



# St Christopher's School

## Weekly News

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents

Just like that September has bid a sunny farewell and here we are in October with some more traditional British weather to contend with. Fortunately our fabulous Friday Fitness Charity Day last week saw some fine weather to enable our giant Keep Fit experience with children, staff and parents enjoying the fun. We certainly all earned our cake treat as we supported Macmillan Cancer Support and we raised an impressive £653.00 during the super coffee and cake morning that followed. Thank you to the PTA for organising this important charity initiative and special thanks to you all for your generous support.

On Tuesday we welcomed a Hall full of Nursery and Pre-Reception parents to our Information Evening about all things to do with the Early Years Foundation Stage. Mrs Fisher and her team were on hand to explain the EYFS and help parents with some interactive fun in the Nursery. Mrs Meredith-Bennett was then available to demonstrate part two of the Early Years journey up in Reception and we all enjoyed the evening and learnt a lot.

On Wednesday Year 1 set off for Gatton Park. They used their topic of traditional tales as a base for this trip looking at creative writing opportunities across the beautiful grounds of the park and using some impressive problem solving skills as they enjoyed a day packed with adventures.

On Thursday the school photographer captured your lovely children at the beginning of their school year. We love looking back at these photos at the end of the year to see just how much they have grown up. They certainly looked very smart.

On Thursday I was invited to City of London Freeman's School to visit last year's Year 2 looking shiny and new in their new school uniform. They might only have been there for a few short weeks but already they have settled beautifully and made some super new friends.

The whole school is currently full of song and rhyme as the children master their Harvest Festival performances. The theme this year is 'Animals' and we are all looking forward to watching the children's first public performance of the year in the beautiful setting of St Martin's Church.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Sebastian C for using excellent manners and politely asking for seconds.

This week's House Champions are **Dahl** House who have worked extremely hard this week to reach the top of the leader board with a fabulous **501** Housepoints. Well done **Dahl** House.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

### Merit Awards

Harriet R, Nyah K, Mia G, Rafferty D, Benjamin W, Sybil T, Jason E, Ethan D, Sebastian C and Austin O-M

