

St Christopher's School

Weekly News Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents

Last Friday we enjoyed a splendid assembly by Neptune Class all about Space. The children enchanted us with their information about planets and space and we enjoyed their digital presentation too which was very futuristic! Thank you Neptune for a very entertaining assembly and special thanks to Miss Rendall and Miss Fleming for this super production.

On Wednesday the Surrey Health Team came to administer the nasal flu vaccines and the Team commented upon the excellent behaviour and maturity of our children.

We were overjoyed to welcome talented International and European dance champion Joanna Leunis in to school to talk to us about her exciting life. We watched some prize winning footage of Joanna and warmly applauded her performances. We then learnt that Joanna is also a dance judge on TV in Belgium and also coaches young stars. She brought along her pupils Francis and Olivia who are Junior British Ballroom Champions and they demonstrated both Latin and Ballroom skills to a very impressed audience. Then it was our turn to stand and learn to Cha Cha and Joanna and her pupils were impressed by the evident talents all around the hall BUT not as impressed as they were with our Groovy Movers who meet after school on a Tuesday. The Groovy Movers performed a brilliant routine and were awarded a perfect 10 from all four judges. Special thanks to Joanna Leunis and to our own talented Dancing Queen Miss Rendall who led the assembly with style.

On Thursday and Friday Mrs Thum and the librarians ran a very successful Library Raffle with a theme all about witches and wizards. Thanks to Librarians Mia, Charles, Eloise, Austin, Nyah and Ilyas.

Also on Friday in assembly we heard about our wonderful PTA's Christmas activities and we met the beautiful new toy hedgehog that needs a name. The children were overjoyed to meet this little chap in a beautiful boxed setting and everyone immediately started thinking of a suitable name. They were also delighted to see the huge jars of sweets and guesses began immediately as to how many sweets were in each jar. Do join in with these exciting PTA initiative at home via the magic of Patchwork.

Our Lunchtime Superstar this week was Tadeo W from Saturn Class who was nominated for having wonderful manners this week and for using his knife and fork perfectly. Well done Tadeo!

Many congratulations to Donaldson House who are this week's champions with a splendid total of 1216 Housepoints.

The Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Hadi L, Michaela S, Henry D, Zara L, Florence Q, Annabel H, Annabelle L, Mikayeel A, Lia Malitowski L, Bella I, Luca K and Juliet F.

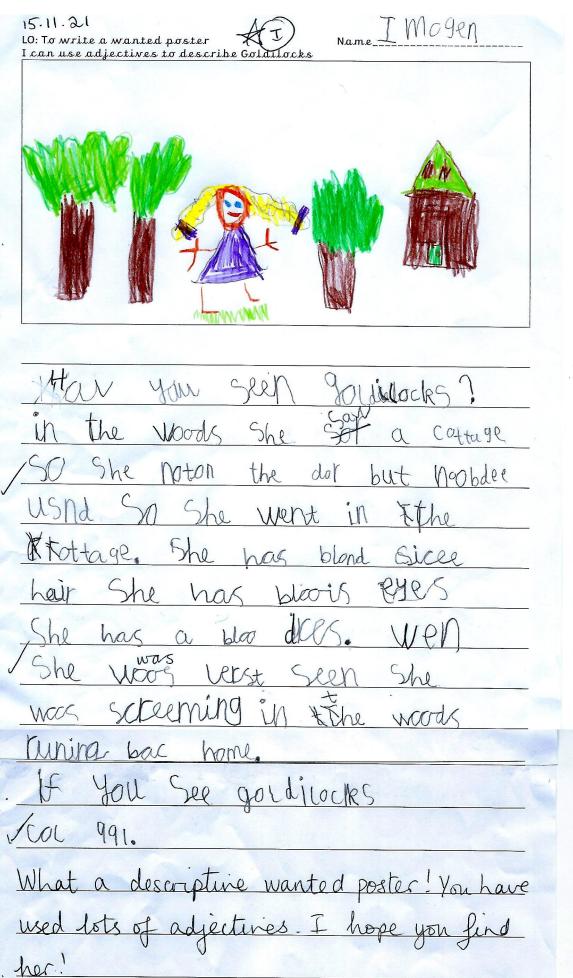
> Philosophey team of the Week Izabella M, Daniel B and Eloise B-S

> > Thought for the week

How important is it to learn History?

Work of the week

Imogen from Saturn Class used lots of adjectives to describe Goldilocks in her wanted poster.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week has been 'World Nursery Rhyme' Week; in Nursery we have been singing and performing a range of nursery rhymes and learning some new ones. Incy Wincey is a firm favourite in Nursery; the children have been very busy creating their very own spiders from the playdoh and using their cutting and counting skills to create some wonderful paper spiders. We found out that spiders have 8 legs! We had a problem outside in the Nursery Garden; Humpty Dumpty had fallen off his wall and had smashed on the floor. The Nursery children were great



detectives using their magnifying glasses and clipboards to investigate what had happened. They also worked as a team to build Humpty Dumpty a new strong wall. We had lots of jumping frogs in Nursery this week; the children were busy putting them on their lily pads and then taking them away whilst singing '5 little speckled frogs'. In the kitchen we have been singing 'Down in



the Jungle' and so the children then worked together to weigh and mix the ingredients to make breadstick snakes and yummy tzatziki dip which they enjoyed on the snack table. The Stars enjoyed singing 'Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes' in their group time and created a picture of the group that they added many features to. We ended our week with Pre Reception dazzling in their two performances of their very special assembly all about their feelings. A huge well done to all the children for their confident and brave performances. What a busy week in Nursery!

Reception News



We have been busy this week being 'secret squirrels'. Can you keep a secret? Promise not to tell? Well we are planning a SURPRISE birthday party for Mrs Quayle! We have looked at invitations and what information we need to put on them as well as writing our own. In our role play area we have been choosing party outfits and designing birthday cards. Next week we hope to decide on the party games, food and most importantly the cake. We hope Mrs Quayle will have the best





time. We think she is having a big birthday – 21 years old we have been told! In Maths we have been introduced to the concept of addition and are using our number skills and equipment to help us. We are counting out, combining numbers and then calculating the totals. Some of us are even writing the number sentence too. What a clever lot we are. We have been using lots of our new skills outside too, from counting and matching numbers using cars and number cards to building and making birthday cakes in the sand area. We have enjoyed performing birthday songs in our small outside stage area too. Another fun and busy week in Reception. We can wait for the party!





Mathletics:

Congratulations Zachary R for your Silver award.

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

Elena W: for making her Rainbow Promise

Harriet R: Trampoline Grade 6

Daniella B: Gymnastics Grade 5

Thea L: Top Gym Award 4



