



# St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Dear Parents

On Friday we all enjoyed the magnificent assembly by Venus all about Italy with a magical performance based on the charming book Gabriella's Song by Candace Fleming. The children sang and acted beautifully. Thanks also to Mrs Mulhern for a beautiful cello solo. Special thanks to Mrs Russell kindly assisted by Mrs King for this delightful assembly. Bravo children in Venus, Bravissimo!

Last week it was time to say goodbye to Mrs Elaine Stubbs after 10 years outstanding service as our cook. Mrs Stubbs thanked everyone for their warmth and kindness and on behalf of the PTA Mrs Hibbert presented Elaine with a gift to go with the cards and gifts from the staff and children. Mrs Stubbs loved her top table lunch treat and will definitely keep in touch with us all.

Congratulations to our new School Reps who were awarded their badges in assembly by the Joint Chairs of the School Council, Fraser W and Annabel V: James H, Lambert S, Annie R and Mathilda G.

On Tuesday Year 2 took advantage of their engaging topic about Italy to set off on some culinary investigations about two national favourites, pizzas and red wine. First stop was at the Pizzeria in Dorking where the children were not only given instructions, they were also given a pizza to make. Then the children headed to Denbies Vineyard where they saw first-hand how wine is produced and got to taste.... apple juice! Do see the website for some super photos.

On Thursday Year 2 were on the move again this time down to the Town Hall to enjoy tea with the Mayor and to learn about democracy and experience the Town Hall chambers complete with microphones used for questions. Special thanks to Mayor Councillor Neil Dallen who was very impressed with our questions.

On Thursday we enjoyed another Library Raffle. Assisting Mrs Thum this week were three Librarians Thomas P, Freya and Millar and they ran the raffle congratulating the lucky winners and awarding books about wildlife.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Florence Q for recommending the Moroccan Lamb to her friend who then tried and enjoyed it! Well done Florence.

Congratulations to **Donaldson** for leaping back up to the top of the leader board with a splendid total of **510 Housepoints**.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### This Week's Merit Awards

Clara H, Artie B, Dylan C, Thomas P, Gabriel K, Isabella G, Benjamin C, Remy O, Joshua C, Logan R, Nancy H and Wilf S.

### Philosopher of the Week

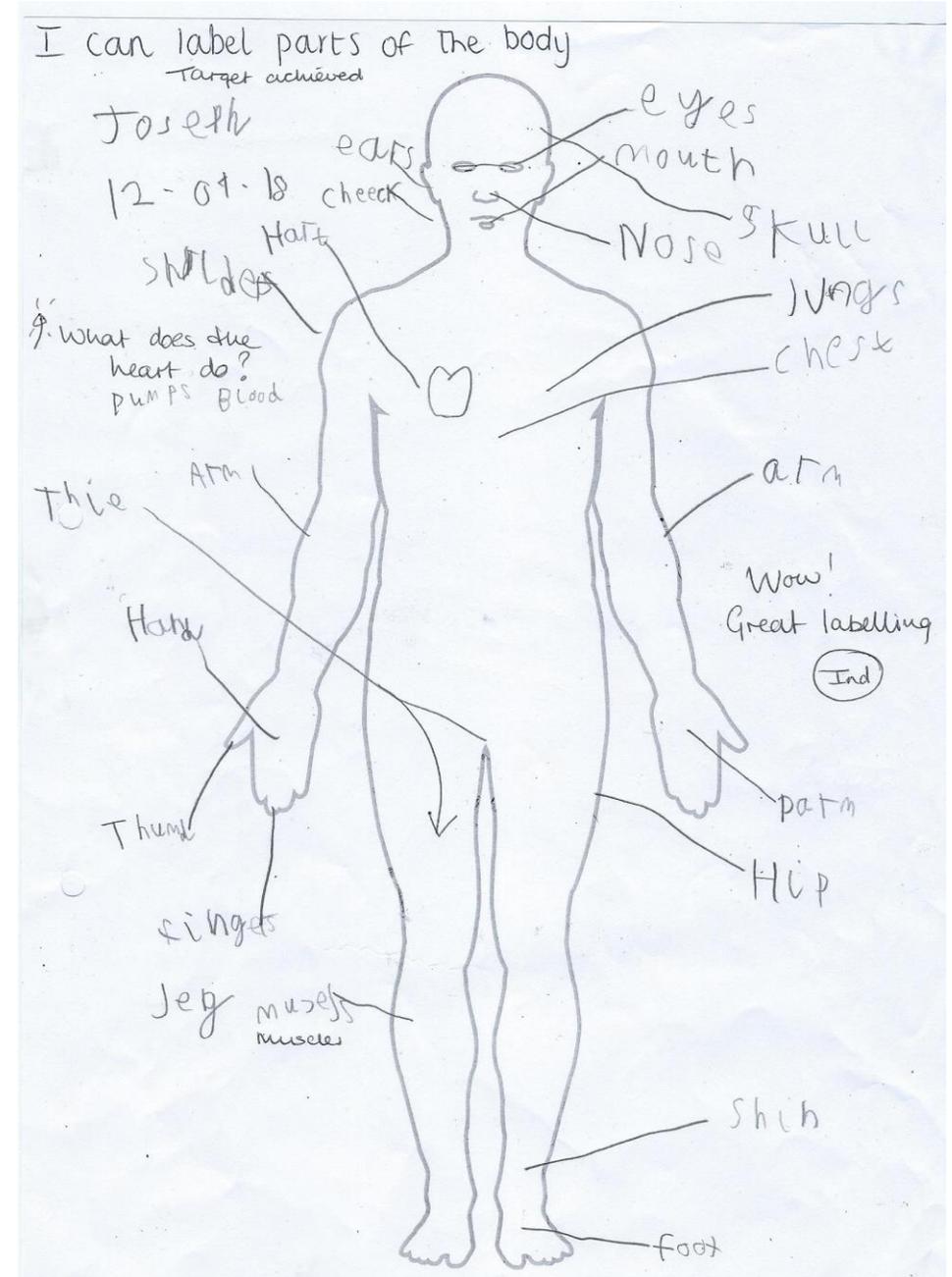
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### Thought for the Week