### Philosopher of the Week

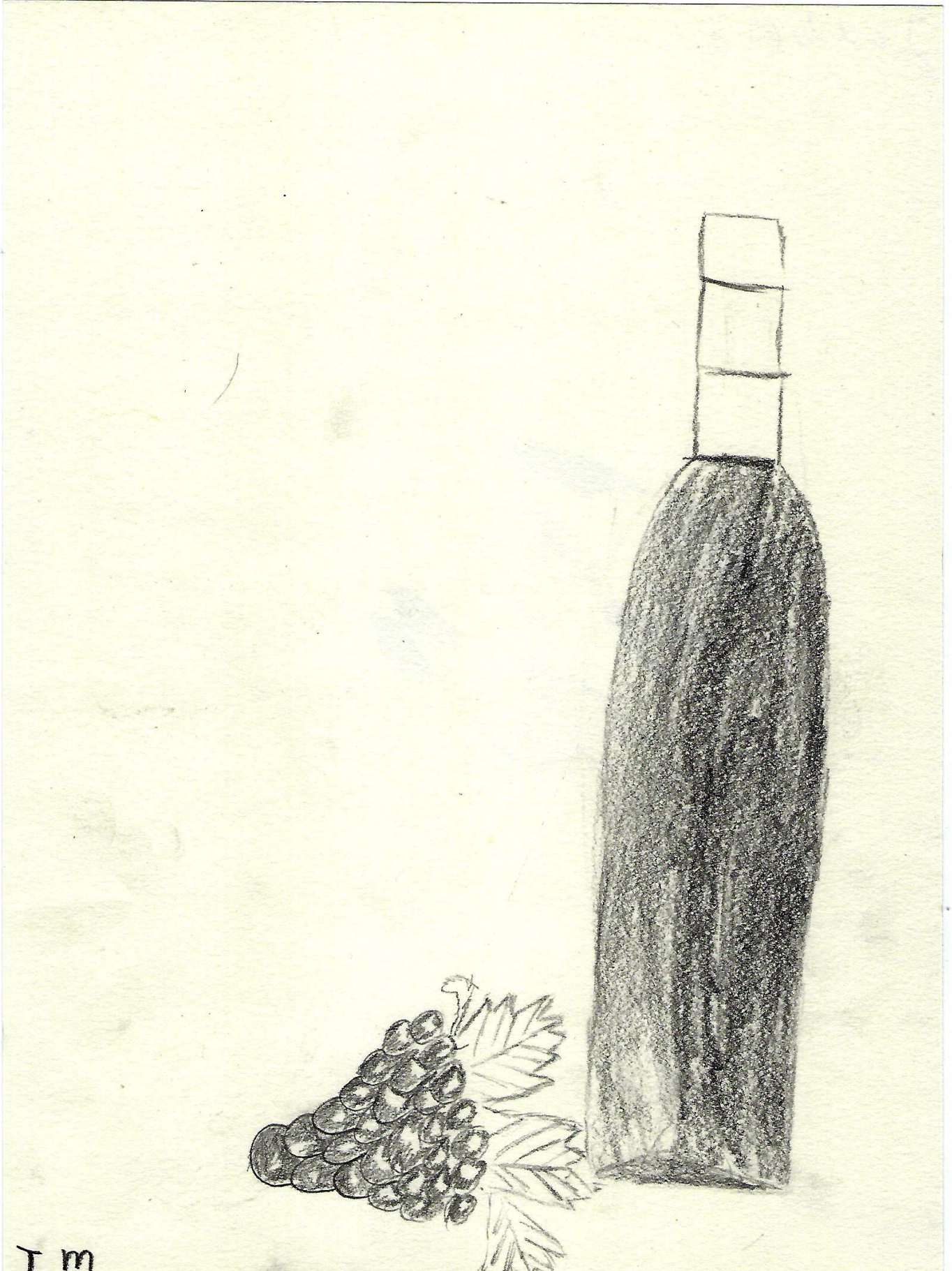
Juliet F and Dexter R

### Thought for the week

Are some things more important to learn about than others?

## Work of the week

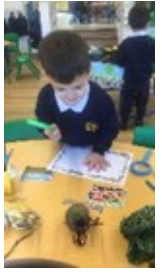
Inspired by our trip to Denbies, Venus class developed their sketching skills. Izabella sketched a beautiful wine bottle with grapes. The children studied the proportions of the wine bottle before using a range of graded pencils to create this impressive effect.



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Nursery have had a very exciting week learning about Harvest. We have been thinking about what we are thankful for and how we can help others and the children have been fabulous at sharing their thoughts. Our focus story this week is the book 'Oliver's Vegetables'; we have been learning about many different vegetables that Grandpa



has been growing in his garden and helping Oliver try new things. This story has inspired the children to help us to chop and grate vegetables to make delicious vegetable soup, the children were so excited to take it to the snack table and taste their wonderful soup. Carrots are very popular in Nursery. The children have been harvesting the carrots and counting how many they have in their special baskets; they have also been busy crunching them on the snack table. Vegetables can look very different; we have been looking at them carefully with our magnifying glasses and using our super pencil skills to



draw some of the yummy vegetables. We had our best smiles ready for the photographer on Thursday, the children so enjoyed the experience they decided to make their own cameras in Nursery. The Nursery children have been practicing their words and actions for our Harvest Festival songs and poem, they are fabulous at using their loud, clear voices! We can't wait to perform in the church next week.



## Reception News



Our space adventures have continued this week inspired by the story 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. As we all know Baby bear needed a rocket to go to the moon so we have been busy designing rockets using shapes. We then needed to think about what we would need to take to the



moon. Like Baby Bear, we would like to take a teddy bear and some snacks. Once you have your rocket packed and ready to go, you need to do the all-important countdown from 10 to blast off! We explored different ways to explore counting by reciting the numbers, sequencing numbers, jumping along a number line and filling in the missing numbers in a sequence. If NASA are looking to appoint a countdown technician, we can certainly suggest a few candidates. Can you believe we have even become authors this week! We



have all written our own unique editions of Whatever Next by sequencing the pictures from the story and sounding out the key words and even writing some simple sentences from the story! Of course we couldn't do Whatever Next without the opportunity to act it out. Thankfully we had some space boots, a space helmet and a rocket ready to go!



Friday 8th October 10.15am

Harvest Festival at St Martins Church, Epsom

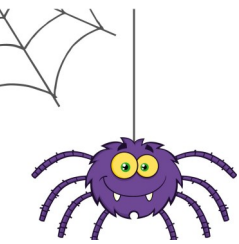
**Spook-Tacular Monster Party PTA Disco**

Friday 15th October

3.30pm -4.15pm for Nursery, Pre Reception & Reception

4.30pm-5.15 for Year 1 & 2

Tickets £5 -please contact your class rep with any queries



**Message From Bourne Hall**

We are restarting our children's Museum Club at Bourne Hall and the first session will be on October 8th at 1pm-2.30pm with the chance to meet a suffragette and decide if you wish to join her fight to get the vote for women.

Cost £5 per child.

Further information is available from David Brooks at Bourn Hall Museum.  
[dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)



**Mathletics:**

Congratulations to Mia G, Florence Q, Callan M and Thea L for their Bronze award.

Congratulations to Victoria M for her silver award.

**Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :**

Elena G for running her personal best in her first Park Run since Lockdown with an impressive 13 minutes and 29 seconds!



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