



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 21st June 2019

Dear Parents

In Tunbridge Wells last Thursday evening Mrs Jules Degg and I put forward some splendid works of art in to the annual Art Competition run by the London South ISA region which comprises 82 schools. Imagine our joy when we were awarded two First Prizes and one Highly Commended award! The First Prizes go through to the National Competition in the autumn term. A terrific success for our clever artists led by our wonderful Mrs Degg. Bravo!

Thank you to all the wonderful fathers who came last Friday to make Father's Day such a success.

On Monday Year 1 visited the allotments as part of their Topic 'From Farm to Fork'. They were very lucky to have a personal tour by Emily's mummy and to see vegetables and fruit some of which Emily planted herself.

On Wednesday we held our annual Elephant's Tea Party to support Child Bereavement UK and to give our children a chance to share photos and memories of loved ones who are no longer here. The children then enjoyed an elephant cake for break and marvelled at our apple tree now filled with their laminated photos on green hearts hung with ribbons by Mrs Rendall who organised this important and worthwhile day. We raised £185 for Child Bereavement UK.

Thank you all for supporting our Golden Boot initiative this week. It is so important to try and exercise before school wherever possible and the children listened with interest to facts about saving our world.

Extra special congratulations to our mathematical superstars this week. Because we have our first Gold Star Awards. These are nominated by the Year 2 teachers for children who regularly demonstrate sound multiplication and division skills in their daily work who then need to come and be tested with problem solving questions from me. Very well done to Arisa A, Leo E and Isaac F for perfect answers gaining them this special award.

The library raffle was drawn by Ebba, Lambert and Max with the subject this week of Mini Beasts.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Luke M for using his cutlery so beautifully and inspiring others to do the same. Well done Luke!

Bravo to **Kemp** House for climbing to the top of the leader board with this week's Housepoints by earning an impressive total of **1483** Housepoints!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our lovely Summer Fair tomorrow from 1pm till 3pm. Special thanks to the PTA for all they do.

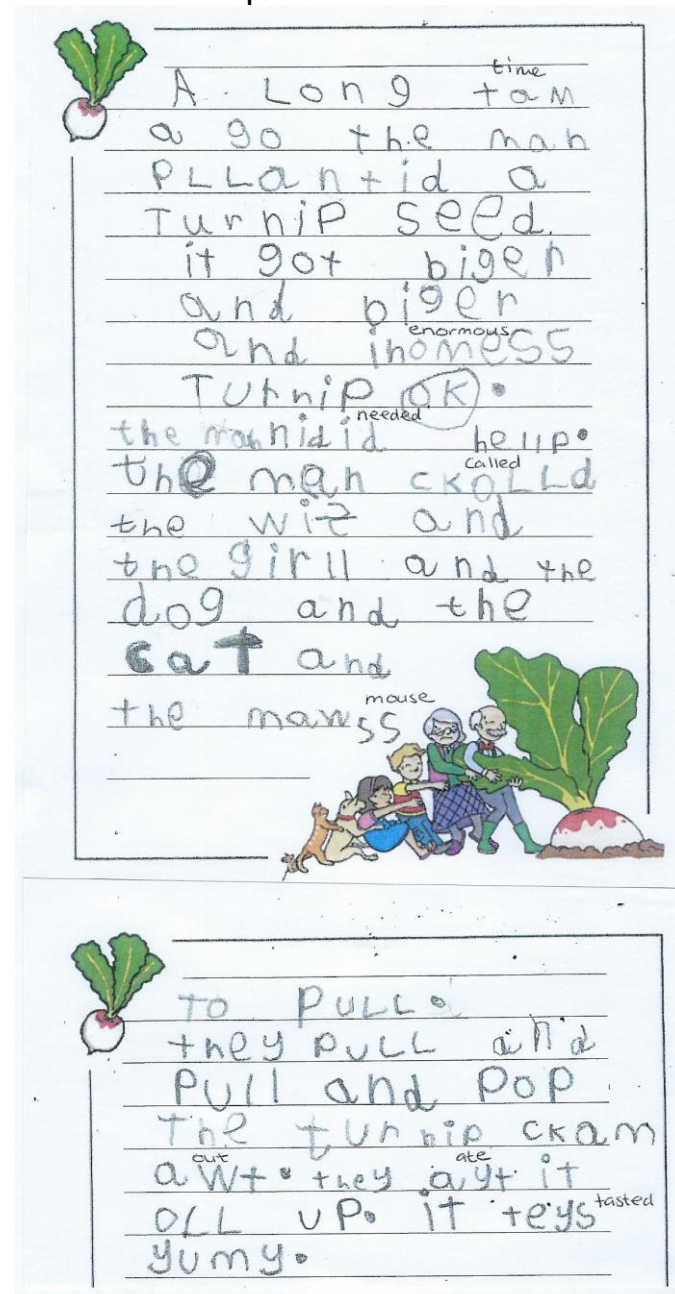
Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Rosie T, Sophie G, Paul H, Evelyn W, Sam S, Emily L, Arabella M, Elliza M, Maxwell D, Arabella B, Isaac F and Satvika R.

