



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents

We have all thoroughly enjoyed our special Fitness Week ending with the magnificent 'Keep Fit Friday Fun Morning' for our children, parents and staff on the field kindly led by trainer Mr Richard Banks arranged by our wonderful PTA Chair Fiona Langley and her team. Having well and truly earned their refreshments, parents headed into the Hall for their Charity Macmillan Coffee and Cake experience complete with healthy smoothies prepared by our super parents. Thank you all for your support to close this very enjoyable sporty week and for your generous charity contributions too.

On Tuesday our sporty week was considerably enhanced by the visit of Great British Olympian Sarah Jones who brought her hockey stick, Bronze Medal and tales of the Tokyo Olympics success earlier this year that she enjoyed alongside her British Women's hockey team. Team work was emphasised by Sarah who brought a wonderful presentation along to share with our delighted children complete with a Q & A session. Sports Captains Emily S and Cillian R were on hand to give a very impressive vote of thanks and as a reward got to hold a real Olympic Bronze Medal which is larger and heavier than it looks on TV! Special thanks to Mrs Pryor and to our PTA who paid for this experience for our lucky children.

On Wednesday I was lucky enough to be included in the first Reception Trip of the year to beautiful Painshill Park. Not only are the grounds stunning, the educational department is excellent and our children enjoyed a wonderful day of physical adventure, very much in line with National Fitness Day, as well as solving mysteries using a map and directions whilst constructing a home for a woodland fairy en route. It was a very enjoyable day and the children shone during this special outing.

Chairs of the School Council Elena G and Florence Q, met with Miss Kay this week to consider the activities and aims for the term. Meanwhile in Year 1 and Year 2 Class Reps were being voted for to participate on The School Council. Congratulations to the following children who were voted for by their class friends to serve this year: Otis L (Mercury) Harriet R (Venus), Zachary V (Saturn) and Bella I (Jupiter). These children will be joined in January by Reps voted for in Reception.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Otis L for settling in so well at St Christopher's whilst showing amazing manners to all the catering team. Well done Otis.

Congratulations to **Kemp** House for winning this week's Housepoint Challenge. They soared to the top of the of the Board with a splendid total of **382** housepoints.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Arya K, Rory F, Liam S, Callan M, Nikhil K, Autumn W, Peter G and Ariana A

Philosopher of the week

Samuel B

Thought of the week

How important is it to make friends?

This week Reception headed off to Painshill Park for their first school trip and it was a huge success.



Nursery and Pre- Reception News



This week in Nursery we have been learning all about Autumn. We have been thinking about what changes happen and the different colours we might see in the autumn time. The children have been creating their very own autumn trees using a range of coloured tissue paper. In the Nursery Kitchen we made apple crumble, we used the apples from the apple tree in the Nursery



garden. Our focus story this week has been the 'Owl Babies'; we have been thinking about how the owl might feel when they can't find their mummy and how they feel when she comes back at the end of the story. We painted some wonderful owls; the children used their pinching fingers to squeeze the pegs, they then picked up a pom pom and dipped it in paint to create a feather look and then stuck on the different features of the owls. In the Nursery garden we have been bird watching. The children decided they needed binoculars,



they used the junk modelling to create their very own binoculars to help them to spot the different birds. Every afternoon is a WOW afternoon in Nursery; this week we have been investigating which objects float and sink, rolling conkers to create autumn pictures and mark making with shaving foam. What a busy, fun filled week with lots of laughter as you can see.



Reception News



What a week Reception have had! Lots of fun learning, lots of adventures, lots of aliens and a school trip too. What an exciting week. We started off our week looking at numbers and aliens. We chose a number by rolling a dice then used small alien figures to make that amount.



Later we decided that the aliens needed to fly into space, so we created our own spaceship and 5,4,3,2,1 BLAST OFF... we took them to the moon. We then wanted to create our own aliens, so out came some wooden spoons and after some paint, pipe cleaner arms and googly eyes 'hey presto', some aliens were made. We were very creative too! The highlight of our week was our trip to Painshill Park. What adventures we had. We went on a magical journey around the park to find the mysterious 'Dragon Egg'. Along the way we built bridges, made a river, created a house for a fairy, made our very own magic wands, solved a puzzle and followed a map and all before lunch! It's not a surprise we had several children fall asleep on the coach on the way home. In the afternoon we saw a giant's house and even sneaked a peek in to the crystal cave where the giant keeps his treasure. In school we wrote about our adventures in our books and we could remember lots of details. The children declared it to be 'The BEST day ever!!!!'



Tuesday 28th September
Nursery & Pre Reception information evening 7pm

Wednesday 29th September
Year 1 trip to Gatton Park



Friday 1st October 9am -Saturn class assembly
All parents of children in Saturn class welcome . Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am



Sports Captains Emily and Cillian welcome GB Olympian Hockey Player Sarah Jones



Mathletics: Congratulations to

Sooha P, Elena W, Daniel B P, Sukie R, Tate T, Eloise B-S, Harriet R, Annabel N, Olivia C, Izzy J, Nikhil K, Victoria M, Joseph O, Evie W, Elena G, Yasmin M, Bella I, Jemima H, Juliet F, Monty H, Phoebe B and Charles A. For their Bronze Certificate.

Congratulations to

Charles A and Izzy J for their Silver Certificate.



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Daniella B: Gymnastics Grade 4

Annabelle L: Gymnastic Grade 2

Grace H: Star of the Week at Stage Coach

Harriet R: Gymnastics Grade 4



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