



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents

We have been so busy this week that I am not sure that I will be able to fit all the news onto one page!

On Wednesday Year 2 discovered which special role they had been awarded in the Year 2 Honours Assembly. The whole school was there to celebrate and Nursery Staff beamed with pride at the choices for the children who had begun their education journey years before under their tender care. We could not have been prouder of the children who cheered for their friends as the important list was read out and the children came to the front of the Hall to receive their Honours Badges and receive their well-deserved applause. Do see the photos on Twitter @StChrisEpsom.

On Thursday we welcomed in the Explorer Dome who provided two outstanding sessions for our children. Reception children are studying Space and they enjoyed the light and music show inside the dome as they felt themselves transported up into the sky for a tour of the planets and fascinating information about the moon.

It was then the turn of Year 1 to enter the magical Dome for a tour of the human body to support the Year 1 Science topic about the human body. The children 'journeyed through' the human body and unravelled a model of the digestive system as well as studying a skeleton as they were treated to a fascinating sound and light show.

Year 2 did not miss out because on Thursday they headed off for their first school trip of the year to further their study of Italy by visiting Dorking! A hands on pizza making opportunity greeted the children in Pizza Express and their carefully made creations were brought home to savour in their own box. Then it was off to Denbies vineyard to understand the grape growing process that leads to Italy's famous cellars of red wine. A tour of the vineyards in the sunshine was a great success and the children returned to school tired but happy.

On Friday Mrs Russell delivered an excellent Assembly about Personal, Social, Health and Emotional studies using our superb Jigsaw programme. The children are being encouraged to look after their mental and physical well-being in an ongoing set of splendid lessons and their ability to speak up and value discussion will be an invaluable tool as they grow up.

Friday was also the first opportunity for our new librarians to join Mrs Thum at the front of the assembly and run the Library Raffle with a theme all about 'Space'! Well done Mia, Austin, Ilyas, Nyah, Eloise and Charles.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Clara G for always appreciating the delicious lunches with brilliant manners and a great big smile too. Well done Clara.

On Friday the House Captains took to the front of Assembly to announce the winning House following their careful collection of Housepoints on Thursday afternoon. Huge congratulations to **Donaldson** House for winning the second week with an impressive total **290** housepoints and well done to the new House Captains for their wonderful efforts.

Annie Thackray      Headteacher

Philosopher of the week

Dexter R

Thought of the week

Is it ever ok to fight?

Special Philosophy Contribution award to Luca K

**Event of the Week**

**This Year's Honours**



**Head Boy** Rafferty D

**Head Girl** Thea L

**Deputy Head Boy** Monty H

**Deputy Head Girl** Olivia C

**Lunch Captains** Daniella B and Izzy J

**Lunch Monitors** Joseph , Victoria M, Sam B

Izabella M and Otis L

**Librarians** Austin B, Mia G, Nyah K, Ilyas A

Eloise B-S and Charles A

**Chair of School Council** Elena G and Florence Q

**Eco Captains** Jemima H and Daniel B-P

**Music Captains** Annabel N and Edward P d M

**Sports Captains** Emily S and Cillian R

**Computer Monitors** Juliet F and Annabel H

**House Captains** **Kemp** Grace H and Nikhil K

**House Captains** **Ahlberg** Bethany C and Luca K

**House Captains** **Donaldson** Yasmin M and Dexter R

**House Captains** **Dahl** Harriet R and Liam S

**Blue Bench Monitors** Autumn W and Callan M

## Nursery and Pre- Reception News



We have had a wonderful week in Nursery where we have been learning all about our emotions. Our focus book is 'The Colour Monster'. The children have been helping the monster to sort out his muddled emotions into jars. We have been thinking about which colour matches how we are feeling, we have found out that a yellow monster is happy and a blue monster is sad. The Nursery children were super at remembering the



colours, maybe they could help you to find out what colour the scared, calm, angry and loved monsters are? We have been creating our very own colour monsters from playdough and hand printing. We have been thinking about activities that match different emotions, eating chocolate



made us think of the yellow happy monster and big hairy spiders made us think of the grey scared monster. In the kitchen we have been using our new knife skills to cut a range of vegetables to create some cream crackers faces and they were delicious. We have impressed the Nursery teachers this week with our 2D shapes knowledge for we have been naming the shapes as we created some fabulous shape monsters. Wow Nursery you have worked so hard this week!



## Reception News



This week we have continued to have fun exploring 'There's an Alien in your Book' by Tom Fletcher. It seems that when the spaceship crash landed it left behind a lot of 'space junk'! We found out that some of it was magnetic and sorted magnetic and non-magnetic materials. We noticed that the magnetic materials were 'metal things' and had fun seeing how much we could fit onto the magnets.



We learnt how to write in speech bubbles so that we know what the Alien is saying. We tried hard to use our phonics to help us write some sentences and found out what the Alien might say if he is happy, sad or scared.

Mrs Degg introduced the Autumn Term art focus and we began work exploring the Artist Katsushika Hokusai by making a great wave out of clay. We have been balling, blocking rolling, cutting with a clay pin and curling the clay into the shape of a wave. We can't wait to see what it looks like once it has been in the kiln!



On Thursday we were incredibly lucky to have a visit from a 'Space Dome' where we found out lots of fun information and facts about space and light. We felt as if we had zoomed all the way up to the moon and enjoyed 'orbiting' around the planets as we listened to fascinating information about our solar system.

As we settle into our Reception classes, every day we are getting better at organising ourselves and getting changed for PE and of course have impressed the teachers with all our hard work. Well done Reception!



Next week is Fitness Week during which we will be celebrating National Fitness Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. We will also be having an Olympic guest with a real Olympic medal during the week which will hopefully end on Friday with a huge Keep Fit session on the field (weather dependant!) for parents and children. How exciting!



### Summer Fair Winners

Congratulations to these children who won a prize for the best coloured programme in their year group:



Nursery - Raees A

Reception - Roberta P d M

Year 1 - Olivia H

Year 2 Cillian R



Florence Q for winning the Teacher's Competition

Wednesday 22nd September

Reception visit to Painshill Park

### SAVE THE DATE

Friday 24th September

Macmillan Cancer Support

Coffee Morning

Come and earn your cake by joining us for a fun group exercise class after drop off for children, parents and carers. At the same time you will be helping to raise much needed funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Join us in the school hall afterwards for morning coffee. With all money raised going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Look out for further details from your year rep.

Many Thanks

The PTA



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