



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents

Last Friday we were treated to a firework spectacular by Mars Class who presented a delightful Class Assembly all about 5th November. We loved the colourful models and paintings that were shared and the song and the splendid dance lit up the hall. Well done Mars Class and thank you Mrs Meredith-Bennett and Mrs Taperell for such an impressive production.

This week we welcomed even more parents in to school for our termly Sharing our Learning experience on Tuesday. The school was packed with very happy children and parents sharing together and celebrating weeks of hard work and some remarkable displays. Thank you very much for coming. It was lovely to see you all. This event was followed by a morning of Diwali dancing. The providers linked traditional stories to dance moves and we thank the PTA for this special opportunity.

On Wednesday it was World Science Day and our two Eco Captains Jemima H and Daniel B-P were hard at work reading the meter first thing in the morning before a day of reduced electricity usage together with reduced paper usage. Even Mrs Waite and our lovely Catering Team reduced their fuel consumption with a carefully chosen lunch. On Thursday the Eco Captains once again took meter readings on a 'normal' day and compared the two as part of their ongoing focus of becoming more environmentally friendly. Miss Kay our Science coordinator and the Eco Captains will present their findings in an assembly.

Our library raffle also reflected this theme this week and the theme of all books was Science and Nature. Thank you librarians led by Mrs Thum.

The focus of the week has been about Remembrance Day. Deputy Head Boy Monty and Deputy Head Girl Olivia toured the school selling poppies and the Royal British Legion collection tin is very heavy! Year 2 headed off to Bourne Hall in Ewell to take part in the opening of the Garden of Remembrance which this year took place in the grand hall due to the rain. We were very proud of our young ambassadors as they sang In Flanders Fields as part of the celebration. The children then all planted a wooden cross as part of the act of remembrance. Do see our Twitter @StChrisEpsom.

On the 11th day of the 11th month at 11am the school came together on the playground to remember those who have given their lives for our country. In addition to the 2 minutes silence, Year 2 once again sang their beautiful song with solos by Annabel N and Monty H whilst our Blue Bench Monitors Callan M and Autumn W scattered red poppy petals during a very moving moment. Well done everyone for this beautiful act of respect.

Special thanks this week to Olivia H's parents for entering a competition for the school and winning us a fascinating Yoto. This screen free speaker made especially for children came with a selection of wonderful audio cards including stories, music and mindfulness opportunities. Thank you very much.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Izzy J for impressing the kitchen staff by being an outstanding Lunch Captain, leading her monitors by example with her happy smile and polite manners.

This week's Housepoint champions are **Ahlberg** for featuring right at the top off the leader board with **109** housepoints. Congratulations **Ahlberg** House.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Noah W, Meili L, Luke B, Anthony X, Darcey S, Parva A, Tadeo W and Laura L.

Philosophy team of the Week

Cillian R, Bethany C and Edward P d M

Thought for the week

Is old better than young?

This week the focus was on remembrance. Across the school from Nursery to Year 2 the school was a sea of red and black as we learnt about the reasons for Poppy Day in advance of our beautiful whole school service on the playground on 11th November.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Nursery have had a wonderful week, we have been busy learning about why we wear poppies. The children have been creating their own poppies in a range of ways. In Yellow Room the children have been making a poppy using a range of materials available and placing them carefully in a photo frame. They were then given the opportunity to take a photo of their work with an iPad. We have also been learning how to use a stapler



and have been working hard on our scissor skills to create a poppy from tissue paper. In the kitchen this week the children have been working together to weigh and mix ingredients to make their own poppy biscuits which they enjoyed on the snack table. The children were very excited to have family members join our 'Sharing our Learning' session in Nursery; they had an opportunity to show their loved ones around the Nursery and play



with some of their favourite activities together. Pre Reception have also been busy preparing for their very exciting assembly next week. We cannot wait to perform to everyone.

Thank you to all who managed to attend 'Sharing our Learning' earlier this week. It was so lovely to invite parents back into our classroom to showcase the hard work and progression the children have already made this term.



Reception News



Following on from the fantastic assembly by Mars Class last week, Neptune Class have been busy preparing and making props to take to the stage for their Assembly. We hope you were as proud of their splendid acting and hard work learning lines as we were. We continued to celebrate Diwali by enjoying an Indian Dance Workshop



kindly organised by the PTA. The children loved telling the story of the great warrior prince Rama and his brave and beautiful wife Sita who fought against Ravana, the demon king through dance and loved listening to the Indian music. Did you know Diwali is also known as the festival of lights. This is why fireworks are often used as part of Diwali celebrations, but also people decorate their homes with Diya lamps. We made our own Diya lamps using clay which we moulded around a tea light.



On Thursday we marked Remembrance Day by joining the whole school for 2 minutes silence. This inspired us to create our own poppies and think of all the brave work soldiers do to keep us safe.





**Thursday 18th November 9am –Pre Reception assembly
All parents of children in Sun & Moon class welcome.**



**Friday 19th November– Pre Reception assembly
All parents of children in Sky & Earth class welcome.**

Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am

Epsom Community Christmas Post

7th Epsom (Methodist) Scouts fundraise by providing a Community Christmas Post service during December in the Epsom area (KT17, KT18, KT19, and KT21 post codes). Post boxes are placed in approximately 25 locations in the area, typically but not exclusively shops, and volunteers typically deliver over 10,000 cards. In 2019 we raised in excess of £2000, which was used to help keep our minibuses on the road and to purchase equipment to use when we camp.

Please support us by using the service.

More details can be found at <https://www.7thepsom.org.uk/activities/christmas-post/>

Mathletics:

Congratulations to Phoebe B, Grace H, Imogen C, Tate T, Arya K, Conor L, Emily S, Peter G, Thea L, Yasmin M, Annabel H, Parva A, Monty H, Annabelle L, Cillian R and Kitty T for their silver award.



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