



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents

This week has been an exceptionally creative and entertaining one and the children have appreciated every single special event.

We began on Monday by taking Year 2 to The Barbican to enjoy an interactive session with the London Symphony Orchestra (LSO). The children were invited to think about the structure of both music and the orchestra as parts of a puzzle. They were introduced to a range of famous pieces such as Johann Strauss' Blue Danube and Duke Ellington's Jazz piece- Caravan. The children were also challenged with identifying and considering which sections of the orchestra carry the melody, harmony, rhythm and bass and all whilst the majestic LSO played live and caused absolute delight.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we welcomed in our wonderful grandparents. The children were beyond thrilled to be given the delightful task of welcoming their grandparents into school and looking after them for the morning. The grandparents enjoyed our weekly Merit Assembly and were enchanted to hear a special performance by Year 1. They then enjoyed a special classroom experience or stay and play session in the nursery before returning to the hall for refreshments and entertainment by our talented Year 2s.

On Thursday it was French Day organised brilliantly by Madam James our Languages Teacher. In the classroom the children learnt about France, painted French flags and made Eiffel Towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti as well as experimenting with Matisse style impressionist work making snails and waterlily art work in the style of Monet. In Music the younger children learnt to dance the Can-Can whilst the older children learnt to play it with rhythmic sheet music! Meanwhile the Sport challenge for the day was the Tour de France. In the playground on scooters, races took place with the leader being awarded the 'Yellow Jersey' before taking to the podium for well- deserved applause. Madame James, having chosen 'Chicken Chasseur' as the lunch dish, was operating a very popular Food Tasting French Café in the library so be prepared to include croissants, brie and pate on your shopping lists. She also cooked for the staff a traditional Galette de Rois which was absolutely delicious. Special thanks to our wonderful Madame James for such an exciting day.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Rafferty D for reminding another child before you in the queue at lunch to use their polite manners to the kitchen staff. Well done Raff!

Congratulations to **Kemp** House for winning this week's Housepoint challenge accruing a splendid **454** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Zachary R, Ethan R, Olivia B P, Roberta P d M, Noah W, Daisy D, Anna M, Haris A, Oliver P, Phoebe B, Bella I, Margot P, Elena W, Tadeo W, Clara G, Kitty T, Evie W, Daniel B P, Austin B, Sam B, Bethany C, Annabel N, Juliet F, Daniella B P and Eloise B S.

Grandparents Morning

Just look at the delight generated by the loving visits of grandparents.



French Day

Fantastic photos from the wonderful French Day organised by Madame James.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



In Nursery this week we have been learning about working in a range of different shops. We have had a wonderful Garden Centre role play area; the children have been amazing at taking on the role of the cashier and the customer. They have been busy buying seeds and tools for planting in the garden. A Garden Centre would not be complete without a cafe; the children used a china tea set very carefully and enjoyed talking about their favourite treats. In the garden



this week we had our very own potting shed and the children worked hard to plant some sunflower seeds with our very special guests, our grandparents. The children thoroughly enjoyed having their grandparents visiting Nursery and showed them all the wonderful learning we do every day. In Blue Room the children created fabulous observational drawings and paintings of flowers. They looked carefully at the stem, leaves and petals and used the correct colours to match the different parts of the flowers. On Thursday we had great fun learning about France for French Day. We made some lovely French flags, made snails in the style of Matisse created the Eiffel tower and tasted some delicious French food. What a busy week!



Reception News



There is rarely a quiet week in Reception at St Christopher's and this week was no exception! It was so lovely to welcome so many Grandparents on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The children were very proud to share their learning with these very special visitors.



Inspired by our book this week, 'Pirate Pete's Smelly Feet' we carried out a smelly investigation in which we had to identify what was inside 5 different pots using only our sense of smell. Once we had a good sniff and a guess, we recorded our answers ready for the big reveal. We had some very competitive grandparents determined to get all the smells right. When we finally did reveal the different smells there were a few surprises but overall we had some very accurate guesses!

Our maths focus has been counting in 2s and we found ourselves pairing up socks for Pirate Pete and counting in 2s as we put them on the washing line. We are also experts at lining up with a partner and counting in 2s!



A final highlight this week was of course our Fabulous French Day organised by Madame James. We loved the range of French activities including building the Eiffel Tower, collaging the French flag, a Tour de France and a fabulously high kicking Can Can performance!





Wednesday 18th May
Reception trip to Rosebery park
Don't forget to dress as a pirate



The PTA are holding their termly second hand uniform on 9th June. This is a great opportunity to pick up any items of uniform you need and support the PTA and the school at the same time.

The Sale

Thursday, 9th June 2.30pm – 4.30pm in Mercury classroom (upstairs).

Please note we will only be accepting card payments.

PTA team

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