



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 18th January 2019

Dear Parents

We have all enjoyed a busy week but special praise should be given to Year 2 who have had a particularly busy time, preparing for and taking part in 7+ entry processes for a range of exciting schools ready for their next educational adventure in September. We are extremely proud of every single Year 2 for working so diligently enjoying tests and taster days with confidence and style earning praise and compliments from other impressed Headteachers. I am enjoying my practice interviews with the Year 2 children and when I asked about a maths test I was delighted to hear the reply 'It was just like we do here!' We know how well we prepare the children but it is always lovely to hear that careful preparation confirmed by a 7 year old. Well done Year 2.

Whilst back at school, learning has continued with Year 2's fascinating study of The Victorians. To get a flavour of the time the children have watched the musical Oliver Twist. As you will see from page 4 the challenge was then to create a scene from the story and independently write a script. Using a super IT programme a small sketch was then produced and you can enjoy yours by scanning the QR code kindly prepared by our computer monitors James and Satvika.

In Assembly on Wednesday, School Council Chairs Annabel and Fraser presented an interesting talk all about the School Council's special project, to raise money, totalling £284 to build a toilet block for school children in Malawi. The Council devised a pizza competition and Emma S was awarded a first prize book token for her magnificent creation with runners up also receiving a small prize each. It was wonderful to hear about the difference we have made and we thank Mrs Van Delft for her particular support with this project.

Down in Nursery the role play area has been a delightful big, red bus and the singing and hooting has been a joy to hear around the school. So many additional bus activities have been introduced and the children particularly loved the maths 'roll a dice and count the passengers' activity. See Twitter for photos This week's Lunchtime Superstar is a first! The whole of Saturn Class were nominated by the Catering Team for being the first class where every single Saturn child unprompted said a loud clear thank you for their break-time refreshments! Well done Saturn Class, what a polite class you are!

Congratulations to **Dahl** House for starting the term of with a win earning a super total of **302** Housepoints.

Special thanks to all those who took the time to return the School Parent Questionnaire. We value your comments and will shortly provide a feedback to share the results.

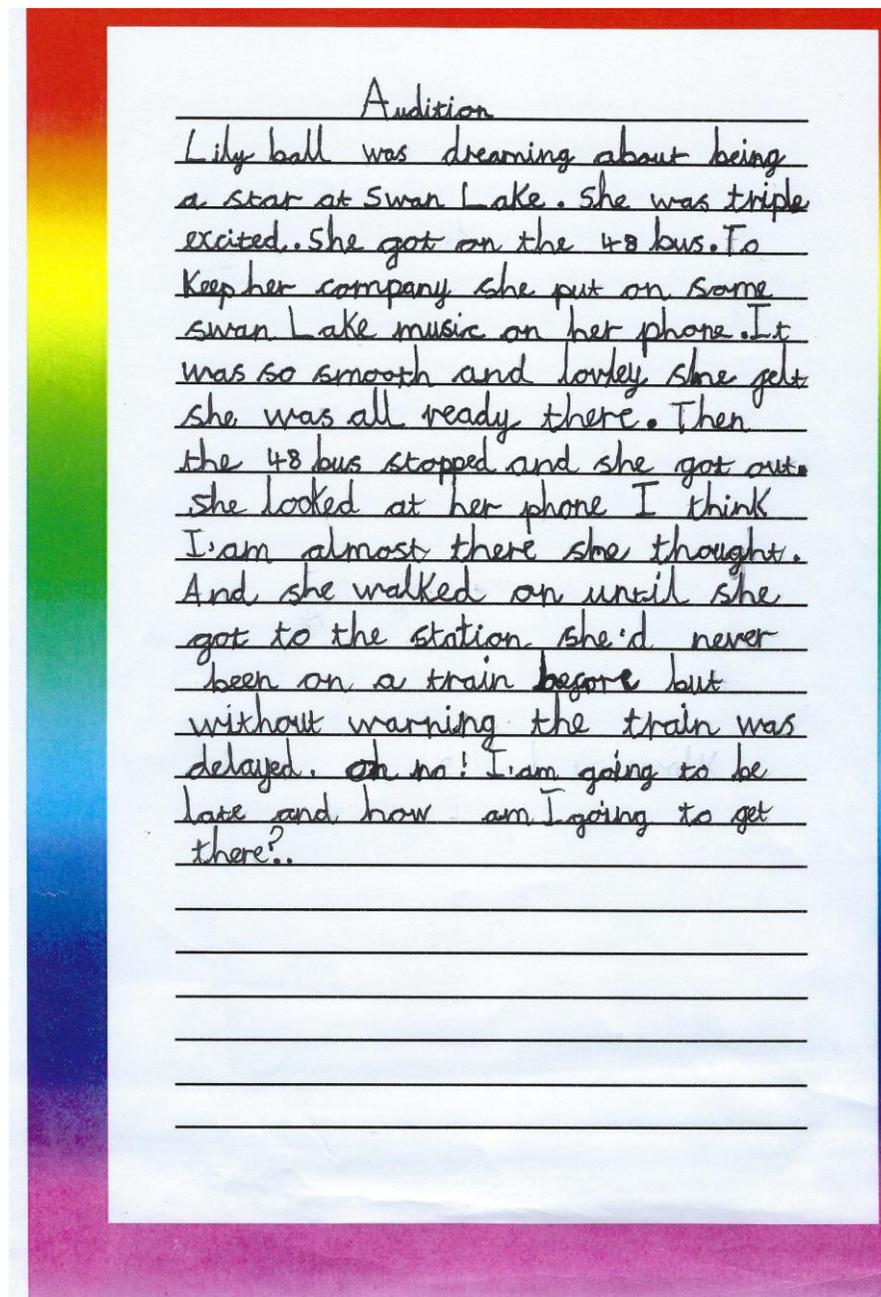
Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Reis P, Sophie A, Harrison G, Felice F, Joseph G,
Isabella G, Samuel VD, Nadia A, Artie B, Zoe M, Rayyan W and Ebba R

