



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 11th November 2016

Dear Parents

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month we joined children and adults all over the world for a two minute silence to commemorate Remembrance Day sometimes known informally as Poppy Day. Matthew S impressed us all by beautifully reciting by heart 'In Flanders Field' written in 1915 by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. Alexander M and Athena D, our two Blue Bench Monitors stood on a ladder and dropped authentic poppy petals given to us by The Poppy Factory and a wreath made from poppies by Neptune Class was laid in the garden. Our Head Boy and Head Girl Team, Zac, Joe, Freya and Sophie have been selling poppies all week and we will forward the money to this important charity to accompany the £120 donation we made following Year 2's exciting trip that you can hear more about on page 2. On Friday just before half term we were treated to a wonderful Class Assembly by the children in Pre-Reception. These rising 4 year olds delighted us with their confident singing. We were also treated to a short film made by the children as they talked to us about their Nursery Rhyme Topic with great confidence before performing to us live in their four Key Groups. Thank you to all the talented Pre-Reception children and a special thank you to Miss Kate Rendall for this wonderful Assembly and also to the whole Nursery Team.

We have a new incentive to encourage safe and sensible play this term. If your child receives a Playground Panther then they have overseen some wonderful playground fun and perhaps suggested less rough play by others which will hopefully lead to happy playtimes for all.

On Thursday Dara O delighted us all by playing a piano solo in Assembly and earning a smart certificate. He played Ode to Joy with great style, well done Dara. On Thursday Librarians Ziyah O and Jack D assisted Mrs Serrano run the Library Raffle featuring a selection of beautiful non-fiction books this week.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Nathan H for never forgetting to smile and say thank you to the Lunchtime Team. Well done Nathan.

Special congratulations to **Donaldson House** who have won the Housepoint challenge this week with a terrific total of **954** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Kaila K, Imogen W, Emma S, James B, James W, Caitriona O, James H, Joe C, Ziyah O, Nathan J and Henrietta L.

Event of the Week

In preparation for Remembrance Day, our Year 2 children visited the world famous Poppy Factory in Richmond to see how the poppies are made and to join in with making poppies and wreaths which will be sent around the world. On Friday we stood in silence at 11am.



Traditionally all the poppies are made by hand but a machine now helps to satisfy the huge demand for poppies worldwide. The machine is not allowed to make more poppies than the ex-servicemen and women.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and enjoyed the good weather we had. We have celebrated two birthdays this week and the children made chocolate cake for everyone to share. We have also been making sweets in the kitchen to celebrate Diwali. The children have been hearing the story of Rama and Sita and how their journey home was lit by diva lamps. There have been firework paintings, bonfire small world fun, birthday party cottage, bonfire takeaway role play, not to mention 'Old McDonald's Farm' introduced this week. The children have entered into all the activities with enthusiasm. Please enjoy the pictures below of very tall tower building and sparkly glitter and paint firework pictures.



Reception News

We started a new topic on 'Celebrations' this week and our role-play has been used for setting up a party. Have a look at the picture below where Morgan decided she needed to write invitations so that the guests would know where to come. We have been 'Number Investigators' this week and have been working in teams to make our own number lines. We have also been having a go at writing our own firework words, such as 'whoosh, bang and fizz!' Mrs Degg came into Neptune class this week and worked with the children to do some embossing on metal. We do have an exciting time in Reception!



The Foundation Stage Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 17th November - Year 2 visit to Museum of London and St Paul's Cathedral

(Please note that the children are due back to school at 4.30pm)

Friday 18th November 9am - NEPTUNE Class Assembly

All parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am

Friday 18th November 7.15 pm - PTA Race Night

Monday 21st November - Box Office Opens for our Christmas Production

(Details to follow shortly)



Children in Recorder Club, Orchestra and Violin Club will be performing together with invited soloists on Monday 21st November at 9am. All performers much have their instruments and music in school on Friday 18th please for our Assembly Rehearsal. Invitations will follow.

Mathletics: Congratulations for Bronze Awards to: Amelia C and Baylen B. Congratulations to Daisy M, Andrew D, Seth J, John D, Charlotte R, Eliza B, Sophie B and Iman O for achieving Gold.



There are four types of Playground Panther. Patrol Panthers look out for rough play and intervene or report to an adult. Polite Panthers are kind and friendly and quick to involve others in their games. Playful Panthers think up exciting new games and encourage others to join in and Promising Panthers may have played roughly before but are now committed to gentle safer play. This week's Playground Panthers are: Zac P and Oliver M.

We all send our love and best wishes to Mrs Kate Chandler who commences her maternity leave today. Thank you for all your kind messages to her and her family.

