



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome back! It was a strange half term but a welcome one nevertheless and the weather remembered that spring is just around the corner and provided us with a wonderful weekend of sunshine just before we returned to school.

On Monday a smile was restored to our faces with the news that we are to be REUNITED! Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March will be a day of celebration and we cannot wait to welcome you all back.

On Monday we also began enjoying the poems that you had been sending in on Evidence Me and Seesaw in honour of our Grand Poetry Recital Week. We were determined to run this annual event and I am so glad that we did because the quality of the children's work together with some inventive sets and costumes spread sheer delight across the school.

Nursery children dazzled with their confident recitals and on Thursday we held our Grand Final live in the Hall judged this year by myself aided beautifully by our very own Premises Manager, Mr Neal Bennett. Children aged between 2 and 4 stood on stage with extraordinary confidence and placing the top three was nearly impossible. Huge congratulations to all the children and very well done to the top three listed below. Do enjoy the montage on page 2.

Mr Bennett and I then attempted to judge the final in the Reception then Upper School categories and we were treated to a delightful Grand Final full of colour and talent. This year you will all have seen the Final via the Seesaw montage which is not something that we would normally share so perhaps this is one good outcome from these trying times. I hope that you enjoyed them as much as I did and congratulations again to everyone who took part.

Next Thursday is World Book Day and although we will be taking part in this wonderful international initiative, we are reserving our real celebrations until we are all back together and we can't wait until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March for our 'Bedtime Stories' themed day! More information coming soon.

Today it was the Independent Schools Association (ISA) Awards Ceremony. We are absolutely delighted to have been declared as the WINNER in the national search for the Independent Junior School of the Year 2020. To win this prestigious competition and receive the award for the best Independent ISA Junior School in the country is a fabulous achievement. Huge congratulations go to the entire team for such a provision of breadth and excellence recognised by this wonderful accomplishment. Today we raised a glass to our success and above all to 8<sup>th</sup> March when we will all be back together.

*Mrs Annie Thackray* Headteacher

#### Grand Final Poetry Awards

##### Nursery

1<sup>st</sup> Ethan D

2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie S

3<sup>rd</sup> Daisy G D

##### Reception

1<sup>st</sup> Tadeo W

2<sup>nd</sup> Conor L

3<sup>rd</sup> Sooha P

##### Upper School

1<sup>st</sup> Sophie G

2<sup>nd</sup> Austin B

3<sup>rd</sup> Grace H

#### Merit Awards

Maryam O, Bella I, Evie W, Imogen C, Jemima H, Rafferty D, Victoria M, Callan M, Lawrence H, Harrison G, Ella D and Rumi W

# Poetry Recital

Well done to absolutely everyone! We loved hearing the wonderful selection of poetry beautifully delivered by you all



## Alligator by Grace Nichols

### Alligator Grace Nichols

If you want to see an alligator  
you must go down the muddy slushy end  
of the old Catemery River.

I know an alligator  
who's living down there.  
She's a-bog. She's a-mean. She's a-wild.  
She's a-fierce.

But if you really want to see an alligator  
you must go down to the muddy slushy end  
of the old Catemery River.

Go down gently to that river and say  
"Alligator Mama  
Alligator Mama  
Alligator Mamasassassass"

And up the'll rise  
but don't stick around



## Poetry Week





# POETRY WEEK

## NURSERY FINALISTS

Estrella W  
Viraat K  
Leila K  
Roberta P d M  
James C  
Holly S  
Anna M  
Zara L  
Ethan R  
Daisy D



## RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND Year 2 FINALISTS

Olivia H  
Elena W  
Rory F  
Aaron S  
Mia G  
Nikhil K  
Daniella B  
Amelie M  
Wilf S  
Ella D  
Beatrix B  
Thomas M



## HIGHLY COMMENDED RECITALS

Imogen C  
Izzy W  
Ariana A  
Arya K  
Zachary R  
Bella I  
Annabel H  
Charlie A  
Emily S  
Izzy J



Luca K  
Elena G  
Olivia C  
Zahra M-H  
Darcy W  
Paul H  
Rumi W  
Zachery R  
Harrison G  
Rosie T



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We were all delighted to be back and this half term we are thinking about books. This week we looked at some dragon themed books. We made some super fire breathing dragons, counted dragon eggs and made some shape dragons. This year Pancake Day fell in half term but we didn't want to miss out on the fun so we made pancakes to enjoy at the snack table. Another highlight of the week was our Poetry Recital Competition. Well done to all who took part. It was such a tough decision choosing who to put through to our Final and we were so proud of how confidently the children performed having learnt their own short poem or nursery rhyme.







## Poetry Finalists



### Virtual hug from Cookie Bear Awards:

Ariana A, Fazan C, Logan D-W, Jasper D-W, Phoebe B, Scarlett C, Nyah K, Luca K, Thea L, Annabel N, Olivia C, Beatrix B, Felicity V, Holly D and Sophie G.

### Mathletics:

Congratulations to Daniella B, Mia G, Annabel N and Rumi W for their Gold award.



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