



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 5th July 2013

Dear Parents

This week has been dedicated to sport. We kicked off the week quite literally with the kicking skills of Mr Steve Sidwell from Fulham Football Club. The children were beyond excited to receive coaching from such a talented and respected Premier Division player. Every child in the school benefitted from this experience and I was delighted to hear some of the girls talking about their own potential as a future football star. Thank you so much to Mr Sidwell and to Mr Russell and Mr Garrod for helping out on the day. On Tuesday we welcomed an Olympic Sprint Kayak hopeful, Jonathan Boyton who is definitely one to watch. He is part of the squad who are also supporting the Sport4All campaign to support promising young athletes in their quest to become Olympic medal winners. Once again every child in the school was involved in a punishing fitness circuit and we were then all entertained and inspired by his engaging talk. Thanks to Jonathan.

Athletics was the theme for Wednesday and Thursday culminating in our two traditional Sport's Days and our thanks to Mrs Jo Hawes for coordinating this and the whole week of sporting joy.

On Friday 9 lucky Year 2 children are heading to Wimbledon to watch the Men's semi finals featuring Britain's own Andy Murray. This was the result of a school lottery possible now that the school have joined the LTA. Natasha C's father is also giving us a tour of the grounds and we thank him for his kindness and help. Our thanks to Mr Thorpe who has generously lent the Chinthurst minibus to help with travel. All the remaining children in school will be using their racquet skills as we invite two professionals in to offer the children coaching on Tennis Friday.

As the term draws to a close our mathematicians are still working hard and I am delighted to announce another Gold Star winner. Anna G completed the criteria which includes some complex problem solving mental maths. Congratulations also to Tom Q who was awarded his Silver Star this week.

Congratulations to Zach C who has been awarded the certificate for this week's Lunchtime Superstar for exceptional manners.

*In the penultimate week it was the turn of **Morpurgo** to shine and they have taken the lead this week with a splendid **998** Housepoints.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Anna G, Luke V, Jake V, Forbes M, Jessica B, Sophie B, Raven W, Ellina M, Stan W, Narayan M,

Isla M, Joseph C and the whole of Saturn Class.

Event of the Week



A penalty shoot out by football stars of the future.



Jonathan Boyton allows Fergus to try on some equipment as he introduces the children to the sport of Kayak Sprint.



Mrs Marrie Taylor celebrates with Ahlberg House who have just won Nursery Sports Day.

Foundation Stage News

Our talented footballers helped the wonderful Mr. Steve Sidwell ably assisted by Mr. Russell and Mr. Garrod with their football training this week. The Nursery children showed our three coaches the finer points of ball control. The Reception children scored many impressive goals and set the bar for a rather worried looking Mr Sidwell fearing substitution by some of this new talent. Joking aside, thank you all for spending the day at St. Christopher's your teaching skills are excellent if you are thinking of changing career you would be a great teacher.



Mr Steve Sidwell with his new Nursery Team, putting each other through the paces

The fun did not stop on Tuesday. The children were huffing and puffing after their circuits with Olympic Kayak hopeful Jonathan Boyton. We found out how Jonathan was not naturally good at sport in school and even when he started kayaking he had to keep trying until he developed a talent for it. Keep working on your balance children; one day you may be potential Olympians.

Days three and four of our sporty week saw an emphasis on athletics for everyone this week. All the Foundation Stage children enjoyed their practice for sports day. The children loved joining in, working as a team and having great fun. Well Done!

The Nursery children continued the sports theme cutting and making rosettes, drawing and writing about their favourite sports. They have loved working with fondant icing to make the decorations for the St. Christopher's cakes we have made for St. Christopher's Day. In the art room there have been some wonderful creations with all sorts of materials in our modeling area.

The Reception children have st-r-e-t-c-h-ed their imaginations making imaginary creatures with collage. They have worked in groups to make up and act out some fantastic stories about imaginary creatures and their marvellous adventures.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 9th July: Moving-up morning
Children will visit their classes and meet their teachers for September 2013.
New class lists will be posted on the porch noticeboard from midday.

Wednesday 10th July: St Christopher's Day
A day of celebration, fun & games. School uniform to be worn, please, not mufti as in previous years.

Friday 12th July at 11am: Leavers' Assembly -
Year 2 Parents are warmly invited to attend.

SEPTEMBER 2013 – PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETINGS

Monday 9th September at 7pm: Year 1
Tuesday 10th September at 7pm: Year 2
Wednesday 11th September at 7pm: Reception
Wednesday 18th September at 7pm: Nursery

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS FOR YEARS 1 AND 2

Full details will be provided on Monday 8th July.
Please return your booking form **by Friday 12th July.**

ORDERS FOR 75th ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

Your proof card with ordering information was sent out today.

LARKS & OWLS

Booking forms for the Autumn Term are now available in the Porch, from the school office or on our website

PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY AND SCHOOL READING BOOKS NEXT WEEK

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Our children really enjoy their weekly sessions and we appreciate the help of parents. If you would like to be involved, please let the office know. A CRB clearance is required and the process can take some time.