



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents

On Friday we all enjoyed the wonderful Class Assembly performed by Mars Class. Reception children have been thinking about superheroes and they looked splendid in their superhero costumes. The children were incredibly confident with their lines and recited the story of 'Supertato' with great style! We all enjoyed their wonderful dance and song and loved hearing each child's own devised superhero name and super power! Well done Mars Class and a special thank you to Mrs Taperell and Mrs Meredith-Bennett our very own superheroes for such a super production.

This week we heard the wonderful news that we had performed well in the London South Regional Art Competition run by the ISA. We were delighted to have been given two 1st prize awards and two runners up in this hotly contested competition. Special congratulations to Harriet R for winning her category with her Geode Thumb Pot and to Zachary R for his individual 'Glue Glass' that came 2nd in his age group. Special thanks go to our amazing Art Director Mrs Jules Degg who inspires the children every week. The two first prizes now go on to Nationals in February!

The School Council have been working hard to come up with fundraising initiatives that will encourage their peers to support those in need. Miss Kay reported that the children had shown great maturity when discussing the recent Marcus Rashford Campaign and so we have purchased a small teddy for the School Council to use as a prize. They would like the children to name the bear and send in a donation on Monday for this good cause. Known currently as 'Little Bear', School Council Chairs Ella D and Felicity V carried Little Bear around from class to class inviting the children to take part in their initiative. Well done to The School Council.

We are delighted to welcome on to the staff Mrs Honey who has joined the Lunchtime Supervisor Team and is getting to know the children straight away following some early training. The children are already making her feel very welcome.

Our Board of Governors continue to work hard to support all that we do even during lockdown. Our meetings are currently via Zoom but they were delighted to hear about the efforts of everyone during the unprecedented pandemic and thank you all for your flexibility and support when responses have needed to be made to government guidelines.

Thanks also due to our hard working heroes on the PTA. They have devised a beautiful remote Christmas Fair via the magic of Patchwork. Please have a look at this imaginative and beautifully crafted initiative and support it.

Congratulations to Harry S for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar for engaging beautifully in conversation and for always being very complimentary about the food he eats. Well done Harry.

Congratulations to **Kemp** House for winning the Housepoint challenge this week. With a splendid total of **1851** Housepoints. Well done **Kemp** House.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Philosophers of the Week

Ella D and Lily W

Thought for the Week

Why do people take risks?

Merit Awards

Lawrence H, Felicity V, Maximo Y, Zahra M-H, Florence Q,
Victoria M, Mia G, Daniella B, Mikayeel, Clara G, Parva A
and Zachary R

Work of The week

Saturn Class

Year 1 Saturn Class enjoyed learning about the Gunpowder Plot this term. Using language modelled in the lesson, Annabel N wrote a marvellous non-chronological report, about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.

Annabel

Monday 9th November

LO: To write a non-chronological report about Guy Fawkes



Who was Guy Fawkes? He was born in York in 1570 and he ^{was} a Catholic. Guy Fawkes joined the Gunpowder plot. It ^{was} led by Robert Catesby. They wanted to blow up King James!

When was the Gunpowder plot?
5th of November
1605

What happened?

Guy Fawkes put 36 barrels of Gunpowder in a ^(cellar) ~~cellar~~ under the Houses of Parliament. The King's guards found the barrels and arrested Guy Fawkes. We have Bonfire Night to celebrate because he didn't blow up the King.

What a fantastic non-chronological report about Guy Fawkes!

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



This week in Nursery we have been learning about road safety. The children have been fabulous at naming the different vehicles that they might see on the roads. We have been thinking about how to stay safe when crossing the road; to help us remember we have been making road



safety posters with some key points – **stop**, **look**, **listen** and **cross**. The children have been using the cars and small people to role play crossing the road safely as well as the zebra crossing in the bike area. We have also been learning about the importance of holding our grown ups hand when crossing the road and the meaning of the colours on the traffic lights. In the kitchen the children have been measuring and mixing the ingredients to make jam tarts. They were superb at rolling the pastry with the rolling pins and using the cutters to make the circle shapes. We used strawberry and lime jam and lemon curd to make traffic light themed jam tarts. They were delicious. We have had lots of busy and exciting afternoons in Nursery this week; we have been investigating different sounds with a range of instruments, learning how to use remote control cars and investigating floating



and sinking. On Wednesday we had a wonderful session with Mrs Degg completing our art project. The children used their amazing pencil grip to hold the paint brush and glaze their picture with PVA glue. This week we have started filming our Pre-Reception Assembly; the children were wonderful at singing our special songs and saying their lines with clear loud voices; you are in for a treat. It will be ready to watch next week and we are sure you will be as proud as we are of all of the children. Wow what a busy week in Nursery!



Reception News



This week in Reception, we have continued to focus on our topic of 'Superheroes'. But instead of looking at 'Batman', 'Spiderman' or 'Supergirl' we have been looking at real life superheroes. We identified lots like firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses and paramedics. Lots of us have decided that we would like to be a real life superhero when



we grow up! We practiced our skills in role-play situations this week. We even used bandages on Mrs Thackray! Luckily, we are so good at being doctors and nurses she was back to full health by the end of the afternoon. We also looked a little closer to home for real life superheroes. We found lots of people who help us in school too like our teachers, Mrs Waite and her team who cook us delicious meals every day and not forgetting the marvellous Mr. Bennett & Mr Kight too! We are trying hard to remember to say 'Thank you' when we see them. In maths this week, Numicon has been our choice of equipment when completing number sentences. We have used the Numicon by dipping it in paint, drawing around it with felt tips and even printing it in play dough. We have also practiced writing the corresponding addition number sentence too. Another skill we are mastering is counting backwards. We are superstars at counting back from 10 but are challenging ourselves more now by trying to count back from 20! What a busy and fun learning week in Reception!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th December

A reminder to bring a lovely gift for a child between 3-7 ,unwrapped.
This will be collected by Epsom Food Bank and distributed to families in crisis
who will hugely benefit from your generosity



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school

Congratulations to :

Harry S for his 20 metres swimming badge

**Aaron S for participating in a university research project about
speech and body language**



Mathletics

Congratulations to:

Bailey T for her Gold Certificate.

**Luca K, Nyah K, Bethany C, Sophie G,
Rumi W, Annabel H and Harrison G
for their Silver Certificates.**

Megan R and Grace H for their Bronze Certificates.

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& Ewell
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St Christopher's Students we need your help to spread some Christmas magic.....

We know Christmas shopping isn't going to be easy this year, but if you can please support our Christmas appeal. When shopping please choose an extra present that you think someone your age would like and who may not otherwise receive a present.

Please bring into school unwrapped on the 9th December 20.

We will then deliver to those in need in our local community.

Be the reason someone smiles this season.