



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 9th June 2017

Dear Parents

We have just enjoyed a magnificent Vocal Week as part of the wonderful Music Term. Music is for sharing and we have always believed in encouraging our children to perform and share the delights that music can bring. Accordingly we set off to Linden House on Monday so that our Year 2 children could begin Vocal Week by singing to local residents who greatly enjoyed and appreciated their performance. Afterwards the children mixed with the residents and gave of their time to chat about themselves and their hobbies and Mrs Mulhern and the Year 2 team were very proud of them all for their gentle courage. They really made a difference to the quiet and sometimes lonely lives of the residents.

On Wednesday we were honoured to have a visit from West End star Oliver Tompsett who performed to our incredibly lucky children and staff! He talked about his dreams and hopes from being a young boy to being a sought after West End lead. He was delighted with the awed response when he talked about starring in Mamma Mia and was surprised to have such a knowledgeable but youthful audience. He sang 'Dancing through Life' from Wicked and 'Luck Be a Lady' from Guys and Dolls and he was delighted to have the Year 2 choir impressively sing 'Streets of London' to him. What a treat!

We closed Vocal Week with an interactive assembly all about rounds on Friday. On Thursday some very excited Year 2s set off for their first residential trip to Juniper Hall near Dorking. This beautiful Field Study Centre offers a packed two day timetable including outdoor investigation, fun and problem solving punctuated with walks, animal identification, rounders delight and campfire joy. The children should have been exhausted by the time they headed up to bed but were they? I will tell you next week when we will share some photos too.

Thank you to all of those who voted for our beautiful horse Kanter Dinsky. He is now back with us for all to admire at the rear of the field.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Zahra K for being one of the politest children in the school! What a wonderful accolade Zahra.

Congratulations to **Dahl** House for starting this half term at the top of the board with a fabulous total this week of **573** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

James B, Freya C, James W, Arabella B, Kaila K, Jack B, Henry M, Dylan F and Nathan J.

Philosopher of the Week

Matthew S

Thought for the Week

Some people are rich and greedy but it is better to be rich and thoughtful?

Work and the Week

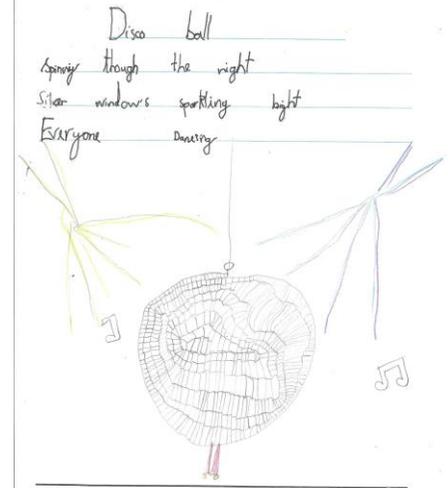
Year 1, Saturn Class have been learning about Haiku Poetry. They know that the first line should have 5 syllables, the second has 7 and the final line has 5 again. Usually Haiku poems are about nature but we decided we would link our poems to our topic 'Round and Round'.

Here are some examples by Seth, Imogen, Iman and Henry.

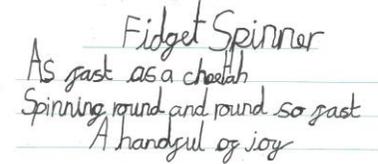
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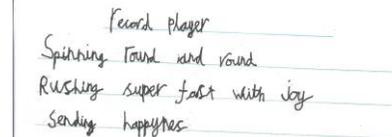
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Iman

Henry

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Our sound of the week is 'e' - eggs in the pan e,e,e. Play spot the 'e' words around the house. Our books this week are based on fruit, Handa's Surprise and Oliver's Fruit Salad. We had a close look at a pineapple and a kiwi and then we tried some too. We have been using fruit to print and make patterns with and painted some of our own. In the block area, we have been building famous buildings. I have seen a brilliant Stone Henge and a really tall Eiffel Tower already.

We joined the rest of the school to listen to Oliver Tompsett, who is a famous singer on the stage. He was brilliant! Our role play 'Epsom Music Hall' has been the scene of many performances, the children have made microphones, dressed up and made tickets to see their magical shows. As the weather has been typically unpredictable this week, please can we request that the children all have a pair of waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat in their bags. Puddle jumping is still a favourite at our age.



Reception News

'Ready, Steady, Go', now we are off to the moon, space and maybe beyond with our topic. Our book stimulus is 'Whatever Next' which has got us busy making rockets and aliens, if you have boxes or especially cardboard tubes we would love them to help us make some more super models. As we know the story so well we worked in pairs to make story maps to retell the story. We also wrote lists of what we would take to the moon.

On a visit to the moon the bear brought home some space rocks. We found although some are big and others small they are all different weights. So we have been learning the concepts of heavy, heavier and heaviest. We watched Neil Armstrong walking on the moon to see what it really looks like.

The Foundation Stage Team



DATES FOR THE DIARY

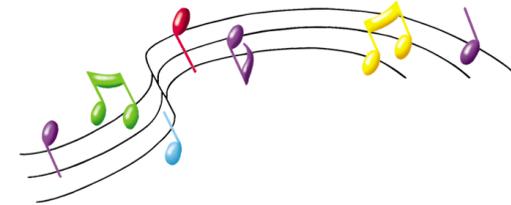
Tuesday 13th June - Y2 Sports Afternoon with Westbury House School
Friday 16th June - 8.30-10.30am - Father's Day Challenge and the inaugural performance of The Fathers of Rock band

ADVANCED NOTICE:

EYFS Summer Performance starring all Nursery, Pre-Reception and Reception children on:

Tuesday 27th June 9am - for all Donaldson and Dahl parents
Wednesday 28th June 9am - for all Ahlberg and Kemp parents.
Tickets will be issued shortly.

SUMMER TERM IS 'MUSIC TERM'



Voice week

This week we have enjoyed a performance from a professional West End Star. The children were clearly in awe of this powerful and beautiful voice. 2 of the songs we heard were 'Dancing through Life' from the musical Wicked and 'Luck be a Lady' from Guys and Dolls. You may like to listen to these again with your child.

This week's Manners Moles:

We are focussing on good manners this term. As well as remembering to say please and thanks you we are particularly looking for children who behave courteously and remember to let an adult through first when they are travelling around the school. This week's magnificent Moles are: Liberty R and Kaila K.

