to host a record number of mothers for our traditional Mother's Day Tea on Friday. The children should all be very proud of themselves for their hard work making the place setting complete with two stunning handmade cakes. They then acted like professional butlers, serving their mothers with their refreshments and then completing the lovely afternoon with a song. Well done children and thank you to all the lovely mothers too.

On Thursday Year 2 completed their enjoyable Topic, Pole to Pole with a super visit to Lego Land to 'Go round the world in 80 bricks'. Our Year 2s stunned the education staff with their knowledge of continents and the oceans before learning about the natural and manmade icons around the world. Each team then had to build an icon from lego using teamwork and collaboration before visiting the park and marvelling at the London buildings.

Year 2 still found time to shine with their multiplication skills this week and we say congratulations to Freya P, Freya M, Tommy C, Joe C, Jago G and Oliver M for enjoying Bronze Star success.

On Monday we all enjoyed our termly Music Concert and the standard was particularly high this term. The Orchestra, the violin groups and solos, the recorder group and the cello and violin duet were just a few of the highlights this time. Well done to every one of the brave and talented performers.

Our amazing Year 2s who really do lead from the top, set off to Linden House for the second part of their paired clay project bringing great joy to the elderly residents who appreciated the kindness, warmth and energy of our delightful pupils. Special thanks to Mrs Garrod for masterminding this initiative.

We always say that the generosity of our families is legendary and this week we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your huge fundraising support this month. Starting with the Music Festival we raised a superb £328.19 from the retiring collection dedicated to Harefield Hospital for some much needed renovation. We were also thrilled to be able to send of a cheque for £109.78 to Comic Relief following some entertaining activities on Friday. Our central charity this year is of course MERU and on our MERU Challenge Day we raised a splendid £392.87 from supporting ticket sales and a staggering £2147.92 from sponsorship. To complete their term about all things edible, Year 1 held a very successful cake sale on Monday and raised a huge £130.30 to also be added to the MERU pot. Accordingly after 2 terms we have managed to raise £4294.58 towards a BUGZIE and the children are absolutely delighted. Thank you all so much. You are amazing!

Have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

*Congratulations to all the children in **Donaldson** House for winning the termly challenge this week with a splendid term total of **3493** Housepoints.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Events of the Week

Mother's Day



Thank you to all our lovely Mummys for coming to tea last Friday. We hope you enjoyed our cakes.

Cup Assembly



On Thursday we all enjoyed our annual Cup Assembly. This happy occasion sees hard work, kindness and achievement rewarded. Please see the trophy cabinet in the reception area for this year's worthy winners.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Our book this week is 'We're going on an Egg Hunt', a very similar story to 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' so a great one for the children to join in with. We have been making bunny ears and Easter baskets in preparation for our Easter Egg hunt. It was brilliant to watch the children's faces as the Easter Bunny hopped past the window whilst we were having a story. We have been making Chocolate Easter biscuits and eating carrots at the snack table. Come and have a look at our new willow arch in the woodland garden. The children have been helping Mrs Headley weave the willow to create something quite beautiful. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Transition Tea for Star Group. It was lovely to be able to welcome them into their new Pre-Reception group in style. Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to another term of fun and learning in the summer.

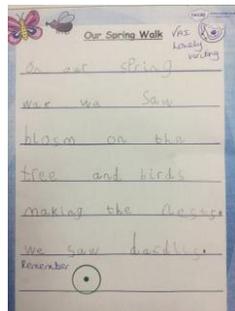
Reception News

In Reception we have been looking at the changes that spring can bring. We used our 'detective' eyes on our spring walk to identify that spring was here. We found lots of signs like blossom, daffodils, buds and even heard the birds chirping!



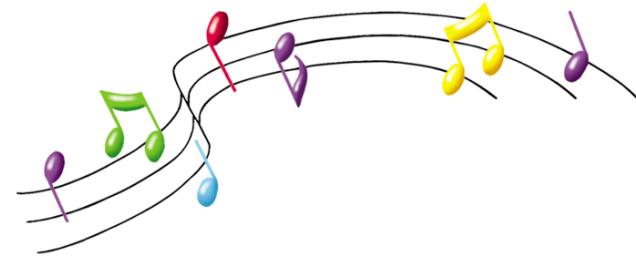
We all used the iPads to take photos. We were so inspired by our walk that we wrote all about what we had seen. When we were writing we made sure that we used finger spaces and full stops.! We worked independently. Isn't our writing amazing? We had fun making yummy chocolate Easter nests and particularly enjoyed melting the chocolate to mix with the cornflakes. Reception joined up with Nursery to read 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt' and the children were excited to see bunny ears walking past the window! After deciding it must have been the Easter Bunny they all descended outside for a fun Easter Egg Hunt. Lots of chocolate was collected by all!

The Foundation Stage Team



DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL AT 8.30AM



SUMMER TERM IS 'MUSIC TERM'

**Every week we will have some music news on this page.
How exciting!**

Wednesday 26th April – City of London School's Orchestra visiting
Wednesday 26th April 7pm – Pre-Nursery Meeting
Friday 28th April – House Assembly

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 1ST MAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO OUR WONDERFUL PTA WHO HAVE WORKED HARD TO PROVIDE SO MANY ENJOYABLE EVENTS THIS TERM AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL. ENDING THE TERM WITH THE PTA EASTER EGG HUNT AND FAMILY PICNIC. PLEASE SUPPORT ALL THE FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS NEXT TERM.

Mathletics: Congratulations to: Baylen B, and Sophia M for gaining their Silver Awards and to Daisy M and James H for achieving Gold.



TREE CHAMPION CHALLENGE WINNERS

Apologies to Nathan J whose name was not on last week's list of winners.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO COLLECT SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AND UP UNTIL 2ND MAY. WE PUT THESE VOUCHERS TOWARDS COOKING, SPORTS AND GARDENING EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL. PLEASE PUT ANY YOU COLLECT IN THE POST BOX UNDER THE BACK PORCH MARKED 'VOUCHERS'.