



# St Christopher's School

## Weekly News

Friday 24th January 2020

**Dear Parents**

**On Friday Year 1 set off for an entertaining and interactive day at Guildford Museum to conclude last term's study of Toys and offered a feast of opportunities for our lucky children as they experienced a day in the life of a Victorian pupil at formal desks writing on a slate. They then tried out a wide range of Victorian toys and there are some beautiful photos of them doing so in the 'News' section on our website.**

**On Wednesday morning all the children entered the Hall in open mouthed delight as circus entertainer and juggler Sam Veale welcomed them whilst juggling with his top hat. They were then treated to a wide range of circus tricks and skills which had us all laughing out loud and clapping with delight. Sam benefitted from a range of helpers including Rory from Nursery and the children thoroughly enjoyed watching what talent, focus and determination can achieve. Thank you Sam! Do see the website for more photos.**

**Following the assembly, Year 2 were treated to an excellent presentation by Dylan's mother Mrs Chakraborty to get their wonderful topic 'A Taste of the East' off to the best possible start. She gave a wonderful illustrated talk about the fascinating country of India and showed us traditional clothes and jewellery which the children tried on with delight! She talked about the 22 languages in the different states and showed some lovely images of the country and traditional festivals. We were all very grateful for such an interesting presentation.**

**On Thursday the Librarians Matilda, Amelia, Charlie, Christopher, Dylan and Samuel ran a super Library Raffle with books about animals, helped by Librarian Mrs Thum.**

**Thursday was also the keenly anticipated day of the annual Year 2 Reunion Tea. We welcomed 37 children back into the Hall alongside recently retired Mrs Garrod who was delighted to be back. The children looked very grown up in a range of colourful and smart school uniforms and within minutes it was as if they had never been away with groups of children happily chatting and sharing memories together over a party tea. It really is a highlight of the year to see them all again and we hope that they all keep in touch.**

**This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Elena G in Reception for thoughtfully helping a small Nursery Child by tucking in his chair at the lunch table. Well done Elena!**

**Congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning the second week's Housepoint challenge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row. The total Housepoints this week are **549**. Well done **Dahl** House!**

**Annie Thackray, Headteacher**

### **This Week's Merit Awards**

**Alistair H, Edison O, Benjamin C, Rosie T, Liam S, Grace H, Elena G, Autumn W, Paul H, Harry L, James C and Sam S**

### **Philosophers of the Week**

**Sophie B, James N and Edison O**

### **Thought for the Week**

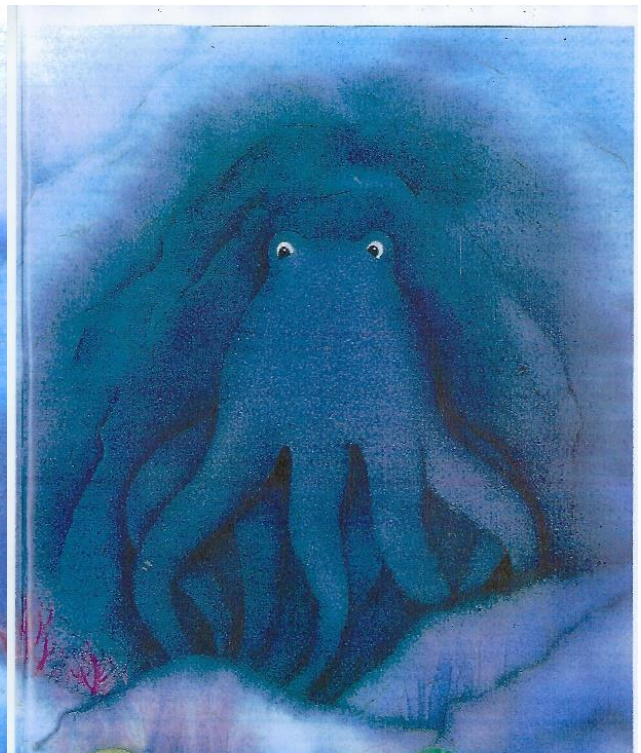
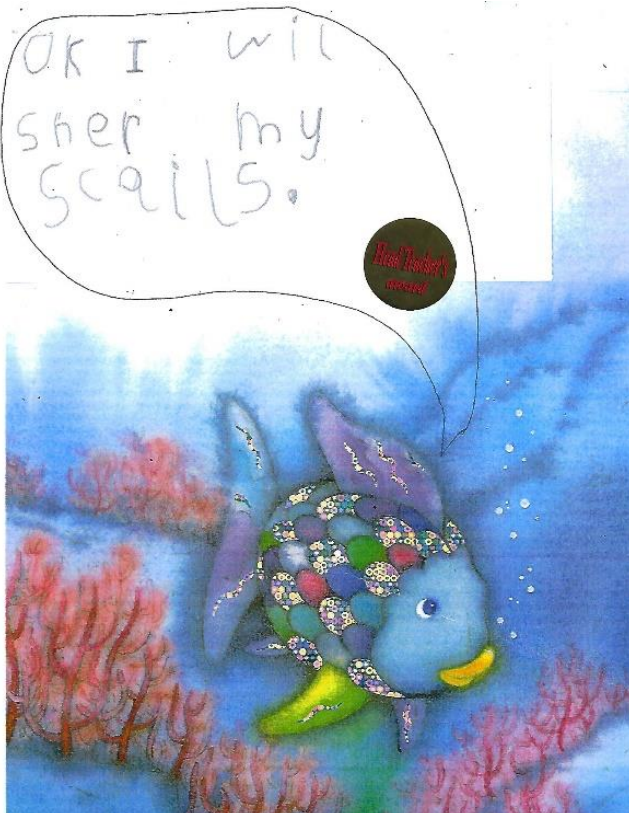
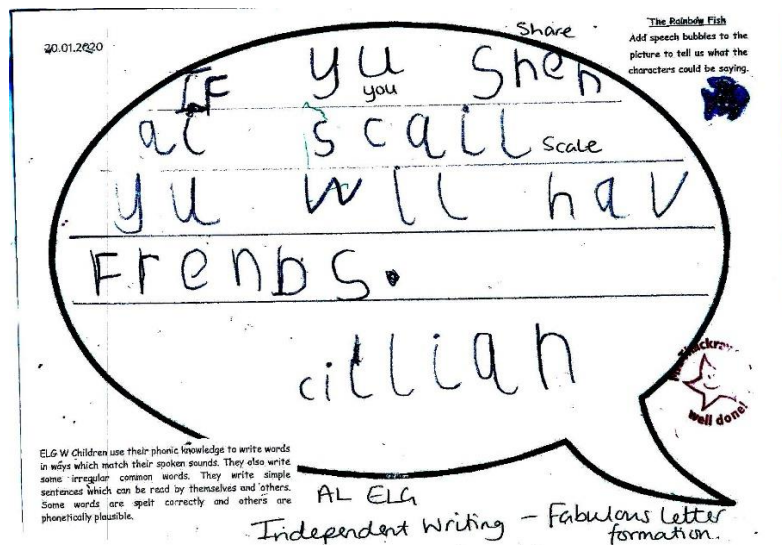
**Is it good to imagine?**

