



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents

The week began with some very rosy cheeked children (and teachers) fresh from a Snow Day Sunday. We could not believe our luck. To have a substantial snow fall is always welcome but to have it on a Sunday when we could all head to the slopes with our sledges, make fabulous snowmen and even enjoy a snowball fight, was a real treat. The fun continued on Monday when uncharacteristically, the bright white snow refused to melt or turn to slush and out on the tennis courts an impressive game of 'ice hockey' took place! Do see and enjoy the wonderful array of snow scenes featured on page 2.

Nursery have enjoyed another week of fun based on their Nursery Rhyme topic. Humpty Dumpty has featured in every area of the Nursery. Walls have been built and rebuilt with ever growing success in the Construction Area and outside a fabulous obstacle course involving walls, has been a huge success. Meanwhile the theme continued in the kitchen with children learning to make the family favourite, scrambled eggs on toast! Fences and flowers were also in evidence everywhere suggested by the 'Mary Mary Quite Contrary' activities and the cold air did not prevent our tiny pupils from donning their warm winter clothes and heading outside for lengthy outdoor entertainment.

The social joy generated by our weekly Zoom opportunities has been a pleasure to watch. Children have enjoyed seeing each other and Reception children enjoyed introducing a range of toys, bears and rabbits following their topic 'Into the Woods' just before their story time. These weekly sessions will continue and if necessary replace the daily story on the allotted day so that the children can enjoy some social fun.

The new online reading scheme has proved to be a great success according to feedback. Clever companies have adapted quickly to the current needs created by the pandemic and our new purchase has introduced a wide range of material to develop this important skill for our young pupils.

As I type, I can hear the sound of running feet coming from Year 2. Joe Wicks is leading the work out and staff and children alike in this Key Worker Pod are getting the day off to a brilliant start. Thank you all for engaging in our focus for healthy minds and bodies. Cookie the Bear continues to be challenged when selecting the weekly Outdoor Awards! You are so inventive with your fresh air adventures and it has been lovely to see examples of dog walking, gardening, ice disc creations, den building and bird watching to name but a few.

Bird watching is something that we can all become involved with this weekend. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) have organised a Big Garden Birdwatch for 29th to the 31st January. You can choose any hour during that period to count the birds that you can see from your garden or your balcony to help them monitor both the species of birds that do visit your area as well as the species that do not. Thanks to your contributions the RSPB will be able to increase their understanding of the challenges faced by wildlife, so do get involved.

Thank you all for your wonderful messages of support and kindness. We return these in equal measures as we continue to be in awe of your positivity and commitment to supporting the remote learning that has been forced upon us all. Just remember that today we are one step closer to being reunited than we were yesterday. Stay strong and safe.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Elena W, Quinn K, Peter G, Clara G, Elena G, Daniella B, Charlie A, Daniel B P, Harry S, Holly D, Zahra M-H and Wilf S.

Philosopher of the Week

Wilf S

Thought for the Week

Is it right to judge people when we don't know their personalities?

This week on Seesaw The Great Snowy Outdoors



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week we have been building walls for Humpty Dumpty and trying to put him back together again. We explored positional language with an obstacle course and made egg on toast in our kitchen! Whilst thinking about Jack and Jill we have carried out some water based science experiments which included making a rainbow! We have made flower pots and pop up flowers for Mary Mary's garden and worked on our story telling skills by sequencing our favourite rhymes. Our sound of the week is t.





Virtual hug from Cookie Bear Awards:

Tate T, Sooha P, Arya K, Zachary R, Annabel H, Lawrence H, Charlie A, Samuel B, Thomas B, Luke B, Edward P d M, Jemima H, Evelyn W, Rosie T, Amelie M and Benjamin C.

Mathletics:

Congratulations to Aaron S, Charlie A, Yasmin M and Olive C for their Gold award



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school



Congratulations to :

Aaron S who received his Little Kickers Certificate of Achievement.

Conall R and Cillian R who earned their Yellow Stripe belt in Kuk Sool Won martial arts

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