



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents

The school is starting to feel very festive. Trails of glitter can be found in every classroom and the 'elves' are hard at work in each class making a stunning range of Christmas Tree decorations ready for our famous 'Tree Dressing' assembly next week when we cover our natural tree using only homemade decorations lovingly created by the children.

Last week brought a double treat as our talented Pre-Reception children on Thursday and Friday performed their Class Assemblies all about feelings, based on the colour mood book used in Nursery; The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas. We were all in awe of our youngest star performers in the school standing with such confidence and performing in front of their parents with loud voices, wonderful dancing and singing and oodles of charm! Two delightful mornings that we will all treasure. Special thanks to Mrs Laura Fisher our Lead Nursery Teacher and her whole talented Team.

Parents were delighted to see the Library Raffle during both assemblies operated by our wonderful Librarians supported by Mrs Thum. This week the theme was Witches and Wizards.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter, Christmas is coming and we need to say a very big congratulations to Monty H for winning the School Christmas card competition for a card for local MP Chris Grayling. Monty's card has been sent off to the House of Commons to be judged in this regional competition and we wish him good luck. He was awarded a book token as first prize. Thank you to all the other entrants for some splendid designs.

I also had to pick a winner from the whole school's Christmas card designs to have made into this year's card designed by St Christopher's and sent to local Headteachers and governors amongst other distinguished recipients. Congratulations to Florence Q from Venus for winning this competition. Florence also received a book token for her wonderful design.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Olivia B P for making the catering team very proud because you showed excellent manners during lunch times. Well done Olivia.

The Housepoint competition is incredibly tight at the moment with all Houses vying for lead position. This week we say congratulations to **Dahl** House for topping the Board with an impressive **1468** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Daniella B, Yasmin M, Eloise B-S, Emily S, Oliver K, Chloe B, Roberta P d M, Kitty T, Tate T, Zachary R, Phoebe B, Olive W, Haris A, Mayan E, Thomas B, and Viraat K.