## Work of the Week

This week's work of the week is from Cillian R, Mars Class

In Reception we have been focussing on the story 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. We took several illustrations from the story and asked the children: "What could the characters be saying?" We had lots of super ideas. The children then wrote their ideas into a speech bubble and added it to the illustration. Cillian impressed by not only using his sounds independently and forming his letters correctly but also by working independently! Cillian showed his work to Mrs. Thackray too.

Well done Cillian!





## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



In Nursery this week our focus story has been 'The Three Little Pigs'; the children have been having great fun retelling the story in a variety of different ways. In the outside area, they have been busy building the pig's houses using real straw and sticks, and bricks that look very real! Once the houses were built the children enjoyed putting on the masks and 'huffing and puffing' the houses down. The children have also been busy sequencing the story of the three little pigs on the iPads this week where they have had five pictures from the story that they have been talking about in small groups. The three pig's houses were so much fun to

make outside that the children have been designing their own houses and making them on a smaller scale. In the kitchen this week we have been making yummy vegetable soup and bread rolls. The children have been busy chopping and grating the ingredients and eating it at the snack table. Our sound of the week is 'a'. The children have been singing a special song to help them to remember the sound; there have been many 'ants on our arms, causing us alarm' Ask your little one to teach it to you! Our number focus this week has been counting up to 5 and using a five frame and the children were all amazing. It was Sun and Earth's time to enjoy Outdoor adventures with Mrs Self this week; they had great fun stomping on the hard ground, finding out about evergreen and deciduous trees and measuring sticks they had collected to find the longest and the shortest. Wow, great learning in Nursery!



## Reception News



It has been another busy and fun filled week in Reception. This week we have continued learning through our book 'The Rainbow Fish'. We have been thinking about what the different characters could be saying and we added speech bubbles to different pictures in the story. We have had some amazing ideas and even more amazing writing! (See our work of the week!) This week saw the return of

our much-loved teacher Mrs. Self who took us outside for our Outdoor Adventures. It was cold but we wrapped up warmly! We looked at bulbs, the inside of some fallen branches and how the frost looked on the grass. We collected some of the frost and watched it melt inside the classroom. Mrs Degg has also been with us too sharing her artistic skills and teaching us about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. We made colourful flowers based on her work with wire and tissue paper. In our classes, we have been thinking about 'Sharing and Caring' and how we could use these skills to become even better friends. We had many ideas and we were proud to see these ideas in practise both in the classroom, outside at playtime and towards all members of the school community. We certainly have a kind and caring Reception at St Christopher's! Maths have seen us turn addition on its head. Instead of finding totals to a number sentence we have been given a total and asked to find which numbers would equal it (e.g.  $7 = 5 + 2$ ). The children used the 'Numicon' and other apparatus to help them with great success! Looking at the world around us, we have discovered and learnt about different sea creatures we would find under the sea. We even looked at them in our classroom (well, plastic versions!) What a lot of learning Reception have done this week, you are all Superstars!



The Foundation Team

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



**Monday 27 January is Chinese New Year Celebrations**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January VENUS class assembly**

*All Jupiter parents welcome to attend*

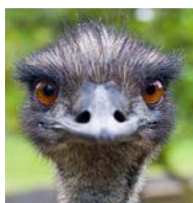
*Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am*

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February PTA second hand uniform sale**

**11.45am-12.15pm & 2.45pm-3.30pm**



**Reminder to all parents that we are a nut free school and any snacks for after school clubs must not contain nuts**



**EMU AWARDS - Environment Matters to Us: Sophia A, Oliver N, Charlie S, Harrison G, Sophie V and Darcy W**

**MATHLETICS:**

**Congratulations to Sophie G for her Silver Award**



**SPOTTY BOX AWARDS:**



**Ella D for her 10 m Swimming Badge  
Harrison G for successfully going through an MRI machine  
Bailey T for her Top Gym Award 4  
Holly D for her Top Gym Award 5  
Harriet R for Water Skills  
Sukie R for her Shooting Star Award  
Evelyn W for her for Top Gym Award 5  
Annie R for her Mini Netters Trophy  
Gabriella L-T for her 25 m Swimming Badge  
Samuel V D for his Lamda Exam  
Annabel N for her Top Gym Award 6  
Nereya P for her Swimming Skills 3**

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