



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents

Today we are surrounded by a sea of denim as the children all support our Jeans for Genes collaboration. Thank you for supporting this charity.

Last Friday we were all dazzled by the wonderful assembly performed by Mercury Class. Plenty of information about the unwelcome summer visitor, namely the wasp, was accompanied by an interesting fact file. The performance of The Giant Jam Sandwich was a highlight and we all marvelled at how Mercury had learnt their lines and directions so quickly. Thank you Year 2 and special thanks to Mrs Garrod for this assured and delightful assembly.

On Thursday Year 1 returned from their trip to Chertsey Museum with fascinating news about their educational visit. The children tried on child sized clothing from the Stone Age through to the Victorian era and discussed the role of the person that would have worn each garment. They all enjoyed this interactive day and had plenty to tell about it.

On Wednesday we opened our first Book Fair and were delighted with the keen response from our wonderful families. Thank you very much for supporting this initiative and special thanks you to Mrs Louisa Taperell for organising this event.

On Monday we presented book tokens to the 5 winners of the book mark competition which was a delight to judge. Congratulations to the 5 winners listed on page 4 together with the 5 runners-up in this closely fought contest. They enjoyed spending their prize on a new book.

We were absolutely delighted this week to learn that our new website has been short listed to the for the ISA national award for 'Website of the Year'.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Megan R for always eating up her lunch and often asking for seconds. Well done Megan!

On Thursday we handed out our Year 2 Honours and we were very proud of each and every one of the Year 2 children as they applauded their friends with genuine pleasure at their success. You can read about their new roles on page 2. Well done to our top of the school stars!

*Well done to all the children in **Ahlberg** House for winning this week's housepoint challenge! They are now at the top of the leader board with a total of **255** Housepoints.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Weeks Merit Awards

Logan R, Medina O, Harry N, Christopher B, Nathan H, Edison O, Maya L, Annabel V, Jack B, Eliza B, Jasmine C and Andrew D.

Philosopher of the Week

Eliza B

Thought for the Week

Is joking ever nice?

Event of the Week

This Year's Honours

Head Boy Baylen B

Head Girl Imogen W

Deputy Head Boy Seth J

Deputy Head Girl Iman O

Lunch Captain Henry M

Lunch Monitors Jasmine C, Niamh H, Dylan F, Andy D, Rafael I, Kaila K and Ethan L

Librarians Sienna S, Esme T, Frederick K and Lily C

Chair of School Council Yin-Lily T and Nathan J

Music Captains Amelie C and Kai K

House Captains **Kemp** Mia P and Henrietta L

House Captains **Ahlberg** Jack B and Lottie R

House Captains **Donaldson** Noah B and Eliza B

House Captains **Dahl** Sophia M and John D

Blue Bench Monitors Daisy M and Rafferty O



Tradition

These are the Head Girl and Head Boy silver badges that are 80 years old this year. In common with past years the nominated children wear them for the first day before receiving a modern equivalent badge that is a lit

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Week 3 and still as busy as ever! Delicious birthday cake and biscuit cooking smells have filled the Nursery as our children have been busy baking cakes and 'house shaped' biscuits. We have been looking at our homes this week and the children have had fun sticking the different items of furniture onto a house. We did get some baths in the kitchen and toilets in the bedroom but it is all part of the fun! All Pre-Reception have been on listening walks this week as part of their phonics lessons. They put on large 'listening ears' and walked around the school trying to hear all the different sounds. We heard Mr Bennett using a saw, Mrs Blake on the telephone and Mrs Garrod teaching her class. The children have been busy decorating the Woodland Hideaway with butterflies and building different size homes for the soft toys using all that lovely mathematical language. The children have been planting some beautiful flowers in our garden too. Our book this week has been 'Peepo' where a lot of the items in the house are very old fashioned. The children have been looking at photographs of old and new items to compare. How grown up! In the art room they have been making their own Peepo pictures with their photographs. The bikes have been popular this week and the bike area has been turned into a testing station. The children are practising their skills in readiness to achieve their bike licence. The magnifying glassess have been out this week, where we have been looking closely at a sunflower and learning the names of the different parts.



Reception News

In Reception we love learning about the 'Paperbag Princess' by Robert Munsch. We decided that Prince Ronald was rather rude and unkind to the Princess, so we have had a go at writing 'Thank You' cards to the Princess for saving Prince Ronald from the fiery dragon. The children are learning to use their phonic knowledge to write some of the words. There has been more writing in the role play castle in the outdoor area.

The children have been pretending to be Building Inspectors filling in forms. Later in the week the writing focus has been to label the objects they think they would find in the Queen's handbag. We have also noticed that the Queen does not wear her crown all of the time unlike the Little Princess in the books by Tony Ross. Our maths focus has been putting numbers in order to make number lines and we are learning to use 'Numicon' to help us with numbers and counting. The children have made some wonderful pictures of castles using sponge print bricks and felt pens to add some super imaginative detail. Please remember to help your child learn their sounds and key words at home. You can have fun playing games with them such as pairs, hiding the words around the house and searching for the word Mum or Dad asks for. Try using a timer to see if your child can read the words and sounds quickly.

We all learn best if we are having fun!

The Foundation Stage Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 26th September 1.40pm - Pre-Nursery starts (to 30th November).
Thursday 28th September 9am - JUPITER Class Assembly - *All parents welcome to attend.*

Friday 29th September 9.15 - 10.30am Open Morning for prospective parents -
Please invite any family or friends to attend.



Extra date to note: The Grand St Christopher's Art Exhibition will be held on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 23rd November. Please add to your diary. Exciting details to follow.

A Date for your Diary - 2nd Hand Uniform Sales
Wednesday 11th October - 11.45am - 12.15pm and 2.45 - 3.45pm.
Please leave any unwanted uniform at the office clearly labelled.

Congratulations to this week's Respectful Rabbits:
Joseph G, Kai K, Saraya J, Morgan W, Matilda G and Artie B.



Mathletics: Congratulations to Mia P on achieving her Gold award and Imogen W and Ethan L for achieving Silver awards. Satvika R, Henry M, Sophia M, Frederick K, Nathan J, Ebba Radcliffe, Ethan L, Fraser W, Lottie R, Artie B, Isaac F, Jessica H and John D have all gained their Bronze awards, many congratulations to them all.

Congratulations to our book mark competition winners pictured below: Lily C, Millar W, Oliver N, Myles H and Lily W.

Runners up: Elodie B, Noah B, Lottie R, Luke M and Mia P.



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