



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 6th February 2015

Dear Parents

On the penultimate day of the month last Friday we all enjoyed a wonderful assembly by Jupiter Class about the month of January. We learnt some interesting facts about the first month of the year including information about Janus the Roman God who looked forward into the New Year at the same time as looking back into the old one. We were then treated to a lovely play about Winnie the Witch and everybody declared the assembly to be very entertaining. Well done Jupiter Class for such confident acting and thank you to Mrs Kay for producing such an enjoyable performance.

The wintry weather must have heard Mrs Kay's assembly as snow fell on Tuesday much to the delight of everyone and we have captured some lovely snow moments on the website. As usual on snow days you are warmly encouraged to send in warm clothes and boots that are NOT school uniform and please do remember to do this especially in Nursery so that your child can enjoy being outside and make the most of this rare weather. We even served hot chocolate for a treat at break time!

On Thursday we welcomed last year's Year 2 back into school for their reunion tea party. Children returned from 5 different schools each looking splendid in their new school colours and each apparently several centimetres taller. We were delighted to see them and hear about how well they have settled.

Freya B, Lola F, George F (twice!), Milo H, Stanley G, George T, Rory B and Naomi B are all Kindness Kangaroo champions this week! What a big group of superstars.

On Thursday The School Council invited Mrs Caroline Smart, our Chair of Governors in to school for the day to be part of a lesson with every class in the school. During the day Mrs Smart was able to chat freely to the pupils about any concerns they may have as well as monitor the implementation of school policies.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Daisy M for pausing when eating her lunch to help a new nursery child by feeding her friend and offering warm encouragement. Well done Daisy!

Congratulations to Ahlberg House of being housepoint champions this week. They gained a wonderful total of 532 housepoints, an impressive total!

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Abby S, Joshua I, Lola F, Finn H, Eden H, William W, Jago G, Rory B, Teddy C, Zach C and Destiny M.

Philosopher of the Week

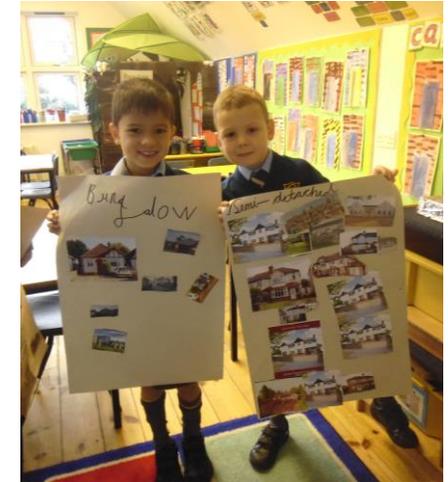
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Thought for the Week

Why are we here?

Work of the Week - Saturn Class

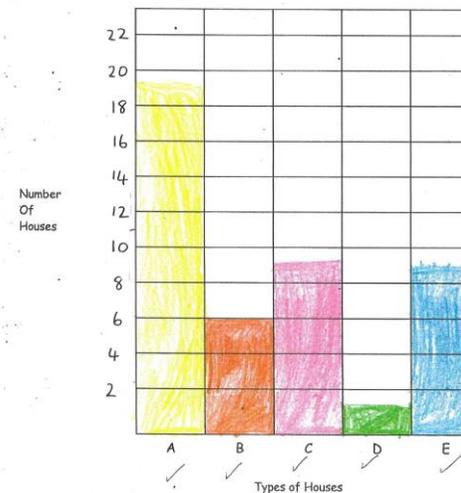
Following our local walk to examine the range of houses, Saturn Class worked in pairs to look at the variety of properties featured in Local Property Paper Adverts.



The children worked together to identify the type of homes for sale and then prepared charts with photographic examples. The children then used the data collected to form the basis of a bar graph. This is Arthur L's splendid and colourful example.

A Graph to show the different types of homes in our local area

21.1.15



Type of House	Tally
Detached	19
Semi-detached	6
Terraced	9
Bungalow	1
Flat	9

A	Detached
B	Semi-detached
C	Terraced
D	Bungalow
E	Flat

Well done Arthur 😊

Foundation Stage News

In the Foundation Stage we have been looking at the books and illustrations of Lauren Child. In Reception the children have been reading the book 'Beware of the Storybook Wolves'. They all drew a picture of Little Red Riding Hood in the style of Lauren Child. The children did some very careful illustrations. They looked at the 'speech bubbles' Lauren Child uses and they wrote their ideas in 'speech bubbles' for a conversation between the Wolf and Red Riding Hood. Sophie Bohn wrote:



Go away and never come back said Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf said

Too late I am going to gobble you up

The entrepreneurs in Reception have started a role play shop which of course has led to the important lessons of learning about money and finding out about the value of different coins. They have had great fun learning to use the coins to spend in the shop to the value of 10p and more.



In Nursery the children have been working together to make a big picture inspired by Lauren Child's illustrations. They are using every painting, printing and sticking technique you can think of. So if 'You go down to the woods today' be prepared for a surprise in Nursery.

The Upper Nursery children have started learning how to work together in Group Reading sessions. They are very proud of their book bags and will bring their Group Reading or library book home to share over the weekend. We looked at Lauren Child's book 'But excuse me that is my book' to introduce the idea that we take

turns to borrow library books and bring them back for others to share. Do try to take your child to join your local library so that you can encourage and share their learning all about the wonderful world of books.

Charlie and Lola (in the story) have such fun looking at Non-Fiction books. We decided we might learn more about our topic of bears by looking at 'Information Books' about bears. The children are having a go at drawing and writing about bears to make a bear book. They have done some beautiful work.

In maths we have been organising books on the library shelves by putting three books in order of size. Some of the children have tried to make a sequence of books along the shelves using 2 or even 3 different sizes.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th February at 7pm

Parents' Information Evening: Survival Tips for Safer Surfing
If you have not yet replied, please let us know if you would like to attend.

Friday 13th February: Mid-year reports will be sent to parents for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

SAVE THE DATE: PTA SUMMER BALL ON FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

School Questionnaire

It's not too late to complete your questionnaire. A housepoint is awarded for each one returned before half-term.



Mathletics

Year 1 are really enjoying their Mathletics challenges and we had another record crop of Certificates awarded in assembly. Bronze Certificates awarded to Noah Trewavas, Abigail Martin, Rowan Waine, Teddy Clark, Joshua Illavia, Lexi Manley, Milo Houseman, Madison Holroyd, George Fraser-Ker and Ned Staplehurst. Year 2 were also delighted to receive certificates so congratulations to Alexander Skinner, Lucas Cheshire and Finn Hartley. Congratulations to Noah and Arlo for also gaining their Silver Certificate this week!