



# St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents

Last Friday we were invited to 'Go Wild' with Saturn Class as they explored their topic all about animals in their excellent class assembly including a great 'green screen' TV introduction. The children delighted us with their dances and song and we also learnt an enormous amount about the various classifications of species as well as receiving a reminder to look after our world and everyone in it. Thank you Mrs Leyland for such a super assembly and congratulations to everyone in Saturn.

On Tuesday we joined with the rest of the country in supporting the charity SPORT RELIEF by running a sponsored mile. Everyone joined in and Nursery children were paired up with Year 2 children followed by Reception who ran with Year 1. The comradery and warm support in evidence lit up the day and brought smiles to all the staff some of whom were in charge of the lap stampers, some of whom marshalled the course and some of whom ran with the children! Well done to everyone. We hope that we can send off a cheque for a healthy amount in the next few weeks to help make a difference.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Tsui brought in Rosie's hamster for Year 1 to study as part of their animal topic. We enjoyed a detailed talk about this beautiful hamster Mochy and Mrs Tsui talked to us about the hamster's accessories including his fur bath!

On Wednesday Year 2 performed all four songs that they have prepared for our annual Music Festival which took place on Thursday. Tissues were required for Nursery staff who have watched their tiny prodigies blossom throughout their time at school and the hall was full of pride and happiness at the sight of every single Year 2 shining with their excellent performance. Sure enough they led the way at the Music Festival at St Martin's where they were joined by 7 other schools to form a choir of 215 which sounded very impressive indeed. The Mayor was delighted to be present at this special event and following an extra large lunch for all served back at the school the field and playground was filled with a range of colourful blazers as the children joined together from the different schools and new friends were made to celebrate this special day.

This week we have awarded Times Tables Bronze Star awards to Lucy A, Arabella M and Sam S for their quick fire multiplication magic.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Victoria M for brilliantly trying new foods and impressively eating them all up! Well done Victoria.

Congratulations to all the children in **Ahlberg** House for winning the Housepoint challenge this week. The total Housepoints this week are **2143**. Very well done.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

## This Week's Merit Awards

Monty H, Bethany C, Luca K, Annabel H, Nancy H-P,  
Rumi W, Holly D, Scarlet C, Ava C, George S,  
Thomas S and Samuel V D

## Philosophers of the Week

Sophie R, Thomas S and Joshua C

## Thought of the Week

How important is it to be different?



# SPORT RELIEF





## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



In Nursery this week, we have been learning about the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children are very familiar with this story and enjoyed all the activities linked to it. In the outside area, the children have been retelling the story using our sensory turf trays. They have been packing their own bags using a checklist and carefully manoeuvring their way through the long wavy grass, squelchy mud and a swirly whirly snowstorm. To help us



tell our story of the bear hunt the children have been busy making story maps using a range of materials. In the kitchen this week, the children have made 'Bread Bears', practising their cutting and spreading skills. We have also tasted some yummy 'Bear Hunt' food including cress, cucumber ribbons and green peppers for our long wavy grass and raisins, dates, toast with marmite as thick oozy mud. We love numbers in Nursery; we have been playing number bingo and hunting for numbers on bear prints hidden all around us. We would like to say a huge



well done to all of the Nursery and Pre-Reception children for their amazing 1 mile run on Tuesday; they were partners with Year 2 children and enjoyed a flapjack and milkshake with them after '10 Laps' of the outside area. The children in Pre-Reception have been very busy learning songs and words for our special assembly next week; they are very excited and cannot wait to share their 'surprise' assembly with you.

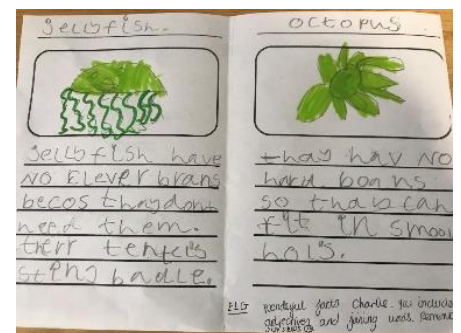


## Reception News

What a fun week we have had in Reception. We began our week with a fun run around the playground not once, but ten times to take part in the charity Sport Relief. The children were fantastic and were cheerful and enthusiastic the whole way around. This week we have been learning all about different sea creatures and learning fun facts about jellyfish, octopus and sea turtles. The children have been using these facts to create their very own fact books. The children not only used their phonics to help them sound out the words, but they included adjectives to make their sentences more exciting. In maths, the children have been learning how to take away a one-digit number from a one-digit number and then a two-digit number by counting how many remained. The children



have enjoyed counting out how many objects they needed to begin with and then physically removing them to take them away. They then used their careful counting skills to see how many they had left. We then wrote out the corresponding number sentences. In PSHE, we have been discussing how to stay safe around water. We talked about the dangers of swimming pools, the ocean, lakes, ponds and rivers and discussed what we should do



to stay safe whilst enjoying the water. The children have also been very lucky to have a wonderful art lesson this week with Mrs Degg. They created beautiful coloured prints by using a technique called acrylic pouring, inspired by Georgia O' Keeffe.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March reception trip to Chessington Aquatic Centre



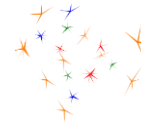
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9am Pre-Reception Class Assembly- Moon and Sky  
Followed by Mother's Day Stay and Play 9.30-10.15am



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9am Pre-Reception Class Assembly- Earth and Sun  
Followed by Mother's Day Stay and Play 9.30-10.15am



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9.30-10.15



Nursery Mothers Day Stay and Play- Stars and Sparkles

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm Reception and Year 1 & 2 Mother's Day Tea



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - CLUBS FINISH – EXCEPT BALLET**



Every week we will be awarding one class the Tidy Cloakroom Award pictured left, kindly donated by Mrs Garrod who retired last year.

This week's winners of the Tidy Cloakroom Award are NEPTUNE

### SPOTTY BOX AWARDS:

Annabel H for her Rainbow 5 metres Swimming Certificate

Lily W for her Stagecoach certificate for being helpful

Gabriella L-T for her karate gold medal

Harrison G for his amazing focus and energy Stagecoach certificate

Elena W for her Melody Bear Purple and Red Dancing Awards



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