



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents

“Run, run as fast as you can, you can’t catch me I’m the Gingerbread Man”. This catchy refrain has been heard in every area of Nursery this week as the children have acted out the story using costumes, models and stick puppets. Outside the children have also acted out the story chasing each other across the Nursery garden with evident delight. Inside the smell of gingerbread has been mouth-watering as the children have made, rolled and cut out their very own Gingerbread Man biscuits.

In Reception we have also heard shrieks of laughter as the story of The Giant Turnip has been sequenced and acted out and the turnips and swedes have been turned into a wonderful counting game as the children ‘dig up’ the vegetables covered in numbers and make some very exciting number sentences with them.

Shrieks of laughter and indeed some spectacular boos and hoorays have been temptingly emanating from the Hall where the stage was set for a full production of Cinderella the musical pantomime. Year 2 are absolutely packed with talent and it was a joy to showcase some of the children’s acting, dancing and singing performances in front of a very impressed hall of children and staff on Tuesday and enchanted parents on Wednesday. The fabulous acting and sheer number of solos were breath-taking and we say huge congratulations to all the children in Year 2 for their sparkling performances.

Special thanks are due to our wonderful PTA for paying for a professional face painter which took this production to the next level. The children loved the look of the traditional pantomime with make-up and brilliantly colourful costumes. Sincere thanks to Carolyn Machin who was a joy to work with. Of course what goes on has to come off and I have included a snap below that captured the comradery and support displayed by Year 2 for, as we passed by, we noticed Daniel helping his fellow performer Liam, completely independently and out of an act of awareness and thoughtfulness which, I am proud to say, is very St Christopher’s!

Thank you to our Librarian Mrs Thum and her Librarians Mia, Austin, Ilyas, Charlie, Eloise and Nyah for presenting books about winter and snow in the Library Raffle during Friday’s Assembly.

This week’s Lunchtime Superstar is Maryam O who has been impressing the catering team by trying and eating lots of new and interesting food. Well done Maryam

Special congratulations to **Dahl** House for leaping to the top this week with an impressive total of **615** Housepoints.

This weekend it is time to get involved in the Big Garden Birdwatch. Just spend one hour between Friday 28th and Sunday 30th January counting the birds and help monitor how birds are faring. Good Luck.

Annie Thackray    Headteacher





# Cinderella





## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



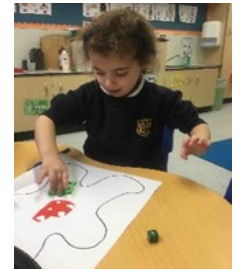
Nursery have had a fabulous week. Our focus story has been the 'Gingerbread Man'; we have listened to different versions of the story and have been helping the teachers with some of the parts we know. We are all super stars at saying 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man'. Luckily the gingerbread men we baked in the kitchen this week did not get up and run away; they were carefully transported to the snack



table and gobbled up by the...children. We have been very busy thinking about what the characters from the story might be thinking; one of our great ideas is that the gingerbread man might be thinking 'HELP' and the old lady might be thinking 'I am too old to chase you'. In Blue Room this week we have been using our number knowledge and we decorated our gingerbread men with Numicon shapes. We carefully rolled a dice, read the number and then found the Numicon piece we needed; our gingerbread men were very colourful! Outside the children have



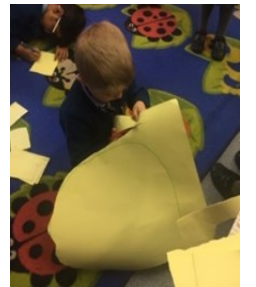
been role playing the story of the Gingerbread Man; they enjoyed being the fox and gobbling up their friends. In Green Room the children have been engineers; they have been trying to save the gingerbread man by constructing bridges to get across the river without needing the fox's help. We had some amazing bridges made from a variety of material even lolly sticks. Wow what a busy week in Nursery.



## Reception News



Our story this week has been 'The Enormous Turnip' we have explored lots of different words to describe the size of the turnip and we have used this descriptive language in our writing as we wrote about what happens in the story. We had some brilliant words such as huge, gigantic, massive, big, small, tiny, mini, teeny. We looked at how we could order by size. We set to work drawing our own turnips and as a class worked together to order



them from biggest to smallest. Once the turnips were all lined up, we tried to use ordinal numbers to describe their position. The biggest turnip was 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hearing about how the different vegetables and indeed turnips grow, we decided to try growing something in Reception. We wanted something that should grow nice and quickly, so we are trying to grow some grass! We designed mini pots to grow our grass, they look like funny faces,



and we hope the grass will grow to look like some rather cool hair! Once we sowed the seeds we looked to see if there was any change, but we couldn't see anything growing. We realised we must be patient and wait for it to grow. We also had some rather useful plant care suggestions and have decided to leave them in a sunny spot with some gentle watering. We can't wait to check the seed progress next week!



Friday 28th-Sunday 30th - Big Garden Bird Watch



Friday 4th February - Saturn Class Assembly

*All Saturn parents welcome to attend*

*Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am*



Thursday 10th February - **Dress to Express Day**

Please come dressed wearing your favourite colours or outfit.



After the success of our pantomime please see the details of the wonderful face painter.



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