



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 6th March 2020

Dear Parents

Last week I told you about the A Cappella Competition that we entered with our Year 2 group 'The Mini-uets' and I am delighted to say that we won the award for 'The Most Engaging Performance' and our brilliant singing troupe headed up to collect their award from the fabulous Sons Of Pitches with delight. Huge congratulations to songsters Sophie R, Thomas, Gabriel, Nereya, Jisoo, Sophia, Mathias, Lucy and Annie for their amazing performance and special thanks to talented Mrs Mulhern. Do see the website News for photos

On Monday it was the turn of our Year 2s with a passion for Science and Engineering to be selected for a special visit to Atkins in Epsom to celebrate the great opening of their new building. As part of the celebrations children from local schools were invited with a talent for STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths). Our 7 stars were split into inter-school groups and took part in a fantastic design exercise. As well as a medal, the winning team had the extraordinary honour of cutting the official ribbon to declare the new building open and we were so proud to see Wilf and Joseph in first place. Well done to our STEM stars; Joseph, James C, Sophie B, Matilda, George, Charlie, Thomas and Wilf!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, it was Parents Evenings and we were all delighted to see so many of you and to share tales of hard work, industry and success.

On Wednesday we welcomed Mr Ed Lloyd from Comic Relief in to school who shared the Sports Relief Assembly with our own Mrs Pryor and made us all determined to secure some sponsors for the Sports Relief Mile that we will all be running next Tuesday 10th March. With the children's help Mrs Pryor acted out the paired running we shall be doing next Tuesday and Joshua made a lovely stand in for Mrs Pryor wearing a beautiful blonde wig.

On Thursday it was all about books as we joined the rest of the world to celebrate World Book Day. We were fortunate to have The Long Nose Puppet Theatre for the morning to perform Arthur's Dream Boat by Polly Dunbar. The theme of the day was all about dreams and boats thanks to Mrs Louisa Taperell who created some wonderful activities for us all to enjoy. The colourful costumes were generated choice this year for each child came as a character created by their own House author. The school was a sea of colour and laughter and we all enjoyed this extraordinary day with huge thanks to our generous PTA for making it even more special thanks to their sponsorship. Do see the pictures on p 2.

This week we have awarded Times Tables Bronze Stars to Logan R, Nereya P, Matilda G and Erin O for their quick fire multiplication magic.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Alexander L for much improved eating and trying different types of food. Well done Alexander!

Congratulations to all the children in **Kemp** House for winning the Housepoint challenge this week. The total Housepoints this week are **1921**. Very well done.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Sophie B, Erin O, Edward P d M, Dexter R, Amelia L, Logan R, Ella D, Maximo Y, Scarlett C, Lawrence H, Izzy J and Florence Q

Winners of the Best Boat Name Awards

Year 2- Sam S- Cruise of Doom

Year 1- Zachery R- Royal Water Boat

Reception- Dexter R- Dino-Raw

Nursery- Elizabeth L- A Cappella

World Book Day



Stars



Neptune



Jupiter



Saturn



Mars



Mercury

Earth

World Book Day 2020 Prize Winners



Venus



Sky



Moon



Sun



Sparkling Stars

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



In Nursery, we have embraced World Book Day and created a week of excitement. We have been looking at a range of stories from our House authors as well as our focus book 'Arthur's Dreamboat'. The children have been busy baking 'Gruffalo Crumble' in the kitchen area to eat at the snack table; they chopped the apples, weighed the ingredients and used the rubbing in method to create the



crumble mix. We have been working on our fine motor skills this week with lots of threading and weaving; the children have created their own dream catchers using a needle and thread. As part of our World Book Day activities, we have been designing our own boats. The children used shiny gems and fabric pens to personalise their boats. On completion of their boats they had to give them a name for good luck. We had some very creative ideas including Super Duck, Little Mermaid and Wavey. The children all looked wonderful in their World Book Day



costumes and we all enjoyed looking at our friends dressed up and sharing each other's special books. Our sound this week is 'p'. The children have been learning to say, recognise and write the sound; and our song is 'puff out the candles on the pink pig cake!' As part of learning 'p' we had many problems in the Nursery including all the numbers and numicon pieces going missing! Wow, what a busy week in Nursery.



Reception News

What is Under the Sea?

Reception have been investigating which sea creatures we could find in the world's oceans. We came up with lots of different and varied ones ranging from angelfish to humpback whales. We decided to

investigate a few in detail and found out lots of facts about a shark, jellyfish, sea turtle and octopus. Just ask your Reception child about them – we are experts!

We looked at a clip from the animated film 'Shark Tale'. Looking at the sharks, we decided that they were probably 'mean' to other creatures that live in the sea. In each class we investigated the word 'mean'. Our discussion was about what 'being mean' means, consequences of being 'mean' and our feelings. We even developed a strategy of what to do if we encountered someone being mean to us. 1. Ignore them or walk away. 2. Tell them to stop! 3. Tell a grown up. It was great to hear the maturity of the children when discussing the best choice to make. This is a key area in the EYFS framework – well done Reception! We have been



very busy creating our own ideas in self-initiated learning time. The teachers have been super impressed with our independent writing, reading and maths work! What super stars! In handwriting practice, we have been learning to develop a cursive script with lead-ins and lead-outs, remembering to start on the line. The phrase we use to help us remember is 'Start on the line and you'll be fine!' Another busy and fun filled learning week in Reception!



The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Tuesday 10th March Sports Relief Mile

Please wear your house T-Shirts with your PE kit



Thursday 12th March St Christopher's Music festival

11.30-12.30 St Martins Church, Epsom
Year 2 parents invited

Friday 13th March Neptune Class Assembly

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



The grand opening of the new Atkins building with the ribbon being cut by the winning design team including two St Christopher's boys.



MATHLETICS:

Congratulations to Rumi W for his Silver Award and to Sophia A for her Gold Award



SPOTTY BOX AWARDS:

Laurence H for his Rainbow 10 metres Swimming Certificate

Grace H for her Shooting Star Award

Bethany C for her Rainbow Guide Promise Certificate

Emily L for her Blue Peter Music Badge Award

Harrison G for being Star of the Week in Rugby

Megan R for sponsoring a Guide Dog called Molly

Avery G for his Great Tagging in Rugby Certificate

Joseph G and Wilf S for their winner's medal for the Atkins STEM Challenge

Sophie B, Matilda G, George and Charlie S, James C and Thomas S for their STEM participation medals.



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