



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 27th September 2019

Dear Parents

Congratulations to Joseph G, Sophia A, Lucy A and Oliver N for writing and delivering their inaugural Head Boy and Girl Team speeches on Friday. They impressed us all with their confidence and courage and we are very proud of them. On Tuesday we held our Spectacular Space House Day and welcomed Scientist Dan into school to present an excellent assembly all about the solar system. The children were inspired when learning about their class planet and continued their studies back in their classroom. Dan then toured each year group to provide an interactive experiment giving each child a hands on chance to participate. See the website for details and photos of the wonderful afternoon of space themed sporting fun brilliantly devised by Mrs Pryor. A magical day!

On Wednesday evening we welcomed parents into school for the Early Years Curriculum Evening and were delighted to see so many parents enjoying the informative talk and taking part in the interactive session in the Nursery.

On Thursday author Tina Talbot came to read us her excellent book *The Daring Droplets* with the adventures of the World Water Cycle Team. The children impressed her with their scientific knowledge about water and everyone enjoyed the exciting story read by the actual author herself.

Following the story our Librarian Mrs Thum asked all the new librarians, Matilda G, Samuel V, Amelia L, Dylan C, Christopher B and Charlie S to present the Library Raffle with books appropriately chosen that were all about water. Well done Librarians!

Congratulations to Darcy W for being nominated as this week's Lunchtime Superstar for her new brave and wonderful approach to trying and enjoying new foods. Bravo Darcy!

Congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning this week's Housepoint challenge with **492** Housepoints heavily assisted by the award of 100 Housepoints for winning the House Day sporting relay.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Isabella G, Christopher B, Amelia L, Lucy A,
Benjamin C, Rosie T, Autumn W, Elena G, Eloise B,
Daniel B, Ella D and Paul H.

Philosopher of the Week

Gabriel K

Thought for the Week

What is the most important thing to learn in life?

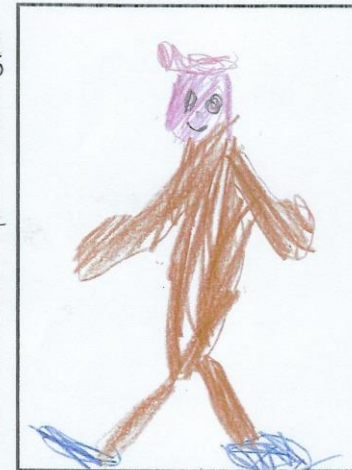
Work of the Week

This week Joseph G from Year 2 Mercury Class has independently written his own well researched fact file about King Henry VIII.

Henry VIII

Catherine of Aragon had a girl called Mary I put Henry divorced her. This is Henry the VIII
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signature

The day Anne's execution
1535 the 45 year old
Henry became engaged to seymour.



Henry loved sport
he played Jousting
Archery wrestling
tennis hunting
hawking

Henry gave his guests 30000 fish 25000 liters of beer and 5000 chickens. He didn't eat any vegetables and he only ate meat.

Henry had 6 wives they were Catherine of Aragon, Anne boleyne, Jane seymour, Anne of cleves, Kathryn, Catherine Parr.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have had great fun in Nursery this week. We have embraced the 'space' theme from House Day and enjoyed a range of outer space activities. Our focus story this week has been 'Whatever Next'. The children have been acting out the story and making the bear some space boots. The children thoroughly enjoyed making some space aliens; we were naming the shapes that we used and counting how many eyes and legs we were adding to our aliens. The weather has been very wet this week but this did not stop us from putting on our waterproofs and adventuring outside to throw rockets (javelins) and shooting stars (bean bags). We have been learning our Harvest poem and song which the children sing beautifully with some lovely actions too! During our House Day activities the children were working with their Key Workers to talk about their Key Group; they then worked together to make a salt dough ornaments to remind them of their own special Key Group. We have been practicing our listening and sound discrimination skills in Nursery phonics this week. The children have been making quiet and LOUD noises with different parts of their bodies as well as identifying different animal noises. Wow we have had a week that has been out of this world!

RECEPTION

It has been a busy and exciting week in Reception. We have participated in the numerous and fun activities of House Day, made knight shields, used clay to make pots in art, looked at 2D shapes and created our own castle pictures as well as phonics, number work, PE, French, music, writing letters and handwriting practice! Wow, we have been busy! The children looked at various knight's shields and we discussed what they were used for and the significance of the design on the front. The children then created their own designs. I think you'll agree they look smashing!

We re-read the story of 'The Paper Bag Princess' and decided that Prince Ronald had been very unkind to the princess. We decided to help him be friends with her again by writing her a sorry letter. The children impressed with their developing phonics knowledge and pencil control.

We were all very keen to learn about this term's artist from our wonderful Art Director Mrs Degg and completed the first steps in creating a glass bottomed clay pot. We can't wait to see the end result.

We revisited the names of many 2D shapes and started to use mathematical language to describe their features and properties such as straight edge and corners. We then used the shapes to make a castle using long, tall rectangles for the turrets and small squares for the battlements. Only 3 full weeks in and Reception are full steam ahead with their learning!

The Foundation Team



Wednesday 2nd October – Year 2 Tea with the Mayor at EEBC.
Friday 4th 9am – VENUS Class Assembly – All Venus parents welcome to attend.
Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

EMU AWARDS - Environment Matters to Us:
This week's EMU Awards go to:
Baxter M and Joshua C.



PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers: Christopher B, Joseph G, Daniel B, Lily W, Lawrence H, Alexander L, Sophie G, Elise D and Bailey T.



Mathletics: Congratulations to the following Year 1 children for achieving their Bronze Awards:

Sophia A, Lily W, Wilf S, Evelyn W, Ella D, Darcy W, Reis P, Bailey T, Harrison G, Holly D, Lawrence H, Felice F, Felicity V, Benjamin C, Conall R and Zachery R.

Year 2 Certificates will follow next week!



Spotty Box awards:

Wilf S for his certificate as Sports Star of the Week for Effort and Positivity

Aaron S for his Little Kickers football certificate

Oliver N for his 10m swimming certificate

Bailey T and Holly D for competing in a 1 mile action Tough Mudder challenge with medals and headbands awards!

Lucy A for earning her Blue Peter Sport Badge 2019



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