



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting half term we can start to celebrate the fact that we are definitely getting closer to our return to normal life here at St Christopher's. One thing that has been missing from our lives is the performance of music by our talented children. It was with particular delight therefore that, on Monday we all enjoyed Musical Performance Day. There were wonderful performances from children as young as 5 to our seasoned performers aged 7 and we all enjoyed the rich variety of piano presentations as well as a selection of talented violinists. Special mention must be made of our two Music Captains Rosie T and Benjamin C who led by example with beautiful solo performances on both instruments. We will round off the week on Friday playing at our charity event with performances by our Violin Group and by our Year 2 Orchestra. Everyone has been in awe of the courage and talent on show this week, well done children.

On Wednesday we welcomed in to school Mrs Dawn Bhoma, one of our dedicated Governors who enjoyed a packed timetable including our Annual Cup Assembly. It was an absolute treat to see such young children being pleased for their friends and a wealth of success, achievement and kindness was celebrated with some delighted cup and certificate winners.

Today we welcomed representatives from Epsom Hospital into school to receive an impressive cheque for £3,094.00. This represented the fundraising activities led by our Charities Coordinator Mrs Lizzie Russell. It was used to buy a 'magic carpet' digital device for the children of Casey Ward and in addition we were able to purchase two Nintendo Switches for their children's ward. The Hospital Reps were treated to a performance by our orchestra and violin group before they enjoyed speeches by Deputy Head Girl Holly D and Deputy Head Boy Rumi W. Our Head Boy Reis P and Head Girl Megan R then presented the cheque and Nintendo gifts and the children who had worked hard to raise the money then received a magic carpet biscuit and drink as they enjoyed a magic carpet story in the sunshine. What a lovely end to the half term.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Blake Y from Mars Class who was nominated by the Catering Team for cheering everyone up with his beaming smile and for using such beautiful manners all the time. Well done Blake.

Congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning this week's Housepoints and leaping to the top of the Board with a superb **767** Housepoints.

You have all been so kind and patient and we have missed sharing your child's achievements in school during Class Assemblies and Sharing our Learning moments. To keep you going and to thank you for your support each Year Group have compiled a short film capturing the essence of your child's working day and I hope you enjoy this snapshot until you can safely return. Special thanks to all the teachers involved. Have a happy and healthy half term.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

#### Merit Awards

Thomas B, Conor L, Isabelle W, Mikayeel A, Oliver K, Raees A, Brody N, Victoria M, Izabella M, Lily W, Wilf S, Gabriella L-T, Holly D, Autumn W, and Jemima H.

#### Philosopher of the Week

Holly D, Benjamin C and Harry S

#### Thought for the week

Does being wealthy make you important?

# St Christopher's Cup Assembly



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Back from our Polar expeditions last week, we have been busy investigating Minibeasts! There are so many different minibeasts to explore and some are tiny so we needed to use magnifying glasses to find them! We have looked everywhere for these tiny creatures inside and out in the garden. We loved learning about how they move and what they can do and tried recreating some of their actions in the garden.



In maths we have been counting spots onto ladybirds after rolling the dice and then trying to carefully write the number for the total of spots. We counted legs onto spiders that we made in the art room, we had to remember to stop at 8 exactly! Once we have made some spiders, we needed a spiders web for them. We made these by punching holes into a paper plate to weave in and out.



We loved the opportunity to become scientists this week and explored what happens if we leave a Gummy Worm in a cup of water. It was a very thorough investigation which started with us measuring our worms, smelling and feeling them before making a prediction. We had some super ideas such as it will 'float', 'melt', 'sink' or 'disappear'. With our predictions recorded it was time to test our ideas. We noticed that nothing happened immediately, but decided to wait and see if anything happened the next day. To our delight the worms had doubled in size and now felt slimy!



## Reception News



Reception have had a fabulous end to the half term this week. We have been continuing to read books from the 'Funny Bones' series. We looked at the story 'The Pet Shop' and thought about the animals in it. The animals all made their sounds in speech bubbles. We discussed what a speech bubble was and had a go at using them ourselves.



We were lucky this week to have had our session with our art specialist Mrs Degg. We had already created a tile out of clay and now was our chance to paint them using special clay paint. We needed to

put on two layers of colour. They will then be glazed fired to a glossy finish. We cannot wait to see the results when they come out of the kiln!

In Maths we have been counting in twos and have been dancing along to a very catchy song to help us learn the pattern. With this in mind we also made the connection with odd and even numbers. Did you know that even numbers always have a friend but odd number has a friend who is on their own! We used these numbers to create a 'Funny Bones' dark, dark street! We were able to choose an odd or even number to put on our house. I hope you will not be too scared of our dark, dark scary houses we made. Some of the houses have a few ghosts and spiders on them!



In PSHE we have been discussing the term 'Responsibility'. A lot of Reception thought that their teachers and parents were very responsible! We thought and suggested ways we could act responsibly too!



The Foundation Team

31st May - 4th June  
Half Term



### Tuesday 8th June - World Oceans Day

To celebrate we encourage all children to bring in a suggested £2 in their purses. Children will receive an ocean themed cupcake and in each class one lucky winner will receive an ocean themed prize. Money raised will go towards an animal adoption charity.



### St Christopher's Masquerade Ball 2021

We are extremely excited to announce that tickets are now on sale! This years ball will be held on Saturday 13th November at the Derby Suite, Epsom Racecourse 7.30pm until 1 am. Dress code is black tie, fabulous frocks and magnificent masks. Please check your parent mail for further details.



### Mathletics

Congratulations to Harrison G for his gold certificate

### Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Congratulation to Evie W for her Grade 3 Gymnastics

Maximo Y won a football tournament and received a gold medal for the Josh Evans Soccer School Winners of May 2021

Wilf S Sent £200 to UNICEF by raising money making tie dye t-shirts with his sister. An oxygen canister for India is £50 so they have managed to send 4!

Harry L, Wilf S, Rumi W, Thomas M and Liam S won medals for playing rugby for the under 7's squad during the 2020/2021 season



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