



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents

Our second full week back and a definite sense of normality is creeping in, helped considerably by the arrival of eggs in an incubator with the promise of the imminent delivery of a variety of chicks including Bluebell and Rock. Last week we shared the 3D Science Model kit showing the gestation of chicks with each year group as they learnt about the lifecycle of a chick whilst completing some very good science activities. At the time of writing we have a tiny chick beginning to peck at his shell and a school full of very 'eggcited' children!

This week the School Council met to begin to plan some ideas for the summer term. School Council Chairs Ella and Felicity welcomed two new recruits from Reception. Annabelle L from Mars and Maryam O from Neptune were both voted on to the Council by their class mates. Congratulations to them both.

On Wednesday we heard about the results from the National round of the ISA Art Competition 2020. Only winning entries at regional level may be submitted and accordingly we were able to submit two entries. We were absolutely delighted to hear that our Chandelier inspired by Dale Chihuly won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at national level. That is an amazing achievement and we say congratulations to last year's Year 2 Art Club and to their inspirational director Mrs Degg.

Bears, bears were everywhere this week! Reception made their very own binoculars to go 'bear hunting' outside and the results were a joy to behold. Do visit the News section of our website at [www.st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk) to see some gorgeous photos. The event also generated some impressive work as you can see on page 2.

It was wonderful to be able to resume face to face philosophy lessons last week and we relished the opportunity of working in our teams showing significant skills at collaboration as well as higher level thinking. Congratulations to the team below for such a thought provoking life question.

Congratulations to Mia G this week's Lunchtime Superstar for her charming discussion with Mrs Waite when she asked our wonderful cook about her thoughts and feelings as a chef! Well done Mia.

We have Housepoints for the first time this term! Huge congratulations to **Ahlberg House** for topping the Board on this auspicious first collection with a splendid total of **130** Housepoints and thank you to the very happy House Captains for collecting the Housepoints with such enthusiasm.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

### Merit Awards

Peter G, Blake Y, Phoebe B, Arya K, Charlie A, Emily S, Luca K, Nikhil K, Felice F, Scarlett C, Evelyn W and Rumi W.

### Philosophers of the Week

Amelie M, Harry L and Reis P.

### Thought for the week

How important is it to be different?

## Work of the week

Using their hand made binoculars, Reception Class explored the grounds of St Christopher's to spot the hiding bears. Look at Clara's amazing writing which recounts her adventure.



We went on a bear  
hunt. I saw a bear  
on the SW win.  
Swing

WELG

All on her own - No help at all!

We are so impressed Clara!



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Independent

We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

LO: To write a sentence.

ELG: Children use their phonics knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



This week our focus story in Nursery has been 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We have been thinking about how kind George is to all of his friends that he meets during his walk home. The children had some wonderful ideas about what being kind means and how they can show kindness. Everybody in Nursery has created their very own Kindness Jar; they were using their scissor skills to cut out different pictures of activities they think are kind. Alongside thinking about being kind we have been talking about what makes



a good friend. The children have been busy using their fine motor and pencil skills to draw pictures of themselves and their friends. In Blue Room this week the children have created George the giant; they have used a range of materials and mark making skills including marble rolling, sponging and scrunching tissue paper to create his clothes. In the kitchen, the children have been practicing their spreading skills to create some funny faces using wafer crackers, butter and cream cheese. The children then used vegetables to create their facial features and their scissor skills to trim cress to create hair. In phonics, Pre-Reception have been learning the 'd' sound; the children were excellent at singing the Jolly Phonics song and creating their very own dinosaur to help them to write their new sound. Wow what a busy week we have had in Nursery!



## Reception News



It has been another busy and fun filled week in Reception. This week started with the usual St. Christopher's excitement, as we discovered that there were BEARS who had been seen in our playground. Sightings of furry ears, googly eyes and shiny, wet noses had been reported as well as honey trails, pieces of brown 'fur' and growling noises too! Well Reception wasted no time in making binoculars to go on



their very own 'Bear Hunt'! There were bears everywhere! Up trees, in bushes, on slides, hanging from fences and even poking through the fence! We found all sorts of bears; polar, panda, teddy and even our very own Cookie Bear was located in a tree in a full spiderman outfit! This then inspired the children to write about their bear sightings in their 'Ready for Writing' books and independently too! The teachers were more than impressed with all the children's sounds, blending and key word knowledge. AMAZING! In Maths we have revisited our addition facts by using the part, part, whole model. The children were fantastic at using this model and writing their number sentences to match. We looked at number bonds to 10 and the children have seen the patterns it makes and are applying it in their learning to. Please practise these at home too. As you can probably guess by now we were looking at the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We added actions to this repetitive story and developed our understanding further by answering some comprehension questions about it too. Its been a Bouncy Bear Bonanza this week in Reception and has been thoroughly enjoyed by all!



This week we saw the arrival of 8 eggs in an incubator, the Blackrock chick on the left who has been named Emily was first out and to the delight of the children the second chick, a Buff chick arrived as they came into school today and has been named Quaky.



### Spotty Box Awards

Well done to Benjamin K for his Certificate of Achievement awarded by Harriet Personal Training



### Mathletics:

Congratulations to Cillian R, Nyah K and Gabriella L-T for their Gold award

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