



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents

Wednesday was a tale of two halves. The contrast from a morning full of remote learning on iPads to the afternoon of no screen time was both impressive and extraordinary. Wellbeing Wednesday was a delight to behold. Our children have been amazing at adapting to Seesaw lessons and have industriously applied themselves to managing their learning through remote teacher direction on their iPads. They do not complain and the resilience and patience that the children learning at home and school have shown in these new and challenging times is extraordinary. We know that our expectations are high and the work that all the children have been producing is outstanding.

However, the time has come for a clear pause and break from screen time. Discussing with the children what they understood by 'Screen time' has also been very interesting for many see no relation between completing their school work digitally and on occasions then going home and playing digital games! On Wednesday children were encouraged to think about their breathing and in the classrooms, lights were turned off whilst small, soft toys, brought in from home, were balanced on tummies and the children rhythmically studied the toy gently moving up and down. This relaxing activity went on far longer than expected and I hope that the children at home enjoyed a matching enjoyable experience. The children then choose activities from the grid with a sense of harmony and peace both inside and outside regardless of the weather. Thank you all for supporting this important new initiative.

We were overjoyed to see photos of the children outdoors this week. Cookie Bear had a very hard choice to make when he chose this week's fresh air superstars. We have some children still abroad so skiing and paddle boarding were included in the range of activities submitted to Mrs Meredith-Bennett for a Cookie Bear Award. There were some lovely shots of children walking, one even when learning her spellings as she walked, shots of scooting, tree climbing and chicken feeding and even goat feeding to name but a few! Please keep sending in your activities. We love to know what you are doing when you are outside and it is even inspiring us to try some new activities too.

In the Nursery this week it has been all about Nursery Rhymes, numbers and creativity. The number 5 suggested ducks, frogs on logs, monkeys on beds and even little men in a flying saucer. The Art Room was full of clever marbling effects created by the children as a base for their own speckled frog and in Yellow Room the children were choosing five friends to have their photos stuck in each child's flying saucer. This activity was a particular delight for the children talked as they cut and stuck, thinking about what makes a good friend. Delicious smells from the Nursery Kitchen filled the school as the children made 5 'currant buns from a baker's shop' and they really were big and round with icing on the top! Lucky children.

Every class has enjoyed a smiling reunion for children at home during Story Time this week. It has been a joy to see so many happy faces and we will review the success of this opportunity at the end of the week and make a plan!

Stay safe.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Bella I, Max M, Sooha P, Kitty T, Edward P d M, Bethany C, Aaron S, Laura L, Maximo Y, Elise D
Thomas M and Beatrix B

Philosopher of the Week

Remy O

Thought for the Week

Is Nature precious?

This week on Seesaw

The Great Outdoors



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week our Nursery Rhymes have all had a counting theme. We used marbling inks to create 5 little speckled frogs and tried to see how many we could balance on a log in the water tray. We cut out and ordered 5 little ducks by size, baked 5 Currant buns (which we enjoyed sharing at the snack table) made our own flying saucers and chose 5 photos of our friend to take to space with us. We learnt all about the letter 'S' exploring the sound it makes, how to write it and what things begin with S.



Our wonderful school Golf umbrellas are now available to buy for only £25 each and due to popular demand you are now able to purchase through the PTA. Please use your child's last name and year group as the reference.



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Virtual hug from Cookie Bear Awards:

Ella D, Zachery R, Harriet R, Sukie R, Annie R, Thea L,
Bethany C, Yasmin M, Imogen C and Elena W



Congratulations to Mrs Lu Thurston and Mrs Dayna Sharp who completed their qualification with Place 2be on mental health training and have become Mental Health Champions

Mathletics:

Congratulations to Zahra M-H for her Gold award



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school

Congratulations to :

Yasmin M who won first prize in a colouring completion run by Garsons Farm

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