Why are some people mean even to people who are kind to them?

### Work of the Week

In Year 1 we have been learning about 'Our bodies'. Joseph G in Jupiter Class has labelled many external and internal body parts. If you ask him, he will tell you how many bones you have in your hands and feet.



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

The children have been enjoying a teddy bear's picnic down in the woodland garden this week. They have helped to create a cosy picnic area with bunting and a beautiful green voile roof. The children enter the garden through a willow tunnel and sit amongst the leaves and logs enjoying tea with the bears! We have had a lot of fun in the trim trail. How many children can you fit on a slide! We have been busy preparing props for our upcoming assemblies which we hope you will all attend for it promises to be a lively affair. The children have been using their listening ears to try and hear rhyming words like cake and snake, cat and hat this week and using their clapping hands to count the number of syllables in different words. Outside has been changed into a Veterinary Practice complete with a doggie hotel. The children have really enjoyed looking after their furry friends. Harvest is fast approaching and we have started to learn our song to perform, it is all about our favourite colour and the children have been learning the sign language signals that go along with it too. Following on from an activity last week the children have been exploring capacity in the water tray with lots of pouring and comparing using the jugs and funnels. We have heard such good mathematical language too. Please can you check all your uniform to check it belongs to your child. We encourage the children to be independent at Nursery and this can lead to jumpers going into the wrong bags. Thank you.



## Reception News



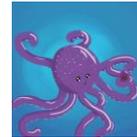
There have been some strange things happening in Reception class this week; lots of underpants have been found in our treasure boxes! This may have something to do with the cheeky pirates from our story 'Pirates Love Underpants'. All of the children have been sequencing pictures from the story and using their phonics to write about them. We have also been creating our own pirate underpants that might be of interest to some pirates for their treasure chests. The pirates did not go to school, so find learning tricky; Reception were able to help by creating a large underpants number line to help them to order their numbers. We have been learning rhymes to help us with our number formation such as 'half a heart, I love you. Add a line that makes 2'. The pirates in our story this week were not very kind as they were laughing at each other, we discussed in circle time why this might not be kind and how the other person might feel. The children had many ideas and suggestions about what they might do to make someone feel better. The children have been wonderful learners this week!

**The Foundation Team**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Interactive LSO trip to The Barbican.  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Y1 Trip to Gatton Park.  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Reception Pirate Dress up day – Topic focus day with guest.  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9am – SKY AND MOON Class Assembly.  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9am – SUN AND EARTH Class Assembly.  
*Pre-Reception parents welcome to attend their child's class assembly. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.*  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Y1 Traditional Tales Topic Focus day – All children to wear themed costume.



### **ORGANISED OCTOPUSES**

This week's Organised Octopuses are: Sophie B, Lawrence H and Remi O.



### **PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

This week's playground panthers are: Isabella G, Max T, Nancy H and Maya L.



**Mathletics: Congratulations go to:**  
George S, Joshua C, Emily L, Mathias P, Amelia L and Annie R for achieving their Bronze awards.

Does anyone know of a lovely person who may like to join our happy team of Lunchtime Supervisors helping in the playground from 12.10pm till 1.40pm. Please contact the office for information about wages etc. Many thanks



**Cheers! Thank you Mrs Stubbs for being wonderful!**

