



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents

This week began with a glorious school trip to Painshill Park. Organising a trip for 200 staff and children is an ambitious challenge but our children shone from the moment that they lined up to head on to the coaches with great excitement and every wonderful member of staff joined us on this important day out so it became a treasured day to remember. The activities for Early Years and Key Stage 1 are excellent at Painshill and the children enjoyed every moment working with the Park Tutors as well as exploring the beautiful grounds. Mrs Waite and her team had produced a lovely picnic for everyone and we all made the most of the beautiful sunny day. What a treat!

On Tuesday we joined the rest of the world in celebrating World Oceans Day 2021. This charitable initiative was perfect for our young echo warriors who have recently been championing thoughts about how to protect the environment and look after our beautiful world. Special thanks to our amazing PTA for organising a wonderful cake making, featuring some stunning aquatic creations. On the base of one cake per class was a winning star and the lucky recipients won a t shirt modelled on page 4 by our Nursery winners! The PTA also adopted and sponsored four sea creatures: a whale, a dolphin, a turtle and a penguin, one for each year group. The children were delighted to hear about this charitable gift as well as admire their soft toy version together with adoption certificate. Thank you all for supporting our wonderful PTA. Thanks to your kindness we raised £289.85.

On Wednesday we transplanted our sunflower seedlings. We were delighted to participate in the Epsom in Bloom initiative and each year group planted sunflower seeds a few weeks ago. This week it was time for each year group to choose their strongest three young sunflowers and these were planted as part of our Great Sunflower competition which will be regularly measured by our Blue Bench Monitors Harrison G and Evelyn W. There will be a prize for the tallest sunflower at the end of term.

On Thursday the theme of the Library Raffle was 'Under the Sea' in honour of World Oceans Day. Librarians Zachery, Ariana, Sophie, Lawrence, Nancy and Scarlett helped Mrs Thum run the raffle very effectively.

On Friday it was time to support another charity, namely Child Bereavement UK with our annual Elephant's Tea Party. Special thanks to Mrs Rendall for donating a beautiful soft elephant for the raffle which was won by Mikayeel. The children sent in money on Friday for an elephant cake and brought in their beautiful hearts with photos of loved ones that they were remembering which have now filled the apple tree and will provide the base for a lovely memorial until the end of term. We raised £437.40 and thank you all for your exceptional generosity.

Congratulations to two amazing mathematicians today. Harrison G and Sophie G stormed through their times tables test this week to earn themselves a Bronze Star. Well done!

The Lunchtime Superstar is Annabel H from Jupiter Class who was nominated by the Catering Team for being such a pleasure to serve and for always eating all of the delicious menu with delight.

Congratulations to **Kemp House** who are the winners of the Housepoint challenge this week. The children in **Kemp House** scored an impressive **963** Housepoints and now sit right at the top of the leader board.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

#### Merit Awards

Mars Class, Neptune Class, Jonty H, Ethan D, Joshua M, Elena G, Edward P d M, Nyah K, Thea L, Amelie M, Ariana A, Harry S and Benjamin C.

#### Philosopher of the Week

Wilf S, Darcy W and Elise D

#### Thought for the week

Is it good to be different?

# Painshill Park

The event of the week this week was a glorious whole school outing to Painshill Park



# Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What an exciting week back!

It was a real adventure to start our half term boarding a coach ready for our first School Trip! Our day started with a minibeast hunt and we are now experts at identifying possible minibeast habitats having found many hiding under the logs and leaves of the woodland area. Once we found them we had to identify them and then match them up to a picture on a classification sheet. Another good place to look was the 'bear hunt worthy' long wavy grass!



Back in school preparations have started in earnest for our summer production 'Stella the Starfish'. Music, song and dance is filling our Nursery and we have turned our role play area into a stage so we can rehearse at any given moment. Our production together with World Oceans Day on Tuesday inspired us to take our Amazing Animals topic under the sea. We have loved playing with different sea creatures and have been busy creating under the sea themed scenery and props.



Some of the children have been inspired to become wildlife photographers and have been seen using the iPads to snap some wildlife pictures in the garden.

It was most appropriate that we marked World Oceans Day 2021 this week enjoying the special ocean themed cakes. We are very excited to have our own Nursery and Pre-reception dolphin too. Thank you to the PTA for organising this special event for us.

## Reception News

Back with a bang!

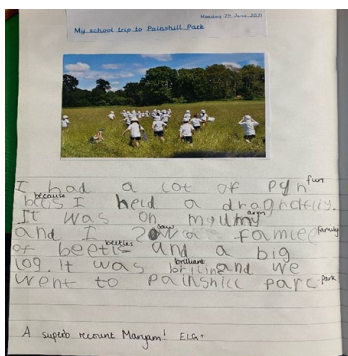
The children had the most wonderful time at Painshill Park on Monday. Their adventure began with an exciting bear hunt! They followed clues to find Winnie the Pooh who was hiding in a tree! Reception then went on a minibeast safari, turning over logs to find the creatures that love the damp, and using their nets to find creatures that love the long, green, tickly grass!



When the children returned to school on Tuesday, they wrote marvellous recounts of their time at Painshill. Well done to you all, your teachers were very impressed with your, informative, independent and descriptive writing!

Reception celebrated World Oceans Day by learning about the different ways in which we can all look after our environment, especially the Ocean. The children took part in many water based activities such as fishing out the rubbish from the class ocean and ended their day by eating a delicious ocean cupcake. Well done to our winners Arya and Tadeo!

The children have started to learn how to tell the time! They looked at the different routines and times of the day, such as break time, lunchtime, home time and bedtime. They enjoyed using the analogue clocks and looking at digital times on different pieces of technology!



Reception have continued to practise cursive handwriting. This week's letters were e and f. Please encourage your children to practise these letters at home.

Last but not least, a huge congratulations to all of the children in Reception for learning your lines so brilliantly! We had our very first practise of our play, 'Stella the Starfish', on the stage in the school hall! We were delighted with how well you learnt your lines and how clearly you said them! Hollywood make way for Mars and Neptune class! Well done - another fantastic week Reception!

The Foundation Team

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### Ocean Day Fun



### PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale 17th June

The next sale will be held on Thursday 17th June between 3.30pm -5.30pm in Mercury classroom. Due to current restrictions we will only be able to accommodate 4 adults at any one time.

Entry to the sale is by booked time slots only. The link to book a time slot has been sent out via Parent Mail and through your Year Group What's App.

Thank you for your support.

The PTA

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Congratulation to Gabby L-T for winning tennis player of the month trophy for David Lloyd Clubs.

Jemima H for being the youngest person to complete the 10m high 230m zip wire at Vertigo, Carden Park.

Benjamin C for Grade 1 piano performance passed with merit and for Benjamin's Grade 1 violin performance passed with distinction.



Grace H for achieving level 1 in Brownies for the Explore, Emergency Aid, Hikes, Navigator and nights away

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