



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents

Without doubt the highlight of the week this week was our magnificent House Day. The school was ablaze with colour as evident on page 2 of our newsletter. You will also find some more glorious photos on our website News area.

The theme of House Day was 'colour' and the children collaborated in their House groups to reinforce their affiliation to their special House. Mrs Pryor ran a series of special sporting circuits throughout the day which the children embraced with enthusiasm, running around the grounds in the glorious sunshine. In between there were creative and scientific challenges including a look at colourful fruits as Reception cut up and created their own colourful fruit kebab! It was a magnificent day which ended in a whole school race with children positioned at differentiated starting points according to size! Nursery shone by winning the relay race and their House points contributed to the final total below. The sporting challenges were also competitive and the winning House on the day was **Donaldson House** who won 40 Housepoints with **Kemp House** in second place winning 30 Housepoints, **Ahlberg** in third place with 20 and **Dahl** a splendid fourth place with 10. Special thanks to the new House Captains **Bailey T** and **Gabby L-T, Amelie M** and **Harry S, Remy O** and **Lily W** and **Harry L** and **Darcy W** for their brilliant lead on the day inspiring their Houses superbly. On Wednesday Mrs Degg asked her clever husband Mr Degg to bring in his drone so that she could take a picture of one of our art entries for the ISA Regional Art Competition which, this year, has to be photographs of the children's original art works. We were all excited to see a drone operated by a qualified expert and Year 1 proudly waved as their work was photographed from above. The drone caught the imagination of Nursery who watched excitedly from Green Room and this inspired the Nursery children to make their own drones which were almost as impressive as the real thing. Please see Twitter @StChrisEpsom for photos and footage.

This week's Library Raffle theme was animals. Thank you to the Librarians; Ariana A, Scarlett C, Lawrence H, Nancy H-P, Zachery R and Sophie G who shone on film as they ran the weekly Library Raffle supporting our Librarian Mrs Thum who delivered the books all about animals to each class.

Congratulations to Rosie T for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar, for inspiring others with her dining skills. Well done Rosie, leading the way at the top of the school.

Congratulations to **Donaldson House** for winning this week's Housepoint challenge. The total Housepoints this week are **708** which is splendid. Bravo **Donaldson House**. Special thanks to our new House Captains for their efficient collection.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Tate T, Evie W, Sukie R, Margot P, Juliet F

Annabel H, Aaron S, Ilyas A, Bailey T

Wilf S, Conall R, Harry S

Philosopher of the week

Conall R

Thought for the Week

Is it good to be competitive?

Team Building House Day

On Tuesday we held our Autumn Term House Day. We consolidated our knowledge of our very own House during a glorious day of sporting, scientific and creative events. With 'colours' as a theme anything was possible and the children loved every moment of the special House challenges. Enjoy the montage below



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Nursery have been very busy this week with lots of exciting learning, Art with Mrs Degg and a wonderful House Day. This week we have been focusing on our special talents and we have many! We have been showing all the grownups how amazing we are at counting toys, ordering numbers on a washing line and recognising numbers up to 10 and beyond! In



the Art Room, we have been practicing our scissor skills. The children have been cutting out some different shapes to make a house, they were also choosing from a range of colours to make all of their houses different. Outside in the garden the children have been showing us how great they are at climbing steps, balancing and jumping. They were super stars! House Day was a huge success. In Nursery, the children made a large picture to put up on display in the different colour rooms. We have a beautiful blue butterfly for Donaldson, a super yellow sunflower for Dahl, a wriggly green caterpillar for Ahlberg and a big red bus for Kemp. The children enjoyed the fabulous sports activities set up by Mrs Pryor and they were such a great team they even won the whole school sporting challenge at the end of the day! On Wednesday, Mrs Degg was working with the children tearing

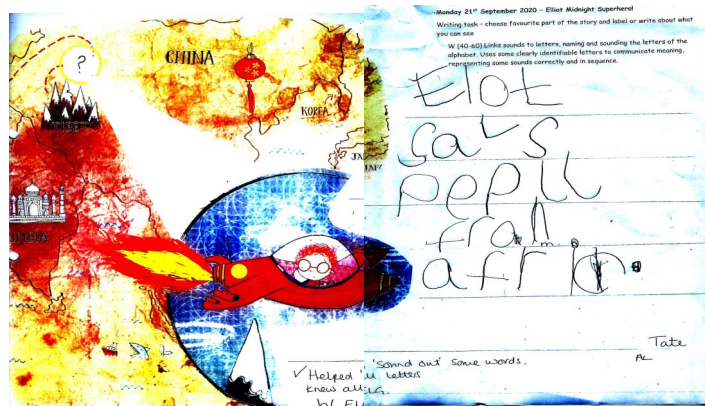


small pieces of tissue paper and sorting them into coloured bags ready to create their own Turner inspired pictures next time she visits. What a fabulous week, well done Nursery.



Reception News

Another busy and exciting week in Reception! Not only did we fully embrace and enjoy the special House Day but also we have fully embraced all the exciting learning and new skills taught to us. In our writing, we looked at the story 'Elliot the Midnight Superhero' who travels the world saving people and animals. We chose pictures from the story and wrote about what was happening. Tate wrote 'Elliot saves people from Africa' as you can see from his independent writing below. The teachers were very impressed with our use of phonic sounds and the way we remembered to form our letters correctly! Some of us even used finger spaces too – WOW. The story also allowed us to look for 2D shapes in the illustrations and name them. Once named we looked at their features too using mathematical language such as sides, long, short, corners and edges. We hid 2D shapes from our friends. We described their features for our friends to guess the shape. We were very good! We have looked in greater depth at numbers too. We chose a number and used small equipment and the part, part whole model to describe it in different ways. For example $5 = 2+3$ and $1+4$ and $0+5$! Lots of ways! In Circle Time, Reception discussed different feelings. We matched those feelings to photos of what it feels like to be and angry and how we these emotions. We week! More fun, excitement opportunities.



faces. We discussed happy, sad, excited deal with some of cannot wait for next ment and learning

DATES FOR THE DIARY

School photos will be taking place on
30th September



Parent Forum Wednesday 7th October via Zoom

Parent Forum submissions to be made between 25th September
& 2nd October please.

Send submissions to office@st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk

Or to Governor Nigel Field nfield@winkworth.co.uk

Parents Evening 7th & 8th October via video link

Appointments to be booked soon



Congratulations to Bailey T for her Silver award

Congratulations to Zahra M-H, Harry L, Evelyn W, Conall R,
Holly D, Felicity V, Cillian R, Luca K, Joseph O, Bethany C,
Daniella B, Elena G, Autumn W, Izzy J, Yasmin M, Mia G
Austin Burton, Nyah K, Callan M, Daniel B P, Monty H
Florence Q, Charlie A, and Olivia C for their Bronze awards

Spotty Box Awards

Well done to Izzy J – For her amazing ‘Talent for Writing’
certificate for her brilliant riddle



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