



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 31st January 2020

Dear Parents

On Friday Mercury Class delivered an assembly that was both entertaining and informative. They have been thinking about the environment and considering ways that they can make a difference and possibly earn an EMU! Mercury told us about how we are potentially damaging our planet in an assembly that encouraged us to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. They then delivered a lovely play based on the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and delighted us with the song My Planet. Well done Mercury. This was a very important message to share and you did it with such confidence and style. Special thanks to Miss Drayton for such a well-produced show.

On Tuesday Samuel's mummy, Mrs Van Delft came in to tell Year 2 all about Sri Lanka. Her photos, artefacts and food gave us a wonderful picture of this beautiful country and made everyone want to hurry to the Travel Agents and book a trip! Thank you so much.

On Wednesday we were all surprised to find our assembly disturbed by a dog barking and when we looked we saw Toto, a real small black dog who arrived with a rainbow scroll featuring an invitation written on a yellow brick road to invite Year 2 to be part of The Great Read which is a special competition all about books. I wonder if you can guess the title of the book that will be featured in the Classic Book Round?

On Thursday it was all about sport as we welcomed Tom Slate, Chairman of the junior Chipstead Rugby Club to come and talk to us about the benefits and history of rugby. We loved hearing all about it and are now enthusiastically looking forward to watching the 6 Nations starting this weekend and getting involved in this national sport.

To begin the Rugby assembly, Librarians Matilda, Amelia, Charlie, Christopher, Dylan and Samuel ran a super Library Raffle with books inspired by sport helped by Librarian Mrs Thum.

This week we began the Times Tables Awards beginning with a Bronze Star recognising multiplication magic. To earn a Bronze Star children need to know their 2s, 5s and 10 time tables at speed and in a random order. Starting the awards this week were Jisoo P, Joshua C and Medina O who really shone with their quick fire answers.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Cillian R in Nursery for such a splendid improvement in all that he eats at Lunchtime. Well done Cillian!

Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for winning the Housepoint challenge in week three. The total Housepoints this week are 855. Well done **Ahlberg** House!

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

James N, Christopher B Pearson, Felicity V, Zachery R, Lily W, Bailey T, Sam S, Charlie S, Charlie A, Monty H, Ilyas A and Joseph O

Philosophers of the Week

Sam S, Sophie R, Sophia A and Charlie S

Thought for the Week

How important is it to persevere?

Work of the week

This weeks work of the week is from Lily W, Saturn Class.

Lily visited the Guildford Victorian Museum with Year 1 and was inspired to write this account all by herself without any help. Well done Lily.

Why



When I wock up I sprung out of bed because I was so excited for our school trip. I got to school and I went to the toilet. I put my rain coat on. We went out side and the coach was waiting for us. I looked out of the window. When we were there we had brack. I put on a pharjor. we sang oranges and lemons. Then we went up stairs and made hats and decorated them. Meanwhile Jupiter were playing down stairs. After we made our hats we slowly walked down stairs. Then we played with the toys. Jupiter joined us and we had lunch. The pudding was a flapjack. After that we went to see the carle remaining. Then the coach picked us up and on the way back it was as slow as a snail. When we got back to school we had golden time. Finally we went home.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



We have had a great week in Nursery this week; our focus book has been 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have enjoyed making their own Gingerbread Man from a range of materials including Salt dough, play dough and clay. We have our very own Gingerbread Cottage in the Nursery and the children have been putting their playdough gingerbread men in the oven to cook, and some of them have jumped out and run away! The children are very good at retelling the story using the key phrases especially 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man'.

They have used their experiences of the story to create their own Gingerbread Man story maps. In the kitchen this week the children have been busy making Gingerbread Men! They weighed and mixed the ingredients, rolled out the dough with a rolling pin and used a cutter to make their Gingerbread Man shape. Some of our Gingerbread Men wanted to be decorated with beautiful diamonds; the children had to roll the dice and count out the correct amount of diamonds for each one. Our focus sound has been 's' in Nursery this week; we have been thinking about words that begin with 's' and making our very own snakes to remind us what a 's' looks like. The children were all amazing with the 's' sound, I'm sure they would be able to tell you some objects that begin with the sound 's'. What a super week in Nursery.



Reception News

What a fun week we have had in Reception! This week the children have enjoyed reading the story 'Tiddler' that is all about a story-telling fish. We have used this wonderful story, by



Julia Donaldson, to power up our own imaginations and inspire our writing. The children had to think of an exciting excuse as to why they might be late for school. For example, 'I was late because I was diving with a mermaid and we had a tea party' or 'I was late because I was swimming with a shark and then I had to rescue a sea turtle from a net. We loved reading all the children's exciting imaginative ideas. In maths, we talked about Tiddler's day and sequenced the events in chronological order. We used this to talk about telling the time and used

time language such as lunchtime, home time and bedtime to sequence our own daily

routine. We even used o'clock to record some of the events in our day. In PSHE, we have been discussing why telling the truth is important. We linked this to the story of Tiddler. He gave many excuses for being late but was he telling the truth? We also read The Boy Who Cried Wolf and talked about the benefits of telling the truth and what might happen if we are untruthful. We have also had so much fun learning all about the different sea creatures that live in our oceans and recalling facts about certain ones such as hermit crabs, seahorses and puffer fish. Did you know that if a hermit crab gets fed up of its shell, it can move out!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 5th February Year 2 trip to Kidzania



Wednesday 5th February PTA second hand uniform sale

11.45am-12.15pm & 2.45pm -3.30pm

Friday 7th February JUPITER class assembly

All Jupiter parents welcome to attend
Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am



**Helpful reminder –Registration now open for
younger siblings to join Nursery**



EMU AWARDS - Environment Matters to Us:
Christopher B P
Mathias P
Conall R

MATHLETICS:

Congratulations to Elise D and Felice F for their Silver Award
and Holly D and Jisoo P for their Gold Award



SPOTTY BOX AWARDS:

Jemima H for her Shooting Star Award
Sophie R for her Netball Award
Dexter R for his Swimming Duckling Certificate
Conall R for his Rugby Certificate for great tagging
Rumi W for his 10m Swimming Certificate
Miss Kate Rendall for her Apple Teacher Certificate

FULL SET WINNIE THE POOH CERTIFICATE: Huge Congratulations to
Luca K and Joshua C who have earnt all
five Winnie the Pooh characters by demonstrating

Resourcefulness

Resilience

Reflection

Responsibility

Respect



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