



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents

What a magical week! On Monday we celebrated the welcome return of Mrs Self and her Woodland Adventure sessions that our Early Years children adore. The children searched for signs of spring and enjoyed revisiting bulbs that they had planted with Mrs Self last year. The miracle of growth is a wonder to behold and all the children were fascinated about how a bulb stores its energy and quietly flowers again each year.

On Tuesday we brightened a dull grey day with a sea of colourful House t-shirts and celebrated Shrove Tuesday with our Grand House Pancake Relay Race. First on to the course were Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who were cheered on by Nursery and Pre Reception waving their House flags. The children showed great skill as they ran the length of the course whilst flipping pancakes in a frying pan and showed great courage by picking up any errant pancakes and carrying on at pace. We were delighted to celebrate a win by Dahl House. The flag wavers then exchanged their flags for a chance to join in as Nursery and Pre-Reception took to the course with great confidence and evident delight. This time a win was secured by Donaldson House. Bravo children and thank you very much for such a delightful day.

On Wednesday Year 1 set off to Brooklands Motor Museum and enjoyed a day full of challenge and opportunity looking at a wide range of transport through the ages. Brooklands is manned by enthusiastic volunteers who themselves are experts in their fields. They were deeply impressed by our children's enthusiasm and general knowledge and indeed behaviour. Well done Year 1!

On Thursday it was World Book Day. We were delighted to welcome into school author Zehra Hicks. The theme of the day was suggested by one of Zehra's books, The Girl Who Loved Wellies. All children (and Staff) came in to school in pyjamas wearing beautifully decorated wellies and the first set of prizes were awarded for the best decorated wellies! A wonderful assembly then ensued where Zehra told us all about how she writes and illustrates her own books and gave us some helpful tips about what to do if you need inspiration. Zehra then worked with each class producing delightful workshops to inspire our young writers. Meanwhile there was a Welly boot throwing competition outside with recorded lengths of a throw of up to 14m! Prizes were awarded for this in our final assembly of the day alongside prizes for the many handmade shoes constructed by the children ready for display in our Shoe Emporium! This was a day packed with fun and we want to say a special thank you to Mrs Taperell and Mrs Leyland for organising such a brilliant World Book Day.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Leila K, for cheering the kitchen staff up with your compliments of their delicious lunches.

The Housepoint totals were considerably boosted this week by the Great Pancake Relay Race and the winners this week are **Donaldson** House with a splendid total of **1668** housepoints.

Annie Thackray    Headteacher

#### Merit Awards

Ilyas A, Olivia C, Nyah K, Sam B, Ethan D, Daniel P,  
Rebecca G, Ethan R, Vihaan P, Remy K, Caleb W and William C.

#### Philosophers of the Week

Cillian R, Jemima H and Joseph O.

#### Thought for the week

Is Worrying Helpful?

# World Book Day

## Zehra Hicks inspired the children with her book 'The Girl Who Loved Wellies.'



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Nursery has been a hive of excitement this week! We have had so much fun making our own pancakes in the kitchen; we watched how the mixture changed as we cooked it. We then topped our pancakes with jam, lemon and sugar or syrup and enjoyed them on the snack table. We were using our super number skills to make playdough pancakes for our friends in Yellow Room. A highlight on Tuesday was the 'Great Pancake Race'; Nursery waved their flags to support their friends in the



upper school and then had a turn at running a relay whilst flipping pancakes! What fun! Our focus story is 'Cheeky Monkey' by Zehra Hicks; the monkey is finding it tricky to be a good friend and play nicely. The children have been thinking about how to be a good friend, they have been using their fine motor skills to make some beautiful bracelets to give to a friend as well as using their pencil skills to make their new friends a special card. In the Blue Room we have been busy designing our own flip-flops, we asked a friend to draw around our feet and we used our scissor skills to cut out the bottoms of our flip flops. We had a large range of resources to cover our flip flops including beads, gems and sparkles.

'Welly Wanging' has been a very popular activity outside this week, we have been throwing our wellies along a number line to see who has the furthest throw. We have been using under arm and over arm throws to see which makes the wellies go further. We have been great at finding the numbers to 10 on the number line. World Book Day was an array of colour in Nursery, the children had lovely pyjamas and the decorated wellies were fabulous. What an exciting week!



## Reception News



What a week we have had in Reception! As we continued our work on our focus book 'What the Ladybird Heard'. We came into school on Monday to discover that the Fine Prize Cow had gone missing! Keen to get the Fine Prize Cow back the children immediately set to work making missing posters in which they gave a detailed description of the missing cow, and the school was promptly decorated with wanted posters for the prime suspects Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh!



On Tuesday we received a video (captured by the ladybird herself) which appeared to reveal more plans that the burglars had in store. At this stage the children were feeling very cross with the 'two bad men' and wrote letters to the burglars demanding 'give the cow back now!' These letters were sent via special delivery, and we received a very prompt reply from the burglars.

Having had time to reflect Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len sent a letter to say sorry for taking the Fine Prize Cow and gave the children some instructions to find her down on the trim trail. Phew! What a relief!

In other news we enjoyed Woodland Adventures looking for signs of spring with Mrs Self and found some mini beasts too!



In preparation for World Book Day we became cobblers designing our shoes ready for the special celebrations. We worked in pairs to draw around and measure our friends feet ready to embellish the shoes with our own design. World Book Day was as always a day full of fun and excitement! What lucky children we are at St Christophers!



## Tuesday 7th March NEXT PTA MEETING

7.15pm in the school Hall

Please come along and find out how you can support St Christopher's PTA and be part of our upcoming fundraising events! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Thank you for your support

Your PTA



### Mathletics:

Congratulations to Sukie R, Harriet R, Charles A, Elena G, Thea L, Parva A, Imogen C, Tadeo W, Austin B, Bella I, Phoebe B and Daniel B P for their Gold awards.

### Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Leila K for completing her half marathon for Junior Park Runs

Luca K for receiving his Beavers jumper

Jemima H for Grade 5 gymnastics certificate

Jemima H for Star of the Week at Stage Coach

Olivia H for her RAD Pre-Primary Dance award

Daniella B for Student of the Week at Stage Coach

Nyah K for coming 1<sup>st</sup> with her team in ICC Southern Cheerleading Competition

Juliet F for Grade 5 gymnastics certificate

Leila K, Daisy D, Meili L and Sybil T from Reception all took part in their first ever dance performance/show at the Epsom Playhouse

Austin B for a Rugby Medal – Captain of Dorking Rugby Club U7 Team. They won the tournament!

Rebecca G for a Red Swimming Award

Autumn W received a medal from Guildford Rugby Club for her great effort

Annabelle L for 20 metres Swimming Certificate

Michaela S for Top Gym Award 5

Chloe B for entering her first martial arts tournament and won three silver medals in Kuk Sool Won martial arts

Zara L for Top Gym Award 6

Luca G for Star Swimmer of the Week

Michaela S – for Duckling Level 4 Certificate

Faith H– for Student of the Week at Stage Coach

Luca G for Student of the Week at Stage Coach

Anna M for Learning to Swim Award 1 Certificate



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