



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents

Monday began the week with a boom and a cheep!

The 'boom' came from the amazing rhythmic beats that echoed around the school as we welcomed a team to present an African Drumming Workshop for our lucky children. The children were given a traditional African djembe drum to play solo, in unison and as part of a call and response. They also enjoyed some African chanting and very quickly found the beat to make their performances seem most professional. What a lovely day.

The 'cheep' came from the brood of chicks who had hatched from our collection of eggs. The mix of chicks was a joy to see and we enjoyed studying these noisy but delightful new additions just in time for our Easter cards and pictures which this year featured chicks that we had seen!

Easter art has been in evidence across the school accompanied by investigation into this national celebration. Having heard about the origin of the Easter story the children produced some interesting writing and discussed the importance of tradition and culture.

The most popular Easter tradition comes of course in an oval and edible form and there has been huge excitement mounting about the forthcoming Easter Fun Day next Tuesday supported by our wonderful PTA. Discos and Easter treasure hunts will be a fabulous way to start the morning and the craft activities in the afternoon are also eagerly anticipated.

Reception have enjoyed a wonderful climax to their topic study 'Into the Woods' with a teddy bear's picnic. Impressive lists were made independently by our young pupils listing essential items to be included in the recipe for a successful teddy bear's picnic. Party hats have been worn and amazing maths all generated by party planning and the end result brought smiles to the faces of the whole Reception Team.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Luca K for beaming with confidence and delighting the kitchen staff with conversation and exceptional manners. Well done Luca!

Following an exciting win by **Ahlberg** last week I can announce that the winners this week were for the first time a tie! Both **Donaldson** and **Kemp** topped the leader board with a most impressive 273 Housepoints. It really is a very good reflection of how hard and eagerly the children are working and we say congratulations to everyone in both Donaldson House and Kemp House for joint first place.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Laura L, Mikayeel A, Austin Bu, Monty H, Olivia C, Yasmin M, Darcy W, Nancy H-P, Conall R and Remy O.

Philosophers of the Week

Zachery R, Sophie G and Megan R.

Thought for the week

Is the World more Important than Us?

Work of the week

The Reception children's bears had great fun on their sleepover at school. We found photos of them playing all over the place! This inspired Elena's amazing independent writing beautifully formed, amazing spelling and accurate use of punctuation. WOW!

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Independent

LO: Write a sentence.



My peach bear is in the green
handles. It is on top of the
^{handrails} brown ship with the green and
wit dolly.
^{white} ^{dolly.}

WOW! So many adjectives! Two wonderful sentences.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Easter has arrived in Nursery and we are all very excited. We have been thinking about the 'Easter Story' this week and the different signs of Easter. The children have been busy in the kitchen weighing and mixing the ingredients for delicious hot cross buns; it was an exciting process as we watched what happened to the mixture when we let it prove in a warm place over night. The children were fascinated to see how much it had grown! Our



number focus has been counting objects and recognising numbers to 10 this week, some children were even able to count objects and recognise numbers up to 20! Our new sound in Pre-Reception has been 'g'. The children were amazing at creating a 'girl' picture to remind them how to say their sound and they were able to write 'g' in glitter. Easter writing has been great fun; we have been practising our froggy fingers and looking for different phonic sounds



hiding on Easter eggs. The children have been using their creativity to make some wonderful Easter bonnets in Blue Room; they are complete with baby chicks and glittery eggs. We can move in many different ways in Nursery; the children have been designing their very own obstacle courses, they are amazing at balancing, climbing and moving in different directions. What an exciting week we have had in Nursery.



Reception News



WOW! What an exciting week we have had in Reception! As we walked into our classrooms on Monday morning, we were greeted by the very loud but wonderful sound of three little chicks cheeping away in the Reception area! We were amazed at how much they have changed in just a few days and the children were especially excited to hold the chicks. Our inquisitive minds were filled with wonder and curiosity about



the life cycle of chicks and we were left with the question...what came first, the chicken or the egg?! Back to the bears! Our topic of 'Into The Woods We Go' is coming to an end and what better way to finalise our topic than with a Teddy Bears Picnic! The children brought their bears into school for a sleepover and rumour has it, the bears were very cheeky! They answered Mrs Thackray's phone calls, read stories to the chicks, made a mess with the porridge oats in Mrs Waite's kitchen and even climbed onto the school roof! Neptune and Mars Class had a lovely time at our Teddy Bear Picnic. We took our bears into the woods,



listened to a wonderful story and finished with some delicious sandwiches and cakes. We hope all the teddies had the most spectacular time at school. In Maths, the children have enjoyed learning their 'friends of 10' and using their number bonds to help them with some tricky number sentences. This week has been 'jam' packed in Reception, filled with fun and adventure and next week will be no different! Bring on the bunnies!



30th March
School Disco & Easter Egg Hunt
Don't forget to wear mufti

31st March
Last Day of Term
Nursery & Pre Reception - Back Gate - 11.45
Reception - Back Gate - 12.00
Year 1 - Front Entrance - 12.00
Year 2 - Front Entrance - 12.10

Have a lovely Easter



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Evelyn W and Harriet R for their Gold award

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