



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents

On Friday Year 1 enjoyed a trip to the local allotments to support their science topic all about Growth! We were very grateful to the Rees family and especially Zachary who gave an excellent account of their own allotment and guided the children through the process. The children saw an assortment of vegetables, lots of rhubarb, lettuce, cabbages, strawberries and runner beans. An allotment holder showed the children a frog which he found on his patch and explained that the frogs were really useful for keeping the bugs away.

On Tuesday we enjoyed an Eco Assembly featuring our Eco Captains Jemima and Daniel. It was a useful time to hear advice from our own Premises Manager Mr Bennett together with the Eco Captains who talked to the children about turning the lights off when not in the room to save electricity, turning taps off and having showers instead of baths to save water, turning car engines off when waiting to prevent fumes going into the atmosphere and to only use 1 or 2 paper towels when drying hands to save waste.

On Wednesday we welcomed aboard Reception Pirates dressed as a 'real pirate' for a day of fun as part of their summer term Pirate Topic. After a special picnic on the field the children worked in teams tactically 'walking the plank' to find treasure. They then walked sensibly to Rosebery Park for a special pirate outing where the real adventures began. The children enjoyed pirate parachute games, a pirate treasure hunt and pirate circle games to name but a few and they all ended the trip with a play on the park equipment. As with all successful pirate adventures treasure is the goal and the treasure of the day was a delicious ice lolly which was perfect to end the day of fun in the sun!

Congratulations to our amazing mathematicians who are working hard to show us their impressive skills. Earning their Bronze Star for multiplication excellence are: Jemima H, Autumn W, Juliet F, Joseph O and Daniella B and huge congratulations to Nikhil K for earning his Silver Star award.

In between school work Years 1 and 2 have been putting together their Summer Production which, this year is Beauty and the Beast. The whole team have been hard at work to create a spectacular for you to enjoy and we look forward to our opening 'night' on Tuesday.

Congratulations to this week's Lunchtime Superstar Mia G for being very polite whilst asking for her lunch and sharing a compliment to the Kitchen staff about the yummy lasagne.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House this week for leaping to the top of the leader board and accumulating a very impressive **524** Housepoints.

Next week we will be holding our special red, white and blue day in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I look forward to seeing the children and staff in a range of red, white and blue clothes on Thursday.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Joshua M, Angelina Ö, Hadi L, Anthony X, Jack W, Laura L, Rory F, Hugo T, Cillian R, Otis L, Izabella M and Annabel H.

Work of the week

James wrote a wonderful recount after such a fantastic
'Pirate day' at Rosebery Park.

Can you spot the adjectives.



adjectives, time words.
Capital letter at start



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Pirate Afternoon at Rosebery Park



LO: To write a recount using my phonic sounds.

First Then Next
After that Finally



First we were playing
the games. Next
like the rainbow
bow, flag, round
pata shoot. After
that I loved the
playground. It was the
best day.

A superb recount James, I agree,
it really was the best
day!



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



The children had such a wonderful time learning about shopping last week that they wanted to extend their learning from a Garden Centre to a supermarket. During group time, they decided they wanted a Sainsbury's role-play area to explore buying food, clothes and toys. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the clothes section of the role-play and have impressed the adults with their dressing skills



when trying on the different clothes and shoes. Alongside our supermarket learning we have been preparing for our Jubilee celebrations next week; repeating patterns have been the learning focus for our crafts. The children were creating red, white and blue repeating patterns to make decorative bunting as well as using the guillotine to cut strips of paper to



create a wonderful party crown. In the kitchen this week, we have been making some delicious vegetable and cheese sticks. The children have been grating and chopping the ingredients, rubbing in the flour and butter and cutting the dough in half before baking them. They were very popular on the snack table. What an exciting week we have had in Nursery.



Reception News



What a lot of Pirate fun we have had this week! Reception started the week thinking about all things 'pirate'. We started practising our counting in 2s. Here we put sets of 2 pirates on to our ships and wrote the corresponding numbers. We then started to think about our Pirate Day at



Rosebery Park. It was a lovely warm day so we left our pirate hats at school.

We had a pirate picnic on the school field followed by an activity of challenge developing our physical skills where we had to walk the plank without touching the ground! Not only did we play pirate games like 'Captains Coming!' but we also played 'Sharks' and 'Find the Treasure' with the giant parachute. Later that afternoon we used our imaginations to find 'pirate treasure' in the park. Twigs became 'scallywag bones' and leaves became 'golden coins and gems' What fantastic imaginations our Reception children have! The playground was a big hit and many of the children enjoyed playing with their friends, then we heard a familiar noise! The sound of



an ice cream van. Yes! We were all treated to a lovely ice-lolly, which was well deserved and needed after such a good day! Thank you to the parent helpers too, they all got into the pirate spirit! Back at school, we wrote about our adventure to Rosebery Park using time words such as first, then, next and finally to begin our sentences. Another super pirate week at St Christopher's!





Thursday 26th May - Jubilee celebrations

Please dress in red, white & blue



Friday 27th May - Jubilee Day

School is closed

Tuesday 7th June - Please note there is no Maypole club on this day.



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Callan M for his Gold award.



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school :

Florence P-Octopus 2 swimming award from Swim England

Oliver P- Water Skills 1 from Swim England

Juliana R-Messchaert- Horse riding Course 1 and swimming stage 2 from Swimtime

Noah W- Man of the match medal for Nork Park Rangers football club

Rory F- Swimming Amber Award from Better Swim School

Sootha P- 2 Merit Star certificates for playing the piano at Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival

Tadeo W- Grade 4 gymnastics certificate and Star of the Term medal for Star-Tastic Gymnastics

Phoebe B-awarded her fifth grading in Kuk Sool Won and now has a yellow stripe belt

Daniel B-P- Certificate and medal from Sutton and Epsom under 7s Rugby club

Luca K- Swiss Snow League Medal for skiing

Jemima H- Trampolining Bronze 2 certificate from Star-Tastic Gymnastics

Yasmin M- Amazing Handstands certificate from Star-Tastic Gymnastics

