



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 3rd February 2017

Dear Parents

Last Friday we all enjoyed Neptune Class's wonderful assembly about the Chinese New Year. We saw terrific footage of their shadow puppet theatre play showing how the animal year order was decided in 'The Great Race'. These young Reception children acted with confidence and we marvelled at their traditional Lion Dance, their Kung Fu dance and their wonderful song. What a packed and excellent performance. Well done to all the children in Neptune Class and thank you very much to Mrs Bolton for this delightful show.

On Wednesday the whole school were in a flutter of joy as we welcomed four real owls into school. Each delightful owl was named appropriately such as 'Owlivia' the lovely Barn Owl and 'Emanuowl' the tiny White-Faced Scops Owl. The Owls enjoyed flying around the Hall during assembly showing off their skills and wing spans and a look of awe and wonder was to be seen on every single child's face. The Reception children have been studying the book 'Owl Babies' and so they then had a chance to hold the owls and have small group sessions with these beautiful creatures learning all about them from their devoted owner Karsten who has 48 owls in his collection. Do look at the lovely photos on page 2 with Caitlin and Thomas.

On Thursday Year 1 set off to Waitrose for a fascinating visit to learn more about their topic about food. The Waitrose Education Department is excellent and the children all dressed in white uniform and hat to tour the food departments and walk-in freezer and everyone got a chance to scan the food on the scanner. The theme of the week in the Library Raffle reflected the fact that it is National Story Telling Week. Well done to Librarians Lauren M and Jack D for running this popular event this week.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Louis G for being a delightful diner in every way. What a wonderful accolade Louis!

You will see not just one Philosopher of the Week but four this week. That is because it was the whole team who collaborated together so successfully to come up with the excellent question during their Philosophy lesson. Well done!

*Congratulations to all the children in **Kemp** House for shining brightly this week with a leading total of **827** Housepoints.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Luke M, Edison O, Annabel V, Fenton F, Sophie M, Jamie H, Ziyah O and Benj S

Philosophers of the Week

Matthew S, Tommy C, Robyn C and Z

Thought for the Week

Are some people better than others?

Work of the Week

In Literacy Year 1 have been learning about different characters and how to write a character profile. We did enjoy the range of interesting characters created by Jupiter Class. Lily T has written this excellent profile about a mean girl all by herself.

Well done Lily, your character looks deceptively nice!

Create Your Own Story Characters



Name:
Lilly

Write about your new character

She is not so ^{good} →
She has not got
any friends.
And she is mean
to everyone. Her
mum gets upset
every day!
And she's naughty
and her pet has a bath



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We have continued investigating our book, 'The Little Red Train to the Rescue' in preparation for our assembly today. What a success it was, we are very proud of the children. You will have 'Kylie' in your ears for the whole weekend! We have been having a go at sequencing the story to create our own zig-zag books. Train and passenger shaped sandwiches have been made in the kitchen along with a birthday cake. Look at Sophia's brilliant rainbow which she drew on our big interactive whiteboard. We had a visit from Mr and Mrs Liu on Monday, where Mr Liu wrote some of the children's names in Chinese. We were very impressed. On Wednesday we all went to see some real live owls in the hall. We watched them fly around and learned some facts, one of them being that owls ears are wonky! Our sound this week has been 'p' and next week it will be 'i', so get looking for lots of igloos, insects and incy, wincy spiders!

Please remember named wet weather gear and Wow moments!

Reception News

Our book this week is Owl

Babies by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson. We are learning to write sentences about what the baby owls said. Caitriona wrote a speech bubble 'Maybe she is getting us food' and Annie wrote 'Mummy will be back soon'. We discussed how the baby owls might be feeling: worried, sad, scared and frightened were some of the children's super suggestions. Our role play has gone 'dark!' We now have a dark

house which we have enjoyed exploring with torches, nocturnal animals, puppets and glow in the dark objects. We have made some fabulous sponge print owls, carefully printing eyes with 3 different sized circles and colours and making claws by printing with sticks found by the children in our playground. Artie has made a nest for the owls as you can see from this super photo. We have also enjoyed exploring a new maths resource called Numicon which is a multi-sensory approach to understanding number and developing skills in problem solving and reasoning. How exciting!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day (please see separate letter).

Wednesday 8th February – Grandparents' Morning for Children in Dahl and Donaldson Houses.

Thursday 9th February – Grandparents' Morning for Children in Ahlberg and Kemp Houses.

Friday 10th February 9.15 – 11.00 – Open Morning for Prospective Parents – Please invite any friends or family to attend. Details available from the school office.

HALF TERM - 13TH – 19TH FEBRUARY

Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd February – Poetry Recital Competitions

Wednesday 22nd February 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.45pm - Second Hand Uniform Sales in the outdoor classroom.



HOUSE ACTIVITIES – We have some exciting house activities planned for later in the term. Please ensure your child has a house T Shirt. These are available from the school office.

This week's Happiness Hamsters

This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils: Satvika R.



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P, Annie S.

There are four types of Playground Panther. Patrol Panthers look out for rough play and intervene or report to an adult. Polite Panthers are kind and friendly and quick to involve others in their games. Playful Panthers think up exciting new games and encourage others to join in and Promising Panthers may have played roughly before but are now committed to gentle safer play. This week's Playground Panthers is Athena D. James W, Zach

Would you be interested in advertising in our Music Festival Programme?

We are inviting sponsors for the programme for this year's festival on 9th March. The programmes are given out to the large audience of parents from the local area as well as the participating children. The cost will be £50 for a half page and £100 for a full page colour advertisement in a prominent place in our A5 glossy programme. If you would like to publicise your business or you know of a local business who would be interested in this opportunity, please contact the school office.