



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Dear Parents

Welcome back for our last half term of the year which promises to be an enjoyable and memorable one.

The children have all eagerly checked the duck eggs nestled in the incubator in the reception area and they are also eggcited about the hen's eggs that have been added to the brood. Which will hatch first, a chick or a duckling and what will they look like? We will keep you posted.

On Wednesday we welcomed inspirational speaker and sportswoman Alexandra Rickham into school to deliver a wonderful assembly all about her double Bronze Medal sailing success in the Paralympic Games in both London and Rio. We heard about how a diving accident lost her the use of her legs and she showed us how adept she was in her wheelchair as well as demonstrating the special seat that she needs to use in her sailing boat. We tried on her waterproof clothing and unrolled her Paralympic sail complete with Union Jack and our Sports Captains Elodie B and Isaac F held and wore a Bronze Medal! Because the medals are from the Paralympic Games we learnt that they have braille inscribed upon them and for hearing impaired competitors they have different shaky sounds inside the medal to distinguish between Gold, Silver and Bronze. We enjoyed every moment of this assembly.

The assembly was also enjoyed by Mr Steve M recently elected on to our Board of Governors and he took part in lessons throughout the morning during the termly governor visit experience.

On Thursday Nursery, Pre-Reception and Reception joined together for a Foundation Rotation day all about Spain. No passports were required as the children 'boarded the plane' with Euros that they had carefully cut out during the week. They loved their packed day of entertainment including Flamenco Dancing, Picasso Art, Flag Making, Beach Volley Ball and cooking Churros!

I am writing this Newsletter from the beautiful Surrey countryside with Year 2 who are all away on their annual residential to Juniper Hall. Do check Twitter and our website for some up to date photos and more news next week.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Nadia A in Year 1 for always trying every dish that is on offer. Bravo Nadia!

Congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning the first week of our last half term challenge with a wonderful total of **965** Housepoints.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### Merit Awards

Isabella G, Mathias P, Sophia A, Medina O, Reis P, Harry L, Beatrix B and Conall R.

