



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL

Weekly News

Friday 8th February 2013

Dear Parents

Congratulations to Neptune class for their wonderful class assembly on Friday. Following their investigations into types of transport, their play was based on the story 'Who sank the boat?' This clever assembly had everything with a wonderful dance choreographed by Mrs Hawes together with an enjoyable song, a wonderfully acted play and even some science! Special thanks to Mrs McGrath for producing this super assembly and well done to all the children in Neptune Class.

Following the success of our recent guests talking about transport, we were delighted to welcome Captain Kevan Cornfield in to school to talk about his job as a pilot. Yet again the Reception and Nursery children were well prepared with interesting questions such as "Do you need keys to start the plane?" Thank you Captain Cornfield.

On Thursday the School Council met and Jake F chaired the meeting which included as guest our school cook Mrs Stubbs who enjoyed hearing the children's thoughts about school dinners. Thanks to Mrs Russell for giving the children this exciting opportunity.

Our Lunchtime Superstar this week is Evie S who always takes the time to tell the catering team how much she has enjoyed her lunches and brings a smile to their faces.

Mrs Hawes was very pleased to award certificates in assembly to year 2 girls for their splendid sports achievement in hockey and netball last Friday at a Downsend event. The boys in both the A team and B team brought in their medals to show the school who heard about their sporting success at the Chinthurst Football Tournament on Saturday. Both teams played with courage and determination and the A team won all their matches just narrowly beaten to second place by one goal in the final. Well done to Arthur M for winning the special contribution award for his industrious playing in the B team. Thank you to all the parents who braved the cold to cheer on St Christopher's and special thanks to their coach Mrs Hawes.

Our thanks to Stanley Gwanoya in Nursery for his poster on p 4 reminding us all to please keep off the grass lawn at the moment to give it a chance to recover.

*Well done to all the children in **Morpurgo** House for accruing the most housepoints this week **393** is an impressive total and reflects a lot of hard work.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Nell E, Evie S, Connie H, Tom Q, Ria A,
Raven W, Arthur M.

Event of the Week – Reunion Tea

On Thursday 31st January we welcomed back to St Christopher's last year's Year 2 for a Reunion Tea Party. Everyone had grown a lot but still just the same characters! Everyone ate enormous amounts of food. They enjoyed looking around the new Nursery and reliving memories in their old classrooms. Then we did a quiz about what they could remember of their time at St Christophers.



BACK ROW: Freddie S, Oscar O, Oscar A, Charlie F, Hannah B, Tom B, Teddy T, Reuben A.

MIDDLE ROW: Jacob H, Daniel S, Harry M, Margo M, Leo B, Henry S, Harsaran H.

FRONT ROW: Aimee D, Jennifer S, Keira R, Adam C, Jonny S.

Foundation Stage News

Reception had a great time exploring the planes, buses, cars and bikes on display at Brooklands Museum this week. They climbed through a WWII bomber, sat in a fighter plane cockpit as well as experiencing being inside the first ever plane to carry 100 people at 1,350mph.

Meanwhile back in Nursery our pace was a bit more sedate! We created our own in-flight menus and look forward to experiencing the delights of friendly fish fingers with crunchy chips and chewy chocolate on our next flight. We had fun thinking about what we would pack in our suitcases as well as creating, designing, building and testing our own planes from junk. We used straws to measure how far they flew too.

Nursery and Reception had our very own Captain Kevan come and tell us all about his job as a long-haul trainer and pilot. He was astounded by the well thought out questions such as "How do you know where you are going?" and he enjoyed an excellent explanation from a keen aviator who told the whole of Reception the physics of flight! I bet the Wright Brothers wish they had Mars and Neptune around when they were puzzling over their plane 110 years ago!



Celebrations for the year of the Snake began with the children cooking their own Chinese food and making a very wriggly snake. Do you know the animals of the Chinese Zodiac and the animal sign for your birth year? In reception we are either the helpful, forgiving pig or the talkative energetic rat!

In Nursery we have been looking at the book 'The Boy on the Bus'. The children love joining in with the song and story. Many of the children would love to ride on the top of a 'double decker' and were very surprised to find out that you don't wear a seat belt on a bus. Outside we have built a bus, which also has doubled as a plane at times. We made a bus stop with a timetable made by the children too.

The children have been playing lots of maths games. This week they have been putting people on and off the bus and checking to see if they have the same number of people upstairs and downstairs.

In the kitchen the Nursery and Reception children have been chopping, cutting and mixing vegetables for a stir fry for Chinese New Year. Most of the children tasted their food, some of them enjoyed it and wanted more. Nursery children were quick to tell us that their cooking was healthy because it had vegetables in it. Good thinking children! Next week we will be doing more Chinese New Year activities.

Boxes, boxes, boxes of all shapes and sizes please. We always need more boxes for modelling but if you have a delivery of a large item like a new fridge or removal boxes we would love to make role play props with them. Thank you.

We often use the PE apparatus in the hall, The children need to take their socks and shoes off. Please can they practise this important skill at home, Our Nursery is nice and warm all year round so the children will be rather hot if they wear tights and jogging trousers in school and of course tights are tricky when the children are asked to take off their socks and shoes.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Friday 15th February at 9am: MARS Class Assembly

Friday 15th February: Year 1 and Year 2 mid-year reports to parents

YEAR 2 COOKING CLUB 3.15 – 4.15pm

Group 1 has now finished and Group 2 will start on Thursday 14th February. Please can you provide a named container every week so that goodies can be taken home.

Year 2 Visit to Juniper Hall - £60 deposit due by Friday 15th February please

PTA EVENTS

Friday 15^h February 3.30 – 4.45pm: Magic Show and Disco

Suitable for all ages from 3-7. Tickets £5 per child to include a drink and snack.

Please submit your booking form by Monday 11th February

Sat 2nd March – Family Photography Day - see letter for booking details

Calendar of events this year on the PTA Spring Newsletter (copy on website)

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Every year we are able to exchange our vouchers for lots of great equipment. Please keep collecting and bringing in your vouchers! There is a collecting box in the Porch.

Thank you.

