



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 6th March 2015

Dear Parents

If you go down to the woods today you're sure of a big surprise. St Christopher's Nursery and Reception children, armed with their own Teddy Bear certainly couldn't believe their eyes as they went to the local 'woods' (park) and found shapes everywhere, perfect for playing shape identification games. They then returned to school for their Teddy Bears' Picnic after which the teddies and their owners were treated to fun on the Trim Trail in the warm sunshine.

On Friday we were treated to some fine entertainment by Mercury Class. The children performed a wonderful show about the police. We had a whodunit to solve, some fascinating historical information and then an inspirational and dramatic interpretation of Alan Ahlberg's Cops and Robbers poem. It was lively and brilliantly performed. Well done Mercury Class and thank you to Mrs Garrod for such an entertaining start to Friday morning.

On Monday Year 1 had a tour of St Martin's church as part of their topic work and discovered that the font was 500 years old and on Wednesday they consolidated their historical knowledge with a visit to Hever Castle even older than that! The children crossed the drawbridge, examined how the portcullis worked and saw the state bedrooms belonging to King Henry VIII and Anne Bolyen. We are lucky to have them all back and accounted for because some of the party got lost in the Yew Tree Maze after lunch!

I'm delighted to announce that Polite Penguins were awarded this week to Isla M, Rocco S, Lauren H, Lottie R and Annabelle H.

Bronze Stars were in evidence in abundance this week. Well done to clever Rowan N, Carys F, Luke S, Sophie P, Sara D, Lucas C, Jacob F, Patrick M and Austin S. There are some very clever maths brains working quickly in Year 2.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Savannah G for such an improvement in the choice and range of food that she now enjoys. Well done Savannah.

Congratulations to Donaldson House for another splendid performance this week. They earned a magnificent 1046 housepoints to secure top place for the second week in a row.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Alexander S, Rowan N, Freya R, Ava S, Jacob F, Sophie M, Eddie H, Arthur L, George F, Dara O and Ziyah O.

Philosopher of the Week

Joaquin G

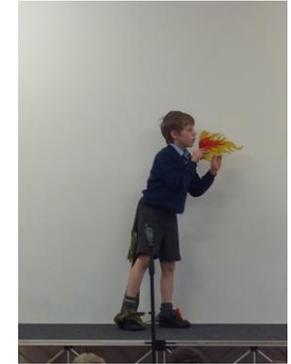
Thought for the Week

Can you feel sorry for everyone?

Event of the Week Poetry Recital Week



The whole school waited in patient excitement



Luke from Venus excelled with his poem
Dragon's Breath



Nursery dazzled and Lily used a lovely prop and so did Alexander from Reception.



Well done to all the Prize Winners and thank you to our judges Mrs Smart and Mrs Crossley for helping us with this wonderful event.

We have all had such a very busy week! Upper Nursery and the Reception children have all been on a Teddy Bear's picnic and had a wonderful time.

The children in Upper Nursery had fun hunting for bears and learning new games such as 'In and out the Dusty Bluebells' when they went into the woods (park). Then they had a picnic in the hall



with their bears and afterwards they took their bears to the Trim Trail to climb and play together. Many thanks to the parents who came to assist especially Matthew Stuckey's parents our wonderful helpers.



World book day is always an exciting event.

We introduced the children to 'Alice in Wonderland' at the beginning of the week and talked about the strange characters she met. Our maths activities were inspired by the cards, so we have been sorting them into suits, matching numbers, playing pairs and putting the cards into numerical order. Cards are a

wonderful maths resource do remember to enjoy playing card games at home.

The Reception classes have been looking at the book 'Elmer and the Lost Teddy' by David McKee. They talked about how they might feel if they lost their teddies. They discussed how Elmer can be seen out in the woods because of his bright colours.



The children were very creative designing their own pictures of Elmer for the parade. Then the children designed a plan and listed the resources they used to make their own patch to contribute to the class picture of a big Elmer to go on display.

The maths activity was tricky; to colour Elmer by numbers BUT the children had to work out the number sentences first to decide what numbers they could use. There have been more colourful Elmer activities making elephant masks and using squared paper and glue on milk bottles to make some adorable 3D Elmers.

The children in Neptune have worked hard learning their lines for their assembly and they have made their teachers very proud. Well done children!

The Foundation Team

Wednesday 11th March: Nursery Parent Appointments

Thursday 12th March 11.30 – 12.45: Year 2 Music Festival
at St Martin's Church, Epsom KT17 4PX
Year 2 parents and friends welcome

Friday 13th March at 9am: MARS Class Assembly
Parents very welcome; light refreshments served in the Porch from 8.30am

Friday 13th March: Mothers' Day Tea 2.45 – 3.15pm
Reception: In Reception Classrooms
Years 1 & 2: In the Hall
Please see recent letter for full details

Grandparents' Mornings

Wednesday 18th March: AHLBERG & DAHL Houses
Thursday 19th March: MORPURGO & DONALDSON Houses
Please see recent letter for details; replies by 11th March please.

OPEN MORNINGS

Friday 20th March 9.15am – 10.30am for Prospective Parents

Saturday 21st March 10.30 – 12.30 for Current & Prospective Parents
You are warmly invited to look around the school and visit your child's classroom with family and friends.

Mathletics

Congratulations to Max G and Aayushi K for earning their Bronze Mathletics certificates and to Rowan W and Lexi M for working hard to earn their Silver certificates.