Philosophers of the Week

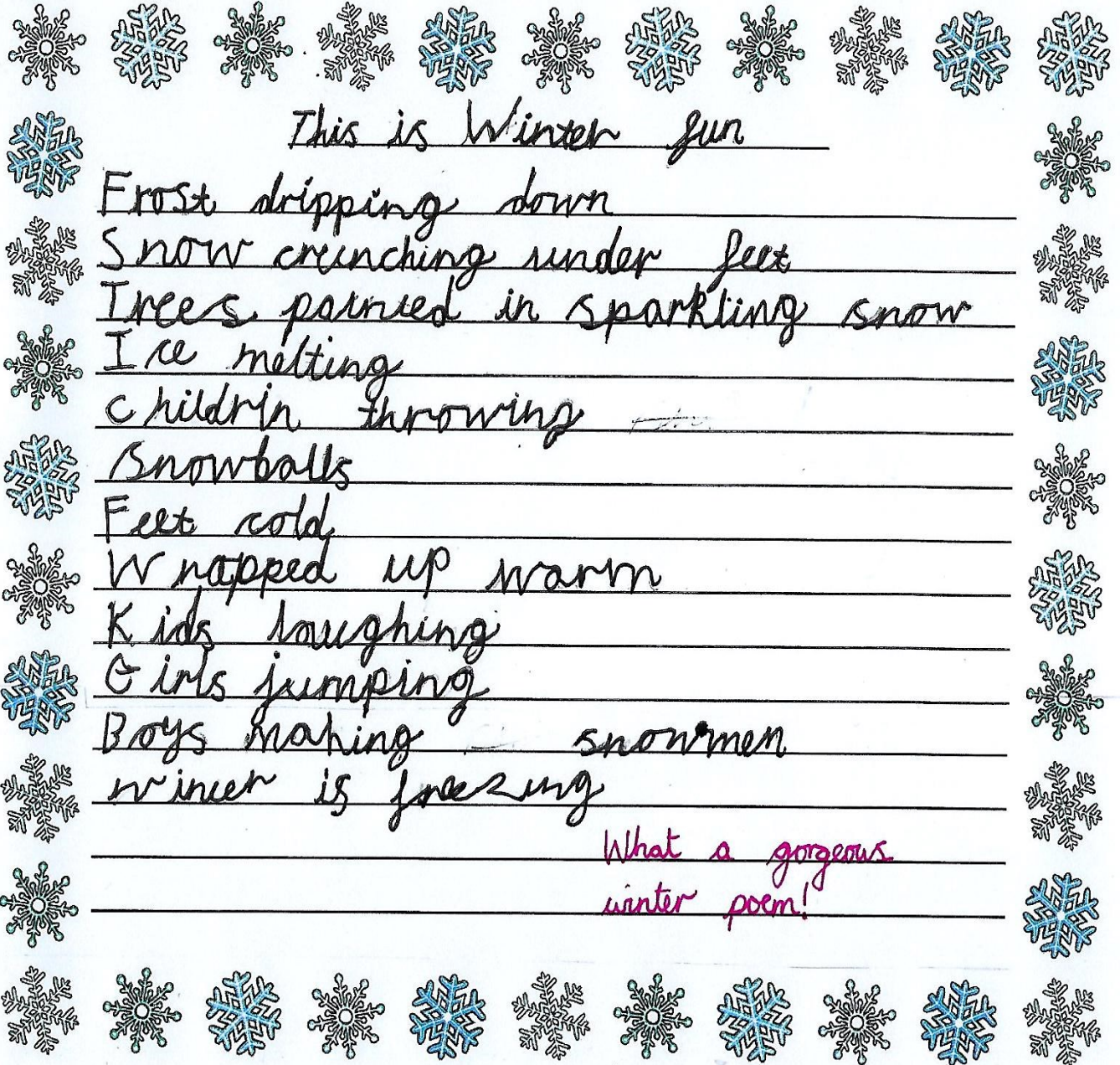
Autumn W, Olivia C & Otis L

Thought for the week

Is present time more important than the future?

Work of the week

Inspired by the changing season, Mercury have enjoyed exploring language with their winter poems. Bethany wrote an excellent poem.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Winter has arrived in Nursery! This week we have been learning about the seasonal changes and the clothes that we must wear to keep warm in the winter. The children were amazing at cutting out a range of clothes and sorting them by seasons. This week we have been busy listening to different sounds in Nursery; we decided we needed some help so we made our very own listening ears and then went for a walk around school to listen to all of the different sounds. In Blue Room Christmas has begun, the children have



been busy making their Christmas tree decorations. We were very sensible and used a glue gun independently to stick our decorations together! We couldn't learn about winter without talking about snow; the children wanted it to snow so they could make snowmen. Sadly we did not get any real snow this week but we did make some playdough snowmen and used our super cutting skills to



make some paper snowmen. In the kitchen the children talked about what happens to a snowman when the sun comes out, we discovered that they MELT! The children created their own melting snowman biscuits by mixing and spreading icing and using a range of ingredients to create a snowman's face. The children have braved the cold weather in the Nursery garden this week and have been investigating what happens to ice when you hold it in your hands. What a busy, wintery week in Nursery.



Reception News



It has been a very exciting week in Reception as we set to work with preparations for a 'surprise birthday party' for a member of the Reception Team. With invitations already written, the children needed to complete their party planning by compiling a list of all the party essentials. Of course, a birthday cake featured at the top of the list so we visited Nursery to make a cake in the kitchen. We worked cooperatively to weigh and mix the ingredients before popping it in the oven. We could hardly wait for it to cool down



ready for us to decorate! One must of course dress up for a party and we have made some rather sparkly party hats for the occasion. Another important party preparation was to decorate the classroom. We made some paper chains using some numbered card, we tried to order the numbers before making the chain. After taking a turn to make the paper chain we rather helpfully explained to a friend how to do it so that everyone could have a turn. We have practised our addition by counting and adding candles on birthday cakes and even managed to write some number sentences! We then had to count and add items going into party bags. We just love to party!





**Christmas Post Box in the Entrance Hall
From the 29th November
For Reception, Years 1 & 2 children
Please write on the envelope their first name,
surname and class.**



Mathletics:

**Congratulations to Edward P d M
Darcey S for their Silver award.**

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Grace H – has earned her cook badge at Beavers

**Elena G – has earned a rosette for learning the rising trot in
horse riding**

Dexter R – mini colts award 2020/21

**Michaela S– Top gym award 6 and Joco Dance and Theatre
Arts Award**

Daisy D – Top gym award 6



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