



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 8th March 2019

Dear Parents

Last week the school was filled with poetry and applause during our special Poetry Recital Week. We were delighted with every child's contribution and you can see photos of the Grand Final on page 2.

On Tuesday the sun shone for our Great House Pancake Relay Race and the children raced outside eager to try their hand at flipping a pancake whilst running. Do have a look at the colourful photos on Twitter or on the whole school news section of our website. The Nursery and Pre-Reception children waved their House flags and cheered on the big children who ran with confidence which saw a 40 Housepoint win for Kemp. The younger pupils then followed suit inspired by the older ones who waved and cheered enthusiastically and this time it was Donaldson who won the 40 Housepoint prize.

On Thursday it was time to 'get creative' with some fabulous dressing up ideas as we celebrated World Book Day, the international initiative, with a specific focus on the Happy Families books by Allan and Janet Ahlberg. We enjoyed a brilliant costume parade to start the day and then Mrs Taperell organised a feast of wonderful activities and we moved around in rota to bounce like Mrs Wobble the Waitress, bake like Master Bun the Baker, and build like Mr Brick the builder to name but few. The day ended with an entertaining joke competition from Mr Jolly's Joke Shop judged by our wonderful PTA Chair Mrs Elizabeth Hibbert. Huge thanks to Mrs Taperell and indeed to the PTA who generously sponsored so many activities including the tie dye shirts and the bouncy castle and for generously buying an Ahlberg book for every child in the school. Thank you very much. Do check the website for the splendid photos.

This week we say congratulations to Satvika R and James B for sailing through their times tables test and earning their smart Bronze Star Award.

The School Council announced last week their new project for the term. Their wish to make a new 'Bug Hotel' can come true if we can have some kind donations please of old materials listed on page 4. Thank you.

Congratulations to Thomas M for being nominated as this week's Lunchtime Superstar for remembering to drink his water every day without any prompting! Well done Thomas.

*Congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning this week's Housepoint challenge with a super total of **1235** Housepoints, supported by their **60** Housepoint overall total for the Pancake Relay.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's World Book Day Prize Winners:

Nursery: Ariana A

Reception: Benjamin C

Year 1: Baxter M

Year 2: Fraser W

Events of the Week



Poetry Final Fun



Pancake Relay Revels



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Another busy week at St Christopher's with a whole host of different activities for the children to experience. Our annual Pancake Relay took place on Tuesday morning with all the children running in their House teams, flipping the pancakes as they went. Every child took part in the running and also waved their House flags to cheer on the older children for their race. We have thoroughly enjoyed making and eating our own pancakes in the Nursery kitchen with the children choosing a variety of different toppings. We have been making playdough pancakes



and flipping them in our frying pans as well as having our own pancake races in the garden. It was lovely to see you all for Parents Evening this week and I hope you found it informative and that we helped you to be even prouder of your children than usual. Thursday meant World Book Day and the children all looked amazing; thank you for all the effort that you made. Many exciting activities were prepared for the children to enjoy, including making bread rolls, building real brick walls, washing socks, wobbly obstacle course, treasure hunt, buzzy bee craft and a sneak thief snack café game. Your child will have a little booklet in their bags to fill in with you, so please return them as soon as possible.

RECEPTION The children in Reception started the week with some amazing news writing, they were very eager to share their weekend news with each other. All the children thoroughly enjoyed Pancake Day; we were busy writing shopping lists and taking orders for pancake toppings, chocolate being a huge favourite! Happy Families by Allan Alhberg is our theme for World Book Week, we have been sharing the stories and thinking about which family is our favourite and why. The children have been talking about who lives in their house and drawing their family home. We have been designing book marks to use at home for story time with our grownups and creating book covers for stories that they love to read. In small groups the children have been creating their own stories using picture prompt cards. They were intrigued to find out which character, setting and item they would have in their story. Would it be a witch in the forest with a golden ticket or a dragon in the cave with a chocolate bar? What a busy but enjoyable week



The Foundation Team



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 14th March 11.30am - Music Festival at St Martin's Church, Epsom
- All Year 2 parents welcome to attend.**

**Friday 15th March 9am - MERCURY Class Assembly - All parents
from Mercury are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served
under the porch from 8.30am.**

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL'S WISH LIST:

Items to be donated please so that the children can make a new 'Bug Hotel': Broken tiles, old carpet, bamboo, bricks with holes, pallets, straw, flowerpots and bark. Please contact Mrs Kay if you can help.



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**We continue to be so pleased to see the positive response to our Kind Koala initiative. Well done to the following children for demonstrating acts of particular kindness this week:
Isabella G, Ariana A, Artie B, Max T, Caitriona O and James W.**

PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers are Annie S, Fenton F, Lawrence H and Lucy A.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

It has come to our notice that the back gate is occasionally being left propped open at the end of the school day. This is very dangerous so please make sure that the gate is closed behind you or if you have any problems, please inform a member of staff.

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