Work of the Week

Emma S from Year 2 Mercury produced this excellent piece of descriptive writing about her character's anticipation turning to worry when things went wrong on her way to an audition. Well done Emma for using such amazing vocabulary and punctuation in your creative writing. This is excellent independent work.



Audition

Lily ball was dreaming about being a star at Swan Lake. She was triple excited. She got on the 48 bus. To keep her company she put on some Swan Lake music on her phone. It was so smooth and lovely. She felt she was all ready there. Then the 48 bus stopped and she got out. She looked at her phone I think I am almost there she thought. And she walked on until she got to the station. She'd never been on a train before but without warning the train was delayed. Oh no! I am going to be late and how am I going to get there?

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Welcome to the end of our first full week in the Nursery. We are absolutely loving the new Green Room. We have lots of space for playing and getting together for our Wakey Shake sessions in the mornings. The children have settled back into the routines of the day very well and our new Sparkles are joining in with all the activities. It can be quite overwhelming to start with but already I feel that they are beginning to settle and enjoy themselves. We have started learning our sounds this week, beginning with 's'.

We sing a song to help us learn the sound, 'The snake is in the grass' is the first line, and we say the mnemonic 'slither down the snake' to help us write it. There will be more information about this in our Curriculum Information Evening for parents on the 30th January.

Our nursery rhyme is 'Wheels on the Bus' and the children have been pretending to be bus drivers, passengers and conductors in our bus role-play. The bus did have a horn to go beep beep beep, but the horn was used with excessive enthusiasm and unfortunately Mrs London has mislaid the horn! Outside, the children have been embracing the digging patch. We would recommend three year olds if you need your garden digging over for they are brilliant with a spade and a pair of wellies!

Please remember to send your children in the correct uniform. Joggers work best for the cold weather. Correct House colour emblem on the white tops reminds your child that they are part of a team and please, please remember to label everything. Thank you.

RECEPTION: Reception classes have rocketed into their new topic about Space this week. We have been reading 'Toys in Space' and talking about how we would feel if we lost our favourite toy. In the story Hootopize lost his favourite toy 'Cuddles' and used a lost poster to try and find him. Reception have been using their phonics to write their own lost poster. We have been very busy creating our on aliens by blowing paint and making tin foil rockets.



We are learning to tell our own addition stories and beginning to write number sentences too. Wow Reception, what a busy week!

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 22nd January - Pre-Nursery starts (to 21st March)
Thursday 24th January - Year 1 - Interactive topic talk
Friday 25th January 9am - JUPITER Class assembly -
All Jupiter Class parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30 am.



We were so pleased to see such a positive response to our Kind Koala initiative. Well done to the following children for demonstrating acts of particular kindness this week and last week: Ebba R, Leo H, Amelia L, Medina O, Bethany C, Alexander L, Olivia C, Elena G, Leo E, Matilda G, James H, Ava C, Carlos D, Thomas S, Austin B, Harrison S, Amelia A, Beatrix B, Megan R, Izzy John and Bailey T.

PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers are: Emma S, Caitriona OC, Maxwell DM, Morgan W, James H and Arabella B.



Mathletics: Congratulations go to
Zoe M, Myles H and Lambert S for achieving Gold Awards. To James C and Sophia A for gaining Silver and to James B for gaining his Bronze Award.



Year 2 present Oliver Twist!

This week's QR code has been created by our Computer Monitors James W and Satvika R. Year 2 are studying The Victorians and this week they had to write their own script to create a scene from Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens. Once they were happy with their script, each pair from Year 2 had to create their scene using their script in conjunction with Puppet Pals IT programme. Here is a super scene written and made by Millar W and Scarlett S.



Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at **StChrisEpsom** for information and weekly highlights