### Philosopher of the week

Jessica H

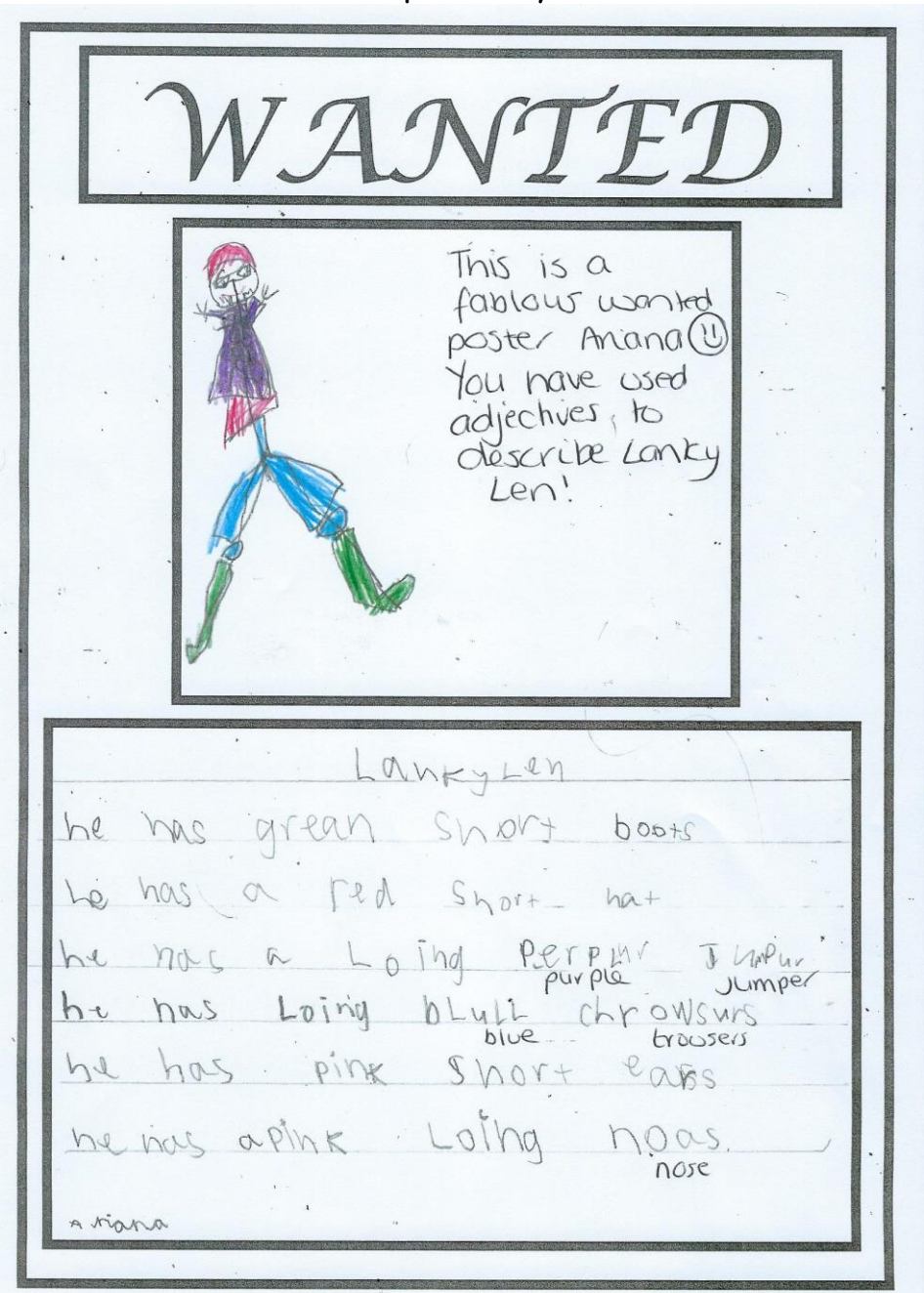
### Thought of the Week

Is it good to go on adventures?

### Work of the Week

Reception Neptune Class have been creating wanted posters using adjectives to describe Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh! We wanted to stop them stealing our eggs!

Ariana A created is wonderful poster all by herself. Well done Ariana.



## Foundation Stage News

### **NURSERY AND PRE-RECEPTION**



Welcome back to the last half term of the school year. Our summer show is now a distant memory as we look forward to a variety of different events. Thursday saw our 'Foundation Rotation' where we jetted off to Spain and took part in many Spanish themed activities before returning home and enjoying our inflight snack. The children tried flamenco dancing, Spanish word games, Picasso and Gaudi style art, beach volleyball, Spanish landmark building and making Churros for eating! Our sound of the week this week has been 'c'. Cucumber, cream cheese and crackers, carrots and a little bit of birthday cake have been available at the snack café, along with our normal fruit selection. We made a very special birthday cake this week, when the large egg we have been looking after finally hatched and out came a fresh egg and a note from a mysterious creature asking us to make a dinosaur cake with the egg while he has gone off on an adventure. Cillian and his friends made a delightful cake which we shared and our eyes have been peeled for the mysterious creature who may be exploring the nursery grounds as we speak!



**RECEPTION** Mystery, planning and excitement sums up our week in reception. We received an interesting box from the Ladybird! (She is the main character in our focus story 'What the Ladybird Heard'). She informed us that Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh were up to their old tricks and trying to steal our lovely chicken and duck eggs. Luckily the children in Neptune class have had some amazing ideas and plans about how to stop them; we have been creating wanted posters using adjectives to describe the characters, making ladybirds to guard the eggs and masks to scare



the thieves away. So far, our super plans have worked. Mars class have been busy writing about all the different ideas that the ladybird might whisper to her farm friends. In maths this week we have been learning how to double numbers; we have been doubling the number of spots on our lovely ladybird creations. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Spain as part of the Foundation rotation; the children looked the part in their

very snazzy holiday clothes!

Wow what a week of fun and hard work. Well done reception! **The Foundation Team**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 8.30 – 8.55am – Sharing Our Learning – All Parents welcome to come and share the hard work your children have been doing this term.**

***Including Nursery and Pre-Reception parents.***

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 at Chinthurst Sports Fixture.**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Pre-Reception visit to London Museum of Steam and Water.**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 8.30 – 10.30am – Fathers' Day Challenge.**



### **PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

**This week's playground panthers:**

**Saraya J, Zoe M, Gabriella L and Annie R.**

**'Leading Llama':** There are various ways to earn this special award by being a leading example in behaviour, effort and achievement. These super stars earned a Llama this week. Ask your child to tell you why they earned their Leading Llama Award:

**Thomas P and Maxwell D.**



**Mathletics – Congratulations to Arabella M, Lucy A, Jisoo P and Sophie R for achieving their Gold Awards.**



**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE THEIR SUNHAT IN SCHOOL.**

**Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter @StChrisEpsom for information and weekly highlights**

