



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed your long Bank Holiday weekend, made slightly longer thanks to Thames Water! May I just express my admiration to you all for seamlessly showing flexibility and support to each other as you negotiated your way through changing your arrangements on Friday. What a lot of lovely parents we have.

We are still celebrating the gradual return to normal and this has been particularly joyful as we reunite for Merit and special assemblies in our extended pods. We warmly welcomed Nursery to a very grown up Merit Assembly where they had a chance to join in with singing and celebration as well as take part in our hugely popular Library Raffle. The Librarians were delighted to be drawing the raffle for the whole school and stepped forward with pride to award books with a theme of 'Animals' to the lucky and very happy winners.

The return of After School Clubs have also brought great joy to the children and a splendid selection of sports clubs have seen the field and Hall busy providing cricket, gymnastics, football, netball, rugby, tennis and dynamic dancing! Added to that all the creative clubs and you will picture the scenes after school with very busy and energetic children making the most of every moment.

This half term we are getting involved with the Royal Mail's Stamp Design Competition. The theme of this competition is 'Heroes' and our young artists have been busy creating a design that might win and become an actual stamp that we can buy! Special thanks to the Chairs of the School Council Ella D and Felicity V for championing this initiative and for designing some beautiful posters placed around the school to encourage all children to take part.

Congratulations to Barnaby B this week's Lunchtime Superstar for always having a beaming smile as well as showing such polite manners to all the kitchen staff. Well done Barnaby.

Because the House Captains were deprived of their glory last Friday we have frozen the Housepoints this week and so we continue to celebrate **Dahl** House with **165** Well done **Dahl** House.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Olivia H, Clara G, Quinn K, Parva A, Logan H, Ethan R, Luca G, Dexter R, Mia G, Harriet R, Eloise B-S,
Harry L, Elise D, Beatrix B and Harrison G.

Philosopher of the Week
Maximo Y, Zahra M-H and Ella D

Thought for the week
Does money make you happy?

Work of the week

The work of the week this week is by Year 2 Mercury Class. Inspired by the book, Dear Greenpeace. Megan wrote an informative yet encouraging letter to Holly explaining why it would be best if Holly didn't keep an endangered green turtle as pet. Wonderful

<p>Holly Denger 6 Downs Road Epsom Surrey</p>	<p>WWF The Living planet Centre Rufford house Woking</p>
<p>Dear Holly</p>	<p>Tuesday 4th May 2021</p>
<p>Thank you for your letter. but It is a really good idea but it will be very hard to find the beautiful creatchers. They are 3 to 4 feet long and weighs 300 to 350 pounds so it would be really hard to carry it to your house. They are named after there coloured fat. You wont know where it was born to lay there eggs. Did you now that they are the largest specie of hard-shelled turtles? I think Green turtles should be left in the ocean.</p>	
<p>Yours sincerely from Megan (WWF)</p>	<p>What a wonderful letter. It is very informative and explains why green turtles should stay in the ocean.</p>

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What an exciting week we have had in Nursery. This week we have begun our journey through the jungle. The children have been learning about different animals that they might find in the jungle. As explorers they have been thinking about different items they might need to pack for their adventure. As we have learnt that it is very wet and warm in the jungle the children decided that we would need a sun hat, sun cream, a rain coat and lots of food. They then created their own back-



packs with some personal items too remembering of course, that we need our cuddly toys. We have been a bit worried about some of our jungle animals as they have seemed poorly; luckily we have a Jungle Animal Hospital where our vets jumped into action and helped our poorly animals. It's a busy job being a jungle animal vet as some of the animals are tricky to weigh and measure but no job is too tricky for the nursery children. They were able to measure the animals using a range



of resources to find the biggest and the smallest. Outside the jungle expedition continued with the children investigating animal tracks and hunting for animals in the garden; they were very careful as they crossed the crocodile infested water and the snakes hanging from the trees. In the kitchen this week the children have been making their very own 'Vegetable Jungles'. We have been using our knife skills to slice the vegetables and made a bean dip. The Vegetable Jungles tasted yummy at the snack table. What a delicious week!



Reception News

Reception have had a wonderful week, exploring feelings and emotions in a variety of ways! The children started off with a game of 'How am I?'. They worked together to guess the emotion on someone's face. The children had to come up with a list of many different words to describe the given feelings! Some of our favourite 'feeling words' were delighted, terrified, nervous, and relaxed! Following on from our superb writing and with brains full of wonderful words, to conclude our Huge Bag of Worries work, the children then created their own 'emoji' biscuit



faces! Mars and Neptune classes are perhaps the inventors of some awesome new emojis! In Mathematics, the children focused on understanding and explaining the real value of a number. Ask your children, 'What is 5? What is 10?' The children used a variety of manipulatives to show and tell the value of a number. They wrote their own number sentences to explain how to reach the given number and used unifix cubes, playdough and toy animals to show each other what the number looks like! Reception absolutely loved their first Art class with Mrs Degg, since returning to school! The children were introduced to their new artist, Sayed Haider Raza and explored the bright, abstract creations with their hidden deeper meanings! The children have been left eager and excited to create their clay tile over the next few weeks!

**Parent Forum on Zoom
11th May 9-10am**

**Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :
Congratulation to Megan R who played in a football
tournament scoring the winning goal. Megan also
received her Green Blue Peter badge for helping save
a stranded fish back into the sea.**



**Aaron S received the Star of the Day at Headstart holiday club for
effort and performance.**

**Rosie T for helping the charity ZSL ensure a better future for animals
worldwide.**



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Lawrence H for his Gold award.

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