



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents

On Friday we all enjoyed the wonderful Class Assembly performed by Jupiter Class. With some wonderful firework facts and safety tips we were transported to the joys and colour of firework night at the same time as thinking about celebrations from the point of view of the animals. Harvey the Hedgehog and friends had a different opinion about bonfires and noise and the charming story was beautifully acted by clever Jupiter Class with some super bonfire dancing and singing too. Special thanks to Miss Alison Kay for this wonderful production.

Year 2 were very excited about cooking this week as part of their Tudor Topic. The children made and baked 'Tudor Jumble Biscuits' and learnt about the need for spice to cover up the change in taste due to the lack of preservatives in Tudor Times using ginger in their own creations. Thanks to Mrs Rendall for this wonderful lesson.

Meanwhile in Reception it was all about the fiendish work of Evil Pea who is the arch enemy of our hero Supertato! Evil Pea caused havoc in the classroom and his rascally deeds included tying up on to the railway line a very worried looking parsnip! This exciting initiative encouraged the children to independently write some very impressive work. Do see photos on Twitter to capture some of the fun.

On Wednesday it was all about respect. We have been selling poppies all week and special thanks to Head Girl Megan R and Head Boy Reis P as well as their deputies Holly D and Rumi W for selling poppies in the classrooms so brilliantly. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity. The whole school stood in silence at 11am and Blue Bench Monitors Evelyn W and Harrison G scattered poppy petals given to us by Richmond Poppy Factory while Year 2 sang the song taken from the poem by John McCrae that inspired the use of the 'poppy' as a symbol all those years ago in 1914; 'In Flanders Fields'. It was a very moving and elegant ceremony that is part of an annual tradition here at St Christopher's.

Poppies were once again in evidence in cake form on Friday and this treat day was thanks to our wonderful PTA who continue to seize opportunities to give the children a fabulous time at the same time as supporting important charity initiatives. More news of dazzling disco dancing next week following Friday's remote disco fun!

We were pleased to host Surrey's Health Care team on Monday as they delivered nasal flu inoculations to the children. We continue to do everything to keep our children safe and healthy with regular reminders about hygiene during the winter months particularly with the ongoing pandemic.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Emily S for always asking for her lunch in such a polite manner. Well done Emily.

Congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning the Housepoint challenge this week with a splendid total of **1663** Housepoints. Well done **Dahl** House.

Mrs Annie Thackray    Headteacher

### Philosophers of the Week

Zachery R Gabby L-T and Sophie G

### Thought for the Week

How important is it to believe in yourself?

### Merit Awards

Bethany C, Zayn P, Samuel B, Thea L, Benjamin K, Nancy H-P, Scarlett C, Remy O, Lia M-L, Arya K, Ariana A and Fazan F.

## Event of The Week

### Remembrance Day

Along with the rest of the country we showed respect and support to those who have given their lives and service to the country on 11th November. Blue Bench Monitors Evelyn W and Harrison G scattered poppy petals whilst Year 2 sang In Flanders Field and the whole school conducted a 2 minute silence.





## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What a busy week in Nursery. This week our focus has been helping and thinking of others. The children have been thinking and talking about how they can help their friends if they are feeling sad. The children had some wonderful ideas and decided to colour pictures to give to their friends. We have linked our learning to 'Children in Need'; the children have been using their cutting skills to create Pudsey bear masks and created repeating pattern for the spots on his eye patch. To mark Remembrance Day the children made their



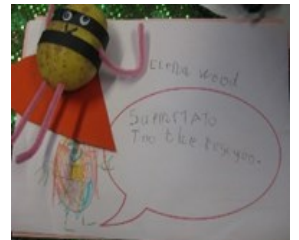
very own poppies. They were using cut apple halves to make their poppy shapes and adding on some lovely green leaves. The Nursery team were very proud of the way the children listened carefully to 'In Flanders Fields' sang beautifully by year 2 and stood for our 2 minutes silence. House points have been a huge focus in Nursery this week. The children took part in a group time focused on House points and their importance, this then became an outside challenge; the children have been completing a number of tasks including 'can you do 5 star jumps?' or 'can you balance on one leg?' If the children completed their tasks independently, they earned House points! In the kitchen the children have been measuring and mixing the ingredients to make Anzac biscuits. The delicious smell as these biscuits cooked in the nursery oven made us all hungry and the biscuits were certainly enjoyed on the snack table on Thursday. Another packed and memorable week in Nursery.



## Reception News



What an exciting week we have had in Reception. This week we read the story of 'Supertato Veggies Assemble'. The children absolutely loved hearing about what mischief Evil Pea was getting up to and how Supertato and the veggies helped save the day. We looked at the speech in the book to help us write our very own speech bubbles. They were brilliant! The children were extremely creative this week and made their very



own Supertatoes using potatoes, card, pipe cleaners and googly eyes. They looked wonderful. Evil Pea also made an appearance in Reception this week and messed up the classroom! In maths, we have been learning all about money. We have been busy playing shops all week and using coins to buy fruits and vegetables from the fruit and vegetable shop and toys from the toy shop. We have also been practising how to add coins together to make an amount. We have been learning all about Remembrance Day and discussed why and how we celebrate it. The children enjoyed creating their very own poppies using a wide range of materials. In PSHE we talked about how Evil Pea makes bad choices in the story. We then discussed what happens when we make the wrong choices and do the wrong thing and how it



makes us and others feel. This week the children had a delightful art lesson with Mrs Degg where they continued looking at paintings from this terms artist, Turner and the children painted their paintings on an artist canvas using acrylic paints, a palette knife and sponges. How wonderful!



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **HOLIDAY CLUB**

**14th-17th December**

**Details coming soon**

### **Spotty Box Awards for success outside school**

#### **Congratulations to :**

Bailey T who is now the youngest member of her Team Gym Transition squad! Congratulations Bailey.

Oliver K for adopting African and Asian rhinos and inspiring others to think about endangered species.

Sophie G who enjoyed a Shetland pony ride and received a lovely rosette and certificate. Well done Sophie.



### **Mathletics**



#### **Congratulations to:**

Ariana A for her gold certificate.

Austin B, Nikhil K, Elena G, Emily S, Mia G, Juliet F, Samuel B, Joseph O, Lawrence H, Zachery R, Callan M, Evelyn W, Darcy W, Holly D, Zahra M-H, Conall R and Harrison G, for their silver certificates.

Rafferty D for his bronze certificate.

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