



St Christopher's School



Weekly News
Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Parents

On Friday Jupiter Class explored their Topic 'Go Wild!' with us in an excellent Class Assembly all about animals. We learnt about endangered species and also enjoyed seeing some excellent art work. The play based on Judith Kerr's 'Tiger who came to Tea' with new guests ringing at the door from Ocado and Amazon! We all loved the excellent performances by the brilliant Jupiter children. Well done to all and thank you very much to Ms Kay for this super production.

On Tuesday we welcomed the Openbox Theatre Company in to school to present two fabulous workshops. Year 2 journeyed to Chembakolli to experience 'Life in an Indian Village'. They enjoyed an active debate about the right to remain on their land and debated with passion! In the afternoon Reception enjoyed their session entitled 'From Shore to Ocean' and explored rock pools and swam with the imaginary fish as well as thinking about ways to protect our oceans. The theatre company were outstanding and everyone was buzzing with the new things that they had discovered.

On Tuesday it was also Safer Internet Day and the children worked on a range of activities suggested by the UK Safer Internet Centre to help our young children manage strategies to stay safe online. This was followed on Wednesday evening by our Safer Surfing Evening for Parents where we shared common worries and up to date information.

On Wednesday and Thursday we opened our doors to some of the kindest and warmest grandparents you could imagine! It was a real treat to have so many grandparents support these special days and the children were absolutely delighted to spend the morning with their special guest. Do see Twitter for some lovely photos. Our guests enjoyed an assembly followed by activities with their grandchild and Year 2 entertained them with some songs and a terrific 'Granny Rap' whilst the grandparents enjoyed their refreshments. Thank you all for coming and for your kind and heartfelt comments as you left. The Librarians Charlie, Matilda, Amelia, Dylan, Christopher and Samuel helped Mrs Serrano and Mrs Thum in the assemblies by drawing the Library Raffle this week with a special 'Grandparent' theme.

This week we enjoyed more Times Tables Award success and say congratulations to James C, Samuel V D and Sophie R for their quick fire multiplication magic.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Harrison G. For always having a smile on his face and being a pleasure to serve. Well done Harrison!

Well done to all the children in **Donaldson** House for winning the Housepoint challenge this week. The total Housepoints this week are **1446**. Bravo **Donaldson**!

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Isabella G, Nereya P, Victoria M, Zahra M-H, Annabel N, Mathias P, Oliver N, Daniel B P, Ariana A, Juliet F, Holly D, Baxter M, Wilf S, Sophie R, Darcy W, Joseph G, Remy O, Annie R, Rafferty D, Thea L, Edward P d M, Rafferty D, Laura L, Harrison G, Gabriella L-T.

Philosophers of the Week

Alistair H

Thought for the Week

Is it good to travel?

Grandparents Morning



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

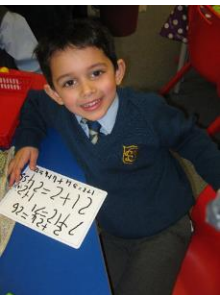
Nursery have been enjoying reading and learning about a range of traditional tales. This week our focus story has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have had a very large visitor in green room all week! The children noticed that the giant was trying to climb down our beanstalk; they decided to write him a giant letter asking him to be very careful if he comes to visit in case he breaks our toys. The children have been very excited about the giant coming to visit and have been getting ready for him; they have been measuring how tall the beanstalk is, making their own spiral beanstalks and role-playing the story. Our week has been extra special as we had Grandparents morning on Wednesday and Thursday; our grandparents enjoyed playing with all of our toys, creating a castle and planting beans in our outside area.



In the kitchen this week, we have been making 'magic bean stew.' The children have been busy practising their cutting and grating skills and have been making wishes when they eat their stew. Another magical week in Nursery.

Reception News

As part of our 'Safer Internet Day' commitment, the children have been thinking about stereotypes. We looked at various information about a person on the internet and talked about who the person could be after reading clues such as 'I like playing football', 'my favourite colour is pink', 'I like building with Lego' - Who am I? The children then drew who they thought this person could be. We had a wonderful variety of interesting answers. After discussions, we have decided that it could be a boy or a girl and that all sport, all colours and all toys were for everyone. On Tuesday, the Theatre group 'Openbox' visited us. They taught us all about the seaside including the many sea creatures that are found in the sea too. The children pretended that they were crabs, starfish and even created an octopus and enjoyed working with a partner to create spectacular effects. We were shocked to learn about all the plastic litter sadly found in the sea and are now even more determined to pick our litter up and recycle wherever we can. The highlight of the week was having our grandparents visiting our classrooms. We enjoyed showing them our exciting learning as well as having them here to help us make a paper octopus or diver. We continue to practise our numbers and are doing really well with our addition sums.



We are now trying hard to use larger numbers beyond 10! We did enjoy our week!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

HALF TERM : MONDAY 17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY

Tuesday 25th February Inter-house 'Great Pancake Day'



Thursday 27th February Poetry Competition Final

Please note there will be no teacher led clubs Monday 2nd- Friday 6th March

Except Art, Violin, Rounders, Spanish & Orchestra

External clubs run as normal

MATHLETICS:

Congratulations to Mathias P and Thomas S for their Silver Award

Erin O, Benjamin C, Lily W and Joshua C for their Gold Award



SPOTTY BOX AWARDS:



Laura L for her Octopus 1 Swimming Certificate

Lily W for her Level 3 Swimming Certificate

Aaron S for his Headstart Sports Award for kindness

Amelie M for her Shooting Star Award for amazing flamenco dancing and opera singing

FULL SET WINNIE THE POOH CERTIFICATE: Huge Congratulations to Beatrix B who has earnt all five Winnie the Pooh characters by demonstrating

Resourcefulness

Resilience

Reflection

Responsibility

Respect



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