



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 25th November 2016

Dear Parents

On Friday we joined Neptune Parents to watch a wonderful Class Assembly by the confident Reception children. The mini production was set in a theatre in the round as Chicken Licken set off to tell the King the sky had fallen on his head. The eponymous character ably played by Thomas P took a tumble in scene 3 and we all applauded his courage as he quickly got on top of his tears to carry on and save the day. What a wonderful example to others Thomas. Well done! The whole assembly complete with song and dance was a wonder to behold. Well done and thank you to Mrs Bolton and her talented team of actors in Neptune Class.

Our extraordinary musicians were the next to set an inspirational example as they took to the stage on Monday for our first Music Assembly concert of the year. The Orchestra with an average age of 6 shone brilliantly alongside wonderful piano, violin and cello solos. Those learning recorders and violins in our school clubs also excelled and Athena D and Jamie H enchanted the audience with their beautiful choral solos. Everyone enjoyed the Assembly and left feeling inspired.

On Tuesday the musical joy continued as Year 2 set off to The Barbican in London for a workshop for the London Symphony Orchestra. The LSO brought the pages of Roald Dahl to life by assigning different parts of the orchestra to represent a variety of his hilarious and occasionally extraordinary characters.

This week we sincerely thanked the amazing Mrs Caroline Smart who has served as our Chair of Governors for three and a half years and earned our immense gratitude and admiration for all that she has done. Mrs Helen Crossley has now taken over as Chair of Governors and Mr Adam Goldman will be Deputy Chair. We also welcome Mrs Katie Moilliet and Mr Richard Harris onto the Board. We thank them as we do all our wonderful governors for their ongoing help and support and for making such a difference.

On Thursday Annabel H delighted us by playing a piano solo 'Jingle Bells' in Assembly and earning a lovely certificate. She played in a very professional manner. Well done Annabel!

On Thursday Librarians Ziyah O and Elliot M assisted Mrs Serrano run the weekly Library Raffle with a range of lovely non-fiction books for some very excited children. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Clara H for always eating beautifully and never forgetting to say please and thank you. Bravo Clara.

*Well done to all the children in to **Ahlberg** who have won the Housepoint challenge this week with a wonderful total of **1362** Housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Eliza B, Daisy M, Mia P, Ebba R, Arabella B, Tommy C, Lauren M, George T, Rory P, Andy D, Satvika R, Edison O and Daisy H..

Event of the Week

Music Assembly

Visitors to the school on Monday morning experienced a real treat as our musical performers demonstrated a wide variety of talents in this year's first Music Assembly.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have been very busy practising our cutting skills this week. We have been cutting out different shapes and we have made a lovely display in the Nursery. In the Kitchen the children have been making their own Spinach Pici Pasta. We hope you have enjoyed cooking it at home. We observed how the ingredients (spinach and flour) changed when we put them in the food processor and formed a stretchy dough. We then rolled the dough out to make the pasta. In the art room we have been exploring colour mixing and have also enjoyed using playdough, googly eyes and pipe cleaners to make monsters!

With December just around the corner we would like to start practising our wrapping skills! If you have any small boxes please do send them into nursery so we can practise.



Reception News

In Reception we have been getting ready for Mrs. Self's 'Surprise' birthday party! We all helped make a cake, write and make our own birthday cards for her and we wrote and sent invitations. To help us with our invitations we have been learning about different times of the day, why time is important, making our own clocks and even telling the time using o'clock! We have all managed to 'keep the secret' by being 'Secret Squirrels'. We even have our own code sign. Mrs. Self has no idea about our plans! We have learnt some new playground games and have talked about being a gracious winner and good loser. We have been very busy practising our Christmas play lines and learning all the songs too.

The Foundation Team



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 1st December – Last Pre-Nursery Session

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER – CLUBS FINISH
(except for Ballet and Tennis)



PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 1 – 3 PM
The hamper boxes are now in the back porch ready for donations. We look forward to seeing you all.

Thank you all for the rapid return of your ticket requests for our Christmas play. It is not too late to place any unreturned slips to the Box Office via the box situated under the porch.

Mathletics: Congratulations to Louis G for achieving a Bronze Award and to Rory P, Sienna S and Ethan L for gaining Silver. Congratulations to Jago G for achieving Gold.



There are four types of Playground Panther. Patrol Panthers look out for rough play and intervene or report to an adult. Polite Panthers are kind and friendly and quick to involve others in their games. Playful Panthers think up exciting new games and encourage others to join in and Promising Panthers may have played roughly before but are now committed to gentle safer play. This week's Playground Panthers are: Joe C, Henrietta L, Lottie R, Isla T and Yin Lily T.

This week's Happiness Hamsters:
This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and we have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils:
Lily C, Amelie C and Eliza B.

