



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents

Last Friday we all enjoyed an assembly about winter and snow presented beautifully by the talented Jupiter children. The assembly included lots of facts about snow and ice and the frosty months as well as including a charming song about Jack Frost and a dance from Frozen! The children then retold the story of Winnie the Witch in Winter with some confident acting and excellent performances. Well done Jupiter Class and thank you to Miss Kay for the script and, in her absence, to Mrs Taperell who helped the children learn and present the show on Friday. Bravo!

On Tuesday we celebrated Chinese New Year and welcomed in the Year of the Tiger. Meili in Reception enchanted us with her traditional Chinese costume and she also showed us her Chinese Tiger Toy in matching red and gold to bring good luck, good fortune and happiness. We all enjoyed an assembly all about the Jade Emperor's Great Race that decided the order of the animals featured in the Chinese calendar and we enjoyed some traditional Chinese music.

In Nursery the weekly theme was all about Chinese New Year and in the kitchen the children were learning to cut up raw vegetables to make Spring Rolls. It was amazing to see how many were consumed at the kitchen station before even making it to the snack table!

On Wednesday the School Council met with some ideas for the coming months. Congratulations to Elena G and Florence Q for leading the gathering with such style and thank you to all the Class Reps for coming with some exciting ideas. These will now be discussed and agreed upon... watch this space.

This week the Library Raffle took place on Friday with a theme all about animals to complement the study of animals in the Chinese zodiac. Thank you to Mrs Thum and her able team of Librarians for running this. We also say special thanks to Librarians Nyah K and Eloise B-S whose turn it was to give up their lunch play and read to Nursery children, something that brought smiles to the faces of all concerned.

Congratulations to Sooha P who is this week's Lunchtime Superstar. Sooha was chosen for paying careful attention to her healthy choices at lunchtime and making these with impeccable manners. Well done Sooha.

This week we say well done to [Donaldson](#) for climbing to the top of the leader board with a splendid total of [715](#) Housepoints. Well done [Donaldson](#).

Annie Thackray    Headteacher

### Merit Awards

Jason E, Logan H, Holly S, Meili L, Hugo T, Elena W, Tadeo W, Sooha P,  
Dexter R, Rafferty D, Victoria M and Eloise B-S

### Philosophers of the Week

Juliet F

Thought for the week

Do all people understand paintings in the same way?

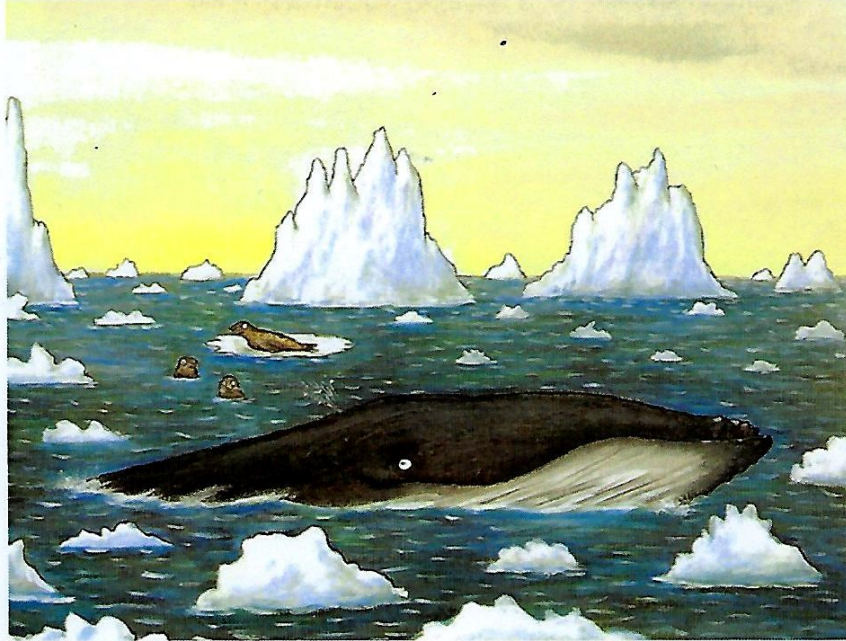
## Work of the week

Year one have been learning to use exciting adjectives, verbs and similes to describe a setting from 'The Snail and the Whale'.

