



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents

Thank you for your support of our termly Parents Forum. We say special thanks to Governor Nigel Field for collating the questions and to Chair Helen Crossley for her overview. We are so lucky to have such proactive governors. Thank you to those of you who raised questions and for all those who attended via Zoom. It was another interesting morning.

This week we celebrated more multiplication magic as our hard working Year 2s had the chance to shine with quick fire random Times Table tests in order to earn a Bronze Star. Special congratulations to Lawrence H, Darcy W, Ariana A, Benjamin K, Wilf S, Benjamin C, and Rumi W.

During Mental Health Awareness Week it has been particularly joyful to see children accessing our new Jigsaw programme, providing the mindful approach to PSHE. This colourful programme runs across the whole school offering an age appropriate way for children to stop and take time to think about themselves and take care of their own mental health and wellbeing. The sounds of the soothing chimes ring out around the school and have brought a sense of peace across the school community. Do check out our Twitter account [@StChrisEpsom](#) to see this in action.

We were very grateful to our Librarian Mrs Thum assisted by her able Librarians this week for the Library Raffle. The theme of the week was 'Magic' and the lucky winners were delighted with their choice of books to enjoy across the weekend.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Rosie T from Mercury Class who was nominated by the Catering Team for being such a fantastic eater and for appreciating the delicious lunches so much. Well done Rosie.

The House Captains were very impressed with the number of Housepoints awarded this week which took longer to add up than usual. This week's winner is [Donaldson](#) House with a magnificent total of [414](#). Well done to all the children in [Donaldson](#) House.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Joseph O, Juliet F, Isabel J, Florence Q, Evelyn W, Bailey T, Lawrence H, Conall R, Estrella W, Luke B, Robert P d M, Tate T, Laura L, Rory F and Margot P.

Philosopher of the Week

Thomas M, Beatrix B and Megan R

Thought for the week

Is it good to be unique?

Work of the week

During the topic about Significant Explorers, Year 1 have been learning about Captain Scott's journey to Antarctica. Callan M in Jupiter class has written a superb piece of writing about the illnesses that Scott and his team suffered.



I Mess

Callan



Once they got to the south pole they



got some illness. They got scurvy because they didn't have fresh food and vegetables.



They got frostbites because it was so



cold. They got it on their hands and



feet. There was another illness



called snow blindness from the



bright sun and snow. The men became



very tired and weak because they ran

out of food.



What a super piece of writing



Callan



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



In Nursery we have continued our animal explorations and have been thinking about what we might need to take as well as the animals that we would see on a Safari. Of course a picnic is very important so we made some delicious tiger bread in the kitchen. One of the jungle animals we enjoyed learning about last week were chameleons. We decided we might see them on Safari so we made some special Chameleons with long tongues that you can blow to make them stick out! Can you remember why chameleons have such long tongues?



We used our clever writing skills to make safari maps. We stuck on different animals and then either used our phonics skills to try and sound out the animal names or looked for the word on a word mat to help us to label them.



We have all enjoyed so much jungle fun in nursery this week.



Reception News

Reception have been busy bees this week learning about 3D and 2D shapes. Not only are they able to identify the shapes by name they can also describe them using mathematical language. We used words like sides, points, curved and straight. What shape experts we are! They can also spot the difference between a 2D shape (flat) and a 3D shape. The children have discovered that there are lots of objects around us that are 3D shapes, we went on a shape hunt to find them. Did you know that a glue stick is a cylinder and a ball is a sphere? Please feel free to practise this at home too.



Our cursive handwriting is going from strength to strength. The children are enjoying practising their letter formation especially their name. We are always thinking about 'starting on the line' and making our tall letters long.

In Circle Time, we listened to the song 'The laughing Policeman' and discussed how laughing makes us feel, why we laugh and how to make others laugh too. We all liked how it makes us feel inside. We spoke about when laughing could be unkind and ways of managing that. To end the session we told jokes and even tickled ourselves to give us a good laugh, it felt good!



Our class coffee shop is also a big hit! The children have enjoyed taking orders, paying using real money and enjoying their cakes and coffee. Reception do enjoy a cake or two!

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Congratulation to Sophie G for completing the 100 Shot Challenge.



Bailey T has passed her 'Pre-A' Piano Course and is now ready to begin Book A. Bailey has also been named 'Super Star of the Week' at gymnastics for good listening and for working hard on her moves.

Sootha P participated in Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival and has been awarded Merits for under 7's beginner piano, solo verse in Reception Year and duet for 10 and under. Sooha also participated in singing solo for the under 18's category.



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Autumn W for her Gold award.

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