



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents

We have all enjoyed a full and exciting week but it has been particularly special for Year 2, beginning on Tuesday with the Good Digital Citizens Awards. This important programme began back in September when the children began to focus on four essential aspects of enjoying a safe and healthy life on line looking at Contact, Content, Conduct and Commerce. This neat focus allows us to remind the children of the important things to remember in an age appropriate method. The children are all very proud of their smart new badges.

On Wednesday Reception set off to the local park with a focus on geographical features and map making. The children predicted things that they might find at the park and assessed against their predictions. They then enjoyed a play on the equipment in the fresh air and sunshine. What a joyful trip!

On Thursday we held our annual St Christopher's Music Festival for the 11th Year missing only one due to the pandemic. This year featured 8 schools and 200 children and was quite simply spectacular. We were so honoured to welcome National Composer Bob Chilcott who conducted our final piece 'Can you hear me?' complete with sign language. Bob worked with the children during the rehearsal and got the most out of our talented youngsters as well as giving them a day to remember. He then went on to conduct his famous 'Irish Blessing' which was a joy to hear. The children then returned to school to be given a delicious lunch whilst adults in the presence of Bob and his Worshipful Mayor Councillor Peter O'Donovan who commented that this festival was one of the highlights of the year in office. We raised £500 for Harefield Hospital as well as enjoying a day of sheer delight.

Having just recovered from the pride of seeing St Christopher's Year 2 shine, we took to the road on Friday to head down to Reading with 9 children chosen to enter an A Cappella National Singing competition run by the Independent Schools Association. We wish our small team named 'The Mini-uets' every success.

Next week it is Comic Relief and on Friday we will be running our traditional mile all together on the field with 10 laps and inspirational music. Mrs Pryor is masterminding the fun and we are sending home details together with sponsorship forms in bags tonight. Thank you in advance for your support.

So many of you have expressed an interest in supporting our gifts to the Ukraine which will be collected on Tuesday. Thank you very much you are all exceptionally generous.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Tabitha B, you have settled in so well and impressed us with your super eating.

Top of the Leader Board this week is **Ahlberg** with a superb total of **1245 housepoints**. Congratulations to **Ahlberg House**.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Yasmin M, Joseph O, Hugo T, Parva A, Aidan G, Rory F, Charles A, Callan M, Mikayeel A, Ariana A, Laura L, Clara G, Jamie S, Sybil T, Leila K and Olive W.

Philosophers of the week

Victoria M, Daniel B P and Harriet R

Thought for the Week

Should you follow your heart?

Music Festival



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Nursery have had a wonderful week; our focus story has been 'My Friend Bear'. We have created a teddy bears picnic role play area and the children have been writing some fabulous lists of items they would like to take to their picnic. They have been setting up their own picnics and inviting the teddy bears to join them. We decided a picnic must have sandwiches! In the kitchen this week we have been making our own sandwiches. The children were fabulous at spreading the butter and the fill-



ing and then cutting their bread in half. What a yummy snack! We have number superstars in Nursery this week, the children have been finding and ordering number cards to 10 and counting the correct amount of coloured bears to match their number cards. Some of the children were even writing their own num-



bers. We had lots of bears for our picnic that were many different sizes. We decided to measure the bears to find out which was the biggest. The children were using their fine motor skills to push together the cubes to make a long line to measure the bears, they then counted the amount of cubes they used. They were able to find the tallest bear by comparing the towers they built. We were also busy investigating with measuring tapes, we were able to stretch them out and find lots of numbers, and we discovered that some of the tapes went up to 100! What a busy week.

Reception News



This week in Reception we have been super excited about our trip to Rosebery Park. We were using our geography skills to track our route to the park, map it and we also thought about what we would see when we were there. We could find lots of features like; trees, grass, swings and slides. We wrote our own tick list to help with our observations. When we got to the park we ticked them off. We are very good at looking and observing. Our teachers were very proud of how sensible we were and the



road crossing skills we used on our walk both to and from the park. We are SUPERSTARS! In maths we have been practicing our skills of doubling numbers and our fine motor skills with play dough together to make double spots for our ladybirds. We then drew our calculation and some of us could even write the matching number sentence too. Super clever! In our PSHE lesson this week we looked at being clean and healthy and how important brushing our teeth is. We showed our teachers how to brush with our fingers and we all promised to brush our teeth twice a day. This will make our smiles even brighter.



Wednesday 16th March – Reception trip to Bocketts Farm

Please remember children will need to wear their PE kits and waterproof coat with trainers and bring a water bottle

Friday 18th March - Neptune Assembly

All Neptune parents welcome to attend

Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am



Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day

*Your child will be completing 10 laps of the playground.
Please come to school dressed in house T shirt and pe kits*

Please find a sponsorship form in your child's book bag



Friday 18th March - PTA 2nd hand uniform sale

3.15-5.30 in the outdoor classroom

Mini Crickets

Courses at Easter at Downsend School

<https://minicrickets.class4kids.co.uk/camps>



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Eloise B-S for her Gold award.

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Charles A: Played in a 4-a-side rugby festival for Sutton and Epsom RFC



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