



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Parents

On Friday at Open Morning we watched and admired our Head Boy and Head Girl Team, Artie, Myles, Jessica and James as they delivered their own speeches about St Christopher's written from the heart. As seasoned pupils having attended St Christopher's since the age of 3, the children had much to say and we were left in awe at their confidence and courage of these 6 and 7 year olds to stand and speak in a room full of prospective parents. Well done children, we couldn't have been prouder of you.

On Monday our busy Year 2s were on the move again, this time to The Barbican to take part in an interactive workshop with the London Symphony Orchestra. The studied piece was Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf and the children were enchanted by the instruments as they represented each of the characters so distinctly. They had learnt their contributions well too and the concert hall rang with applause for all.

On Wednesday Pirate Ron, from Jolly Good Workshops for Schools delivered an excellent day of activities and information about the history of pirates as well as a very entertaining puppet show. The children made some exceptional puppets in the afternoon and special thanks to the lovely Reception parents who came in to help with the craft activity. Pirate Ron is an experienced educational provider and he commented on the outstanding focus, behaviour and knowledge demonstrated by our young students. Well done Reception.

Meanwhile Year 1 had boarded a coach and headed off to Gatton Park for their adventure all about Traditional Tales. They enjoyed taking part in a senses trail, making a cocktail out of herbs and touching plants with 'feely' qualities! They then set off for a magical mystery tour of the woods finding creatures and objects from different fairy tales. What a wonderful day in the sunshine!

On Thursday we enjoyed another super Library Raffle. Assisting Mrs Thum this week were Librarians Ebba, Max and Lambert and they ran the raffle congratulating the lucky winners and awarding books about seasons. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Mrs Kathy Waite for making such a super start as our new cook nominated by her colleagues in the kitchen. Bravo! Congratulations to **Dahl** for leaping to the top of the leader board with a splendid total of **606** Housepoints.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Luke M, Amelia L, Baxter M, Annie R, Joseph G,
Freya C, Leo E, Annabel V, Ella D, Ariana A, Beatrix B and Gabriella L.

Philosopher of the Week

Lambert S

Thought for the Week

Are competitions important?

Work of the Week

After listening to Captain Teachum's Buried Treasure by Peter Carter, Beatrix B in Reception Mars Class, wrote a super sentence to suggest where he buried his treasure. Amazing sounding out, Finger spaces and a full stop.

I can write about Captain Teachum's treasure. Tuesday 11th October 2018

LO:W (40-60 months) Uses clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly in sequence. Gives meaning to marks they make as they write. Hears and says the initial sounds in words. Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts.




Where did Captain Teachum bury his treasure?

AL

buried

he buried it in the
north of Pol and the
SF Pol.

South



We segmented the words.
Beatrix wrote the letters
Independently. 😊

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Assembly week for Pre-Reception! Two performances, both magnificent, lively and full of fun. We are so proud of the children and cannot believe they are only age 3 and 4. The children have been working very hard, learning all the songs, actions and dances for our assembly. They have also been busy being creative, with hard hats and tool belts. Well done Pre-Reception! On Wednesday we were very lucky to have been invited to see Pirate Ron's puppet show with Reception. There were screams of delight and joy and tales of how the shark ate the treasure! We are continuing our work with sound discrimination and rhyme this week. We have been very impressed with how the children have been able to hear the different syllables in the words by clapping the separate chunks of sound. The children chose an item that was hidden in a box and had a go at clapping the syllables, one example was 'rolling pin' which was successfully discovered to have 3 syllables! A fun game to try at home. We have started to explore story telling in the Nursery, with the children dictating a story to an adult and then acting their story out at group time. The children thoroughly enjoy this activity and are very enthusiastic to tell their own story. We have also been looking at 2D shapes and going on a hunt around the Nursery garden - the children were very clever at finding the different shapes, another good activity to try at home.



Reception - PIRATES, PIRATES, PIRATES! Well, what fun we

have been having in Reception this week and as you may have guessed it's all been focussed around pirates! We started our week learning a new story 'Captain Teachum's Buried Treasure'. We learnt actions to help us retell the story without reference to the book! Unfortunately in the story Captain Teachum could not remember where he left his treasure. We used our phonic and writing skills to think up ideas as to where he could have left it.

Alongside this we have been counting forwards and backwards from 0 to 20. The children created a number line and we started to look at one more / less than a given number. We realised that less meant the number got smaller and more meant the number became bigger! Please support your child at home in practising this skill on a ruler or by creating your own number line at home. Things got really exciting on Wednesday, we had a real Pirate come to visit us - Pirate Ron! He told us facts and information about pirates, their ships and their antics too. We found out that pirates could be very naughty and they stole coins! The silver ones are called pieces of eight and the gold ones are called doubloons. We enjoyed a pirate puppet show and created our own Pirate puppets. We made pirate cats, pirate dogs, pirate mermaids, pirate princesses and well as pirates. A big thank you to all the mummies who volunteered to help. I think you'll agree that it's just another fun filled week of learning in Reception. **The Foundation Team**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 17th October 1.45pm - Star Parent/Teacher Appointments.



HARVEST FESTIVAL - FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER 10AM
AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, EPSOM - All parents welcome to attend.
No children under 3 will be admitted. Creche available at school (please book via the school office. £10 per child).

Friday 19th October - PTA Treat Day and Children's Discos.

HALF TERM - MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER



ORGANISED OCTOPUSES

This week's Organised Octopuses are: Sophia A, Medina O, Artie B, Ebba R and Oliver N.

PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers are: Harry S, Artie B, Joshua C, Darcy W, Isaac F, Theo R, Gabriel K and Emma S.



Mathletics: Congratulations go to:

Thomas S, Isabella G, Samuel V, Charlie S and Sophia A for achieving their Bronze awards. Also congratulations to Oliver N, Erin O and Mathias P for gaining Silver.



Does anyone know of a lovely person who may like to join our happy team of Lunchtime Supervisors helping in the playground from 12.10pm till 1.40pm. Please contact the office for information about wages etc. Many thanks

