



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents

May I end this half term by wishing you all a very Happy New Chinese Year as we move today from The Year of the Rat to The Year of the Ox. The children have enjoyed investigating this important and colourful festival and have enjoyed eating the delicious Chinese food provided by Mrs Waite and her Team.

The week began with a World Project focus and we have been delighted to hear examples of some very exciting and industrious projects from countries all over the world. We cannot wait to see and celebrate these on the very first day that we are allowed back together. Key Worker children in school focussed on China with specific reference to the culture and traditions surrounding the Chinese New Year. Both The Dragon Dance and some Kung Fu Fighting were the subject of Mrs Pryor's PE lessons- Kung Fu Panda would be most impressed!

Nursery children have impressed us all with their 'Great Wall of China'. Working together on this exciting project led to great success. Do see the photos on page 3. After the snow had melted the children enjoyed racing in the sunshine acting out the very first race organised by The Jade Emperor which led to the decision of the order of all 12 animals representing each New Year. I hope you all enjoyed your assembly story narrating this fascinating tale.

Madam James has embraced the world of film in a most impressive way. Her colourful and ambitious French lessons are a joy to watch and this week I heard Year 2 learning how to make crepes in preparation for Pancake Day next Tuesday. We enjoyed seeing photo's on Seesaw of some very happy children making and eating pancakes. Missing the annual Great House Pancake Relay will be a huge loss and we are already thinking of recreating this later in the year when restrictions are eased.

It was so lovely to see our smiling parents during our annual Parents Evenings run once again remotely due to the ongoing restrictions caused by the pandemic. Your thoughtful and supportive comments considerably buoyed our Class Teachers and the following day it felt like a 'normal' day as teachers shared their class parents' observations and kind words. We have missed you all. Please can we also say a huge thanks you to the Rawal Family, the Gilbert Family and the Vohra Family for keeping our engines beautifully stocked with their generous gifts of cakes.

Next week we all have a reprieve from school work. I do hope that the disappointment of not being able to travel or meet friends and family is mitigated by some happy family adventures locally. We are all in awe of your resilience and strength and wish you all a very happy half term.

Stay safe

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

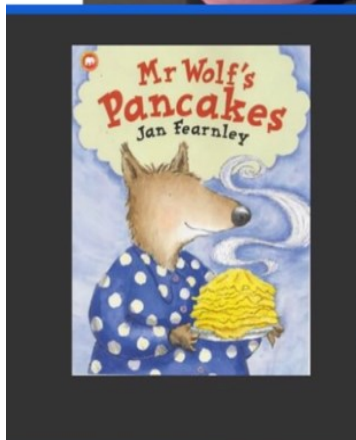
Merit Awards

Arya K, Conor L, Annabelle L, Mikayeel A, Dexter R, Cillian R, Harriet R Monty H, Felicity V, Gabriella L-T, Paul H and Reis P.

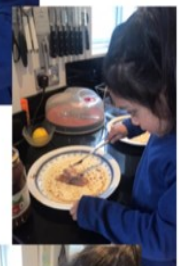
Event of the Week

Next Tuesday is Pancake Day. This week Madam James made 'crepes' in her French lessons. She asked the children for feedback in French to tell her about each child's favourite filling.

Happy Shrove Tuesday.



Les crepes with
cinnamon sugar
and banana



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week we have been thinking about Chinese New Year! With lots of team work we built the Great Wall of China, made a vegetable stir fry in the kitchen and decorated the Nursery with our lanterns. Once the snow and ice had cleared we held Chinese New Year races! We worked our fine motor skills by making red envelopes and played games which involved us counting coins into the envelopes. We also had a chopstick challenge trying to put the noodles in the bowls without using our hands. Our sound this week was 'p' and we made pirates and practised writing the perfect p!



Half Term

15th - 19th February

Poetry Week 22nd February



Virtual hug from Cookie Bear Awards:

Blake Y, Kitty T, Margot P, Tate T, Bailey T, Grace H, Monty H, Cillian R, Conall R, Aaron S, Nikhil K, Evie W, Lily W, Thomas M, Megan R, Rumi W, Tadeo W, and Edward P d M.

Mathletics:

Congratulations to Austin B and Elena G for their Gold award.



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