This is Tadeo's wonderful description!

LO: To write a description of a setting

I can use exciting adjectives and verbs to describe the Arctic



The snail and the whale are exploring the world. This is what they see... There are icebergs everywhere! There are dangerous ones looking for sharks. The icebergs look like dragon teeth. The Arctic wolves are hiding in the snow. The ice is cracking the baby wolf is going to fall in it!! The water is as cold as ice! There are spot cubs Arctic wolves. But they aren't spot and cubs they are grey and dangerous. The gigantic walrus are playing in the swirling water searching for fish. I wonder what will happen next...



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



We have had a wonderful week in Nursery celebrating Chinese New Year. The children have been learning about all the different ways to celebrate. In the Nursery Kitchen we have been using our knife skills to chop vegetables to make some delicious vegetable spring rolls; they were so delicious that some of them did not even make it to the oven to be warmed! Dragons have been created in our Blue Room this week; we have been using the primary



colours and learning how to create new colours. With a quick fold of the paper the magic begins, the paint is now printed on both sides of the paper to create our dragons face. How amazing! We have been learning all about patterns in Yellow Room this week. Some of our dragons needed us to build them a body; using beads and cubes the children created their own repeating patterns to create colourful dragons. There are many differences between China and the UK; this week we have been looking carefully at some of the animals, food and buildings that we might find in each of these



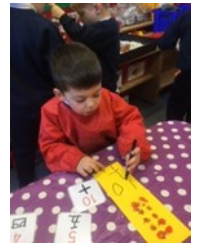
countries. We learnt that in China people use chopsticks to eat! We had a try at using chopsticks to pick up some delicious noodles. We would like to say a huge thank you to one of our very talented Pre-Reception parents who made us some delicious homemade; the children and grownups enjoyed them and said they were 'yummy'. On Wednesday we had a wonderful art lesson from Mrs Degg; we began our tree creations inspired by Gustav Klimt. What an exciting week we have had.



## Reception News



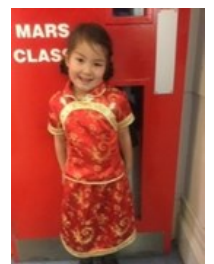
Gung Hay Fat Choy – Happy Chinese New Year! Reception have immersed themselves everything to do with the Chinese New Year. We have learnt all about the story of the Chinese zodiac and found out which animal is our birth year as well as discovering that this year is the Year of the Tiger! We used this story to order the animals and we were able to use our ordinal numbers to help us too! We were amazed at Meili in Reception who not only wore traditional Chinese costume on the day but also was able to



share special foods too. She helped us say 'Happy New Year' in Mandarin and Cantonese! The celebration intrigued us and we found out about Chinese traditions and customs. We liked the lucky colours of red and gold and especially hoped we would find a red envelope under our pillows with some money inside!



We tried to dance like a dragon together and had to work as a team and especially when performing the lion dance as we like to 'Roar!' We looked at our numbers and practiced how they are formed, we learnt a trick with number '8' (draw a 's' then join it up!) and found the Numicon piece to match but even more clever than that... we wrote the number in Chinese writing too!!! WOW Reception! In maths we practiced the skill of estimating by making a sensible guesses and checking! Another week of fun and exciting learning in Reception! We can't wait for next week!!!



No teacher led clubs w/c 7th February week  
Please see Parent Mail for more details

8th and 9th February  
Parents evening

10th February- **Dress to Express Day**  
**In support of Children's Mental Health Week**  
Colourful or expressive clothes to be worn



11th February - Mars Class Assembly  
*All Mars parents are welcome to attend*  
*Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am*



Save the Date Friday 25th February  
Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper

St Christopher's  
Open Morning



Please share with  
your friends!



**Mathletics:**

**Congratulations to Thomas Barker and Aidan Gilbert for their Silver award.**

**Congratulations to Margot P, Emily S, Montgomery H and Mariyam O for their Gold award.**

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

**Daniella B – gymnastics grade 6**

**Grace H – student of the week at Stage Coach**

**Annabelle L – 20 metres swimming certificate**



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