



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful half term. The children have certainly returned refreshed and recharged for this exciting half term leading up to the special sparkly event on 25th December!

Just before half term we enjoyed an assembly provided by Jupiter Class. Their study of Traditional Tales has certainly captured the children's imagination and their assembly was packed full of colour and fun. From Red Riding Hood's Rap to the tale of the Gingerbread Cowboy including sharing a range of favourite fairy-tales and even incorporating a wonderful dance, this assembly had it all. We were all impressed with the children's confident performances and clear loud voices. Very well done Jupiter Class with special thanks to Miss Kay for her excellent direction.

We were absolutely delighted to hear that Margot P in Jupiter won first place in the London South Regional Art Competition this year. Her 2D entry entitled Birch Trees at Sunset will now be entered in the National ISA Art competition taking place next week in Coventry and we wish her every success. Congratulation Margot.

On Wednesday Miss Drayton led a special celebrations assembly to remind our children of the importance of celebrating differences. We looked at similarities and differences and realised just how diverse the world can be. Being unique with so much for every child to offer to the world is a very exciting thought and the children went away full of excitement and interest at the many parts of our personalities, passions and hobbies that come together to make us all special.

On Friday the Librarians ran the Library Raffle in Assembly assisting Mrs Thum who had chosen House Authors as her theme this week. Books were awarded by the Librarians to children from Nursery to Year 2 and the smiles on the faces on the lucky winners lit up the Hall.

The Lunchtime Superstar is Teddy S for trying all the delicious food that the kitchen staff served this week. Well done Teddy!

This week we say a very big well done to **Kemp** House for climbing to the top of the Leader Board with an impressive total of **932** Housepoints.

On Thursday we celebrated Diwali during a week full of Diwali activities with a range of traditional art work and stories in every classroom and some beautiful salt dough candles holders. A special thank you to Elena and Henry's family for gifting a sweet coconut treat for every child in the school. May we wish you all a happy Diwali and one that brings happiness, prosperity and joy to all.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Izzy J, Austin B, Edward P d M, Jemima H, Blake Y, Evie W, Thomas B, Sukie R, Daniel P, Daisy D, Joshua M, Holly S, Kian Y, Luca G, Teddy S and Ivan C.

Philosopher of the Week

Rafferty D

Thought for the week

How important is it to ask questions?

Work of the week

Year 1 are studying Traditional Tales as part of their topic this term.

Elena in Jupiter class has re-written the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff using dogs instead of goats. What beautiful writing !"

One sunny day there lived three little dogs. They decided to cross the big brown old ^{bridge} the little dog went first trip trap trip trap. ^{going} ^{gobble} that trip trapping over my bridge it's just me little dog. then I'm going to gobble you up. Please don't gobble me up wait in the second one comes he's much more taste ~~and~~ ^{tastier} than me. Oxy trip trap trip trap ~~oxy~~ ^{that} that ~~oxy~~ that trip trapping over my bridge it's just me meadym dog then I'm going to gobble you up please

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I can use capital letters.

I can read my work to make sure that it makes sense.

don't gobble me up wait in like the next one comes he's much more taste ^{tastier} than me. Oxy trip trap trip trap ^{that} trip ~~trip~~ trapping over my bridge. It's me big dog then I'm going to gobble you up. No I'm ^{going} ^{going} to gobble you up. The troll was gobbled up. The dogs went over the bridge to the muddy path.

✓ Well done Elena

What beautiful writing

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Nursery have had a very busy week, we began by sharing our half term news and finding out about all the children's adventures. We then drew some wonderful pictures of our news; some children were dressed as skeletons and some children drew exciting holidays. In the Nursery garden we have been busy building and keeping warm around our bonfire! Whilst collecting the sticks the children were talking about keeping warm and decided they needed hot chocolate! The children



wrote some super shopping lists for Mrs Fisher to remind her about what she needed to buy. They loved making their very own hot chocolate, counting out two scoops of powder and adding their own warm water. The hot chocolate needed lots of stirring and was a delicious treat to drink



around the bonfire. This week we have been learning about Diwali; the children have been creating their own diva lamps from salt dough and using their cutting skills to create some beautiful hanging lanterns. We have also been thinking about firework night; the children have been creating their own glittery firework pictures and using a range of different shapes to create rockets. What a bright and brilliant week in Nursery.



Reception News



WHIZZ, BOOM, POP, WHOOSH, BANG! These are the sounds that have been heard from Reception classes this week! Reception have started off their 'celebrations' topic this term with FIREWORKS! They have learnt the story behind this celebration and Mars class have even performed a fantastic assembly all about this celebration too! They have used 3D shapes to make rockets and used mathematical language to describe them too! Aren't they clever! They also used



their concentration, listening and number skills to count firework 'bangs' and record the digits correctly. They have thought about the sounds, shapes and patterns that a firework can make and described them using adjectives as well as using onomatopoeic words too such as bang and whoosh ! Reception were lucky enough to have Art Director Mrs Degg this week and she has shown the children how to add different kinds of glaze in layers to achieve different effects. They have been using these to coat their clay waves which they made earlier by blocking, slabbing, rolling and joining to create their own versions of Hokusai's 'Great Wave'. The children have had great fun exploring our topic with our new role play areas too! We have a 'Party Shop' and 'Birthday Tea Party'. They have loved dressing up in party clothes, making cakes and exchanging money. What a great week back Reception have had!





Friday 12th 9am –Neptune class assembly



All parents of children in Neptune class welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am

Thanks to the generosity of the St Christopher's families when donating books for our Summer Fair, the PTA have been able to donate over 300 of the leftover books to charity. Sadly, 1 child in 8 across the UK does not own a single book. The Children's Book Charity collects and distributes books to those disadvantaged children. A big thank you to all our amazing families.
(on behalf of the PTA)

Please complete your Christmas card order form and return it to the PTA box next to the back door. Please **DO NOT ENCLOSE PAYMENT**, payment to be made via : <https://www.paypal.me/StChrisPTA>

As the weather turns colder our School scarf is available to buy via ParentMail for children in Reception, Year 1 & 2



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Grace H - Level 3 Swimming Badge

Joseph O - Level 2 Swimming Badge

Meili L - 5m Swimming Badge

Barnaby B - Invested in 3rd Epsom Beaver Scout Colony



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