



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 25th February 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome back after a refreshing half term!

On the last Friday just before half term we hugely enjoyed the Mars Class Assembly presented by our young Reception children. A whole line of colourful farm animals greeted us telling us fascinating facts about the farm and both animals and agriculture. This lively assembly was accompanied by a song and a dance and a wonderful retelling of the entertaining story 'Farmer Duck'. Well done Mars Class and thank you very much to our directors and producers Mrs Meredith-Bennett and Mrs Taperell for this super show.

The children raced into school on Monday full of excitement about our annual Poetry Recital Week. Every child in the school learnt a poem and performed it in front of their class with courage and style. They lit up the day and all earned a well-deserved certificate. On Wednesday we enjoyed a Highly Commended show in the Hall and on Thursday we were treated to the Grand Final with guest judges Mrs Helen Crossley and Mr John Thackray a former Head of English with children who were significantly older! They were both deeply impressed with the ambition and delivery shown by our confident young performers. The children made us laugh with their witty choices impeccably delivered and brought tears to our eyes with some very moving poems. Above all the performances were enchanting and we say a huge thank you and congratulations to all the children especially the prize winners listed below.

On Wednesday evening we welcomed parents into school to talk about the safe use of the internet. Our Safer Surfing Evening was attended by enthusiastic parents who gained an insight into the current problems presented during this digital age and they all learnt about the IT education in school and shared an insight into how we are managing this enormous issue in school. Thank you very much for attending and special thanks to our IT Coordinator Miss Kate Rendall and to Mrs Meredith-Bennett for the fascinating content.

On Friday it was time for an Open Morning and our guests were delighted to see the beautiful school in the sunshine and awe-struck by our industrious and well behaved children. Our Head Boy Raf D, Head Girl Thea L and Deputy Head Boy and Girl; Monty H and Olivia C shone very brightly as they confidently delivered their own speeches full of charm and humour about why St Christopher's is such a special place to be. Thank you children, we were very proud.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Austin B who always entertains the kitchen staff with his conversation which is full of interesting ideas and observations.

Congratulations to this week's House champions **Kemp**. Scoring an amazing **976** Housepoints and now at the top of the leader board we say well done to all the children in **kemp** House.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Philosophers of the Week

Daniel B-P, Austin B and Eloise B-S

Thought for the Week

Is happiness important?

Poetry Prize winners

KS1 1st prize Emily S
 2nd prize Mia G
 3rd prize Jemima H

EYFS 1st prize Michaela S
 2nd prize Amelia H
 3rd prize Jack P

Poetry Competition

The Grand Final of the Poetry Recital Competition 2022



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What a fabulous week we have had in Nursery. Our focus story this week has been 'Whatever Next'; we have had a wonderful time thinking about adventures and learning about space. Baby Bear decided to go to the Moon in his very special space rocket, the children in Nursery have been designing their own box rockets in the garden and flying to the moon to meet baby Bear and the Owl. In the kitchen we have been using our knife skills to cut up lots of delicious



fruit; we then thread the fruit onto a firework stick to create a fruit rocket! We have been using our amazing imaginations in Yellow Room this week and sharing our box adventures; the children had many fabulous ideas including visiting Unicorn Land, Lego Land and the jungle! Before we can go on an adventure, we need to pack our bags, it is very important we have everything we need. We have been packing our St Christopher's bag ready for our adventure. I wonder what you would pack in your bag? Circle, square, triangle and rectangle



were some of the shapes we were able to name whilst we made our shape rockets in Blue Room. We rolled the dice and printed the shapes to create unique space rockets. This week has been Poetry Recital week; we have our very own theatre role play in Green Room, the children have been standing proudly on the stage and performing their poems with confidence. We are so proud of all the children and their fantastic poems. What a wonderful week.



Reception News



This week in Reception we have been focussed on 'The Fine Prize Cow' in our story 'What the Ladybird Heard'. We were very impressed with the listening skills of the ladybird and how his plan saved the day! We have all been practising our listening skills this week. The 'Fine Prize Cow' has had lots of attention this week. The children have made badges for him as well as becoming vets and fixing any problems. We are a



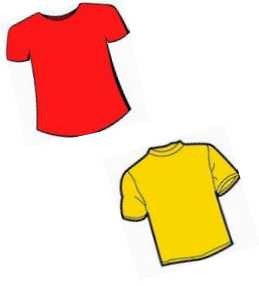
caring bunch! Using our phonic knowledge we wrote about the story and made some maps of the farm. We have learnt about the life cycle of the ladybird and that they are called 'Lady bugs' in some countries. We have discovered that they are the farmers and gardeners' friend as they eat pests that will stop their crops from growing. We have made ladybirds and looked at their spots. We have used their spots to help us understand, practise and



model the skill of doubling. We placed spots on one side of the ladybird, then used a mirror to see its reflection and count in doubles. We will be continuing to investigate this next week too. We are all very proud of the children this week, their poems were amazing. Well done Reception!



The Foundation Team



Tuesday 1st March– Great House Pancake Race

**Please remember to wear your
House day T.shirt & Joggers in to school**



Wednesday 2nd March Year 1 trip to Brooklands



Thursday 3rd March World Book Day-Please wear pyjamas & wellies



Poetry Prize winners



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