Work of the Week

Reception have been retelling the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. They were encouraged to include story language and interesting sentences in their own versions of the story. Conall R in Mars Class wrote this amazing piece all by himself with no help. Well done Conall!



Foundation Stage News

NURSERY AND PRE-RECEPTION - Our book of this week is 'Handa's Surprise'. We have had an African feel to the Nursery with the woodland garden being transformed into an African Adventure. Mrs Savill has been making an exotic fruit pudding, which I have eaten far too much of! The children have loved acting out the story and are particularly good at taking the fruit from Handa's basket. Our sound of the week is 'K', lots of phonic games using our listening

ears. Again, we are very impressed with how well the children are learning these sounds, well done! Mrs Degg has been in Nursery this week painting clay lolly pops with the children, she was telling them that they will be going into the kiln soon and the children were very interested to hear all about it. Jay from Forest School, was in this week too, hot chocolate and nature adventures ensued. Mrs Taylor has been teaching the children about the life cycle of an apple and Mrs Headley has been teaching us how to weave! In group time we have been looking at counting out different amounts and sorting objects by size, colour or shape. We have also been thinking about what it means to be a good friend and how including friends in our games is a lovely thing to do.

RECEPTION - This week we have been reading 'The Enormous Turnip', the children loved being the characters from the story and acting out pulling up the turnip. After lots of role play, they were able to retell the story remembering the key events and using the story vocabulary. We then transformed into authors and we wrote our own version of 'The Enormous Turnip'. In maths this week we have been measuring many things including the classroom door and a range of vegetables from the old man's garden. The children worked together to estimate how many cubes they would need to

measure the different items and then checked to see if they were right. Some of the children were so eager to measure that they decided to use a ruler to find out how many centimetres objects were. We had a special visit from 'Wind and Willow' (the chicks), the children loved to stroke them and watch them explore the classrooms.



Wow what another busy week in reception. **The Foundation Team**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 1 – 3PM -
PTA SUMMER GARDEN PARTY**



**Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June at 9am -
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Summer Performance of
'The Wind in the Willows'**



FRIDAY 28TH JUNE – CLUBS FINISH (except Ballet)



PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers:
**Harrison G, Lambert S, Scarlett C,
Elodie B, Jessica H and Alistair H.**

LEADING LAMAS: There are various ways to earn this special award by being a leading example in behaviour, effort and achievement. These super stars earned a Llama this week. Ask your child to tell you why they earned their Leading Llama Award:

**Sophia A, Joshua C, Zachery R, Reis P, Thomas S, Dilly C,
Maxwell D and Baxter M.**



**Congratulations to Gabriel K on achieving his
Gold Award.**

EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2020

Owing to the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, the early May Bank Holiday will fall on
FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020. School will be closed on this day rather than
Monday 4th May.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL LIBRARY BOOKS NEED TO BE
RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 28TH JUNE.**

