



# St Christopher's School

## Weekly News

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents

What an enjoyable week we have just experienced with a strong focus on charity. On Tuesday we dedicated a day to raising money for the London Air Ambulance and immersed ourselves in learning all about the wonderful work they do at the same time as thinking about all the heroes who work for the medical profession.

The themed costumes that you provided were an absolute delight to behold and we all enjoyed a sparkling and frosty parade around the playground as we clapped and admired the range of clever interpretations made by our brilliant families. Thanks to the generous PTA we were able to award prizes in every age group with a Zog or helicopter theme. Special congratulations to Polly S in Nursery who came as a First Aid Box and James M from Pre-Reception who came as a 3D ambulance! Very well done to Sybil T in Reception who came as an X-ray and to Tadeo W in Year 1 who came as a mini Air Ambulance Doctor complete with detailed labels on his orange flying suit. In Year 2 Elena G delighted us all with her costume, arriving as a giant hand sanitiser dispenser! We also had to award additional prizes to Olivia C for her magnificent wounded patient costume complete with X-ray scanner and to Luca and Nyah K for their outstanding Pharmacist costumes with trays of completed prescriptions beautifully prepared and labelled. Well done everyone.

Dr Matt Snowsill was an outstanding guest and he answered an impressive range of questions from our knowledgeable pupils during an informative assembly where he also awarded prizes for the wonderful designs for a new flying suit (please see page 5). Dr Matt then took part in a wide range of activities from dealing with a crash site investigation (beautifully prepared by wonderful Mr Bennett) to helping winch patients to safety in Years 1 and 2 with their handmade pulley systems. All the children cooked helicopter biscuits and made delightful badges and they loved their Treasure Hunt run by Mrs Meredith-Bennett which ended with real golden treasure- the edible kind!

This was a truly memorable day and we were all moved by your generosity. Some children chose to use their pocket money to top up their charitable donation and Mia G in Mercury designed her own fundraising idea, baking and selling cakes to increase her donation to an amazing £28.50. Our final total was an unbelievable £1,168.43 which deeply impressed the Air Ambulance Charity who now want to feature our inspirational story on their website. This is thanks to your kind generosity and active participation. Thank you so much.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Hugo T for settling in so well and for also trying many of new foods from the delicious menu. Well done Hugo!

It is just the second week but the Housepoints are quickly mounting and this week we say congratulations to **Dahl** or a wonderful total of **469** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

### Merit Awards

Max P, Leon B, Daniel P, Haris A, Sebastian C, Thomas M,  
Jemima H, Bethany C, Annabelle L, Zachary V, Connor L, Sukie R,  
Nyah K and Charles A.



# Air Ambulance Day





## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What an exciting week we have had in Nursery. Our focus story this week has been 'The Three Little Pigs'; we have been very busy learning about the characters and the setting of the story. In Blue Room we have been learning some new and exciting skills with the woodwork bench; the children



have been sawing small pieces of wood to make a house of sticks for the second little pig. Before we began sawing, we put on our high visibility jacket, goggles and hard hat to keep us safe. We then added some straw to the house of the first little pig and printed some Duplo bricks for the final house in the story. Our fine motor skills have been amazing in Yellow Room this week; the children have been cutting a range of shapes to create their very own pig and have used their froggy fingers to draw their piggy faces. In the outside area we have been engaging in lots of role play, retelling the story of the week. The children used the large construction to create



their house of bricks. We had a wonderful day on Tuesday when Dr Matt from the Air Ambulance came to visit. We all enjoyed meeting his friend Dr Ted too. The children enjoyed a morning of crafts in the Nursery and the Reception classrooms; we are now experts at making stretchers and helicopters. Wow what a fabulous week!



## Reception News



This week in Reception we have continued our work on Farmer Duck. We have had so much fun acting out the story using the Farmer Duck story sack taking on the roles of both the Farmer and Duck to check "How goes the work?". The Farmer Duck props have inspired some Farmer Duck writing with children independently choosing to draw and label scenes from the



story, some children particularly dazzled with their descriptive language in their writing about 'the lazy farmer and the sad farmer duck'. We have continued our work on subtraction and understand what words such as 'take away', 'minus', 'plus' 'add' and equals all mean. We have also learned how to read and record a number sentence. We have solved our number problems practically by counting ducks and frogs and can check our answers using the Numicon. We had so much fun on our Air Ambulance Day. The costumes were fantastic, and we loved meeting a real-life Flying Doctor, Dr Matt along with Dr Ted. We loved finding out about the important work they do, and it made us realise how important our donations are. In the Early Years, we enjoyed a carousel



of activities with our friends in Pre-Reception to fill our 'Zog Boxes' with different activities to help us remember the special day. In what has been a very busy week, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Degg into Reception too to introduce this terms Art Focus, Gustav Klimt, we look forward to sharing some Klimt inspired art with you soon!



**Wednesday 26th January**  
**Year 2 Cinderella Pantomime**  
*All year 2 parents welcome*  
*Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am*

**Friday 28th January**  
**Jupiter Class Assembly**  
*All Jupiter parents welcome to attend*  
*Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am*



**Mathletics:**

**Congratulations to Olivia C, Liam S,  
Elena W and Sooha P for their Gold Award**

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

**Annabel N for a wonderfully written acrostic poem about Winter -  
winning a Blue Peter Badge.**



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The winners of the 'Design a new flying suit for Dr Matt' were:

Nursery: Reva M

Pre-Reception: Luca G

Reception: Meili L

Year 1: Sooha P

Year 2: Monty H

Winners of the best letter to Dr Matt

Mercury: Rafferty D

Venus: Annabel H

