



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 4th March 2016

Dear Parents

Last week in amongst African drumming and poetry joy we were also lucky enough to have a visit and demonstration from a British Sporting Champion. Poppy Giles currently holds 8 titles in her category of Kickboxing and is the British champion in the under 37kg class. All of this success and she is only 12 years old. She delivered a wonderful talk about her passion and achievement in Kickboxing at a national level and then showed the children how it is done. Poppy was a true inspiration and we look forward to watching her progress and having her back to visit us with an Olympic Gold!

On Friday we all enjoyed Saturn Class's assembly about their topic, Traditional Tales. The children brilliantly demonstrated some choral speaking as they told us the traditional version of the Little Red Hen and then the fun started. In the contemporary version of the same tale 'Mrs Taylor' required help from the staff as she wished to bake some gingerbread men. Mr Bennett, Mrs Degg and a rather lovely 'Mrs Thackray' were all played superbly by Jack, Sienna, Athena and Freya and the whole audience enjoyed the clear moral set out by this wonderful tale. Team Saturn should be very proud of themselves. Well done to all and thank you to Mrs Russell for this super production and to Mrs Meredith Bennett, Mrs Degg and Mrs Richardson for their assistance.

Donaldson Day was a huge success thanks to you all for providing such clever and creative costumes. 3 prizes of Julia Donaldson's latest book and CD were awarded per class in a very close contest. Special thanks to Mrs London for organising this excellent day and for her enterprising idea of a Donaldson Egg Heads Competition to start the day. We all enjoyed it and were introduced to yet more book titles by this talented author.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Scarlett S for being an example to others and enjoying her lunch and seconds each day. Well done Scarlett.

The children in Dahl House are delighted to be right at the top of the Leader Board this week with a splendid 1094 Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Zac P, Benji S, Baylen B, Claudia M,

Freya B, Eddie H, Zachery C, Mia P, Rafael I, Sienna S, Lily T, John D, Iman O, Kaila K, Milo B, Noah B, Oscar R, Savannah G, Max G and George F.

Philosopher of the Week

Oscar R

Thought of the Week

How important is winning?

Work of the Week - Neptune Class

Neptune Class in Reception have been learning about different creatures that live under the sea and they each wanted to make an information book. Ethan used features of a non-fiction book eg facts, labels, page titles and numbers. He then chose to write his information all by himself using his phonic knowledge to help construct his words. Well done Ethan.

My Sea Creature Fact Book



By
Ethan

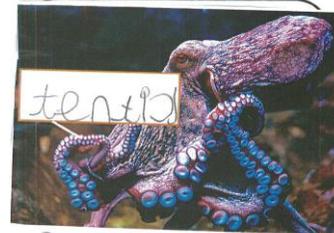
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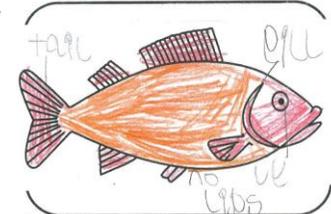
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Fish



Fish hav skin
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Foundation Stage News



Donaldson Day was great fun. We do love to dress up! There are so many characters to choose from. This week in Nursery our feature book by Julia Donaldson was 'What the Ladybird Heard' so in Nursery we have been making ladybirds. We took care to make and count the same number of spots on each of the ladybird's wings. The children have made some great maps of

the route 'Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh' might take through the farm. The children love joining in with the rhyming words and repeated refrains of all the Julia Donaldson stories we have enjoyed this week.

Stick men, ladybirds and Gruffalos are all learning their phonics on iPads and making 'Silly Soup' using objects with the same initial sound. This week the focus was on 'n'.



It takes a lot of practice to master all sorts of skills. We are so proud of the Pre Reception children's hard work as they learn to write their names. Another important and tricky skill is doing up a zip: please help your children by asking them to try doing their own zips.

The Reception children have written invitations to invite their families to visit the school on Saturday. They have been very busy learning and making props for their assemblies. 'The Big Sea' has been a fascinating topic for the Reception children who are so keen to learn about the creatures and the people they would find there. children's wonderful imaginations and creativity produced some lovely work and their classrooms amazing.

Decorating cakes and preparing for the Mother's tea has also been a very important activity this week. All of the children are looking forward to showing their families around our school on 'Show Case' Saturday morning.

The Foundation Team



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DIARY DATES

SHOWCASE MORNING ON SATURDAY 5TH MARCH

10.30am - 12.30pm

You are warmly invited to look around the school and visit your child's classroom with family and friends.

Thursday 10th March 11.30 - 12.45

Year 2 Music Festival at St Martin's Church, Epsom

Parents and friends very welcome.

10th March: Last Pre-Nursery afternoon

Friday 11th March at 9am: MARS Class Assembly

Parents are welcome to attend. Light refreshments in the porch from 8.30am.

Friday 11th March: CLUBS FINISH

OWLS & LARKS BOOKINGS SUMMER TERM

Forms are now available from the office and on our website.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS FOR RECEPTION, Y1 and Y2

Information will be distributed early next week.

GRANDPARENTS' MORNINGS

Wednesday 20th April: Ahlberg & Dahl

Thursday 21st April: Donaldson & Morpurgo

Please see recent letter for full details.

RSVP by Wednesday 16th March



STAFF CAR PARK

Please note that the Staff Car Park at the front of the building is not a public car park at any time of the day. Please ensure that you park in adjacent roads when collecting your child from clubs or OWLS. Thank you.



**Mathletics: Many congratulations go to:
Zachery C, Zac P and Ziyah O for gaining their
Gold Awards.**