



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 6th November 2015

Dear Parents

On the final day of half term the children in Mars set sail and delighted us all with their lively Class Assembly. They closed their topic of pirates by telling us some interesting pirate facts. They conducted a clever, interactive treasure hunt in the hall for some missing gold and the poor victim, Mrs Thackray (who had in fact only borrowed the gold to look at) was asked to walk the plank to demonstrate to the excited audience, what happened to real pirates accused of serious misbehaviour. Well done to all the clever children in Mars Class for presenting this super assembly with some excellent vocal solos and well done to Mrs Self and Mrs Meredith-Bennett and Mrs Butler for their hard work.

We are all very excited to see the work taking place on what will be a lovely, new outdoor classroom. Nursery children have been continuing their analysis of the building works with some very convincing role play. Please remember not to let your child near the security fence as you arrive and leave for this has been placed with care for your continued protection.

We were very pleased to welcome Governor Adam Goldman into school on Friday for the termly visit performed by our dedicated, hard-working governors. Adam looked at the parking issues and confirmed that we are hampered by 'day parkers' who have nothing to do with the school. He also enjoyed a busy timetable with time allocated in every part of the school and he will present his report at the next governor's meeting.

Our wonderful Lunchtime Supervisors have worked with the staff to create a new treat to reward excellent lunch-play behaviour. If one class continue to impress during a period of weeks then the staff are allowed to award 5 minutes extra play to the lucky class. This week Mercury were rewarded for their continued splendid behaviour and enjoyed every minute of their reward. Well done Mercury!

This week the Philosophers of the Week are being commended for their collaboration skills as the whole team came up with their question and worked together brilliantly to create a team contribution which is a key aim of the lesson. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Rory B for delighting the team by being such a wonderfully helpful and reliable messenger. Well done Rory!

Bravo to all the children in Dahl House. You are right at the top of the leader board with a splendid 970 housepoints. Congratulations to all the children in Dahl House.
Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Caiden G, John D, George W, Amelie C, Joe C,
Ziyah O, Sophie M, Sienna A, Caiden C, Madison H,
Rowan W and Abigail M.

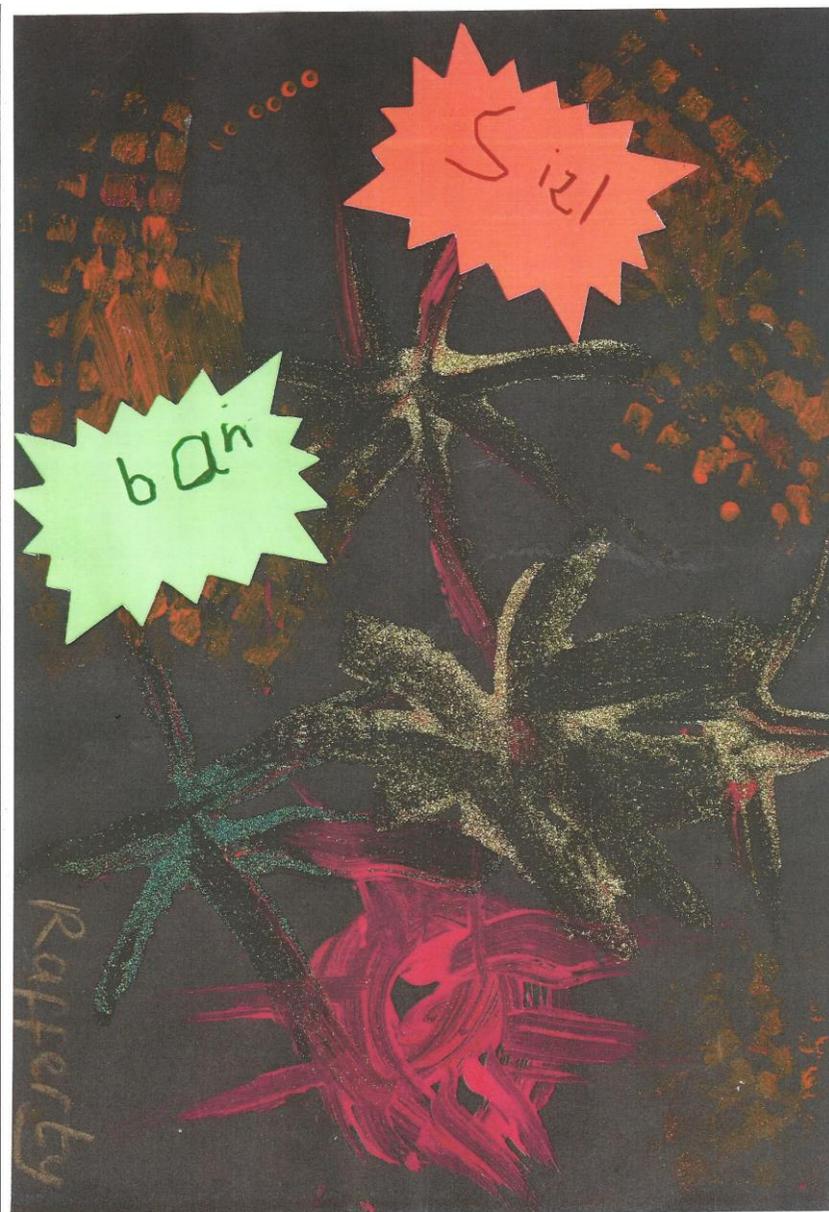
Philosophers of the Week

Arlo R, Harriet G, Freya B, Noah T and Alexander H
Thought for the Week
How important is it to worry?

Work of the Week - Mars Class

This week the work of the week is by Rafferty O in Reception Mars Class. Rafferty created a firework picture using a range of tools with paint to create these beautiful designs. He then thought about the noises fireworks make and wrote these effective signs all by himself sounding out the letters he could hear.

Well done Rafferty!



Foundation Stage News

We hope everyone had a wonderful half term break. This may be the time of year for dark evenings and winter woollies but the Reception classes offer great cheer and say 'Let's Party' as they start their new topic. They will be learning about a variety of celebrations and begin with a 'bang' with a focus on fireworks. They were very excited to watch some wonderful firework displays on the 'Smart Board' from all around the world. Following this colourful inspiration they have been busy using chalk, pastels, paint and glue to make a variety of beautiful firework pictures. As they worked the children have explored using a range of tools to create lots of different effects. It was great fun to make a classroom frieze by spraying paint using water sprayers. Next the children used their phonic knowledge to write lots of firework sounds such as 'bang', 'pop', 'boom' and 'fizz'.

The Nursery topic is continuing with 'People I know and Places I go'. This week the place we have been thinking of going to is a spectacular firework display.

We have been making colourful firework pictures. We have been learning to read the pictures for clues as well as the words for firework noises. Some of the children are trying to write firework words too!

The important person we have been learning about this week is the role of the doctor and we were very lucky on Tuesday when Mrs. Watkin came to Nursery to talk about being a real doctor in a real hospital. Caitlin and Konstantina dressed up and scrubbed in ready to help. Children learn so much from talking and asking questions we are always pleased to have visitors. Some of the children 'wrote' letters to Mrs. Watkin thanking her for coming. Do let us know if you have a special role (outside the magnificent role of being a parent) that you could come and talk about to a lively but rewarding audience!

The children have great fun in the hospital role play but we have spent some time thinking about staying healthy. Can your child remember what food they can eat to stay healthy, maybe they can tell you about exercise, sleeping and why and how we keep clean.

All the Pre- Reception children have been given a few words to learn for their assembly next week. The words are in the home, school book. Please do warmly encourage your child and practise at home.

The Foundation Team



DIARY DATES

WEEK BEGINNING 9TH NOVEMBER - PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS ON WEDNESDAY 11TH AND NO COOKING CLUB ON THURSDAY 12TH. ALL OTHER CLUBS WILL RUN AS USUAL.

Monday 9th November - Year 2 visit to LSO Concert at the Barbican Centre, London

Tuesday 10th - Year 1 visit to RHS Garden, Wisley

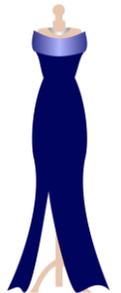
**Tuesday 10th - SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES (in Saturn Classroom)
11.45am - 12.15pm and 2.45 - 3.45pm**

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th - Parent/Teacher Appointments (all years)

Friday 13th - Pre-Reception Assembly

All parents and carers welcome to attend. Coffee will be served under the porch from 8.30am

**PTA LADIES FASHION SHOW on Saturday 14th November -
Please return booking forms to the PTA box asap.**



**Mathletics
Congratulations to Sienna A for a Bronze Award.**

**Also well done to Rory P, Zachery C,
Benji S, Sophia D, Kieren A,
Joshua I, Naomi B, Elliot M and Annabel H
for earning their Silver Awards.**

**Special congratulations to Madison H
for achieving a Gold Award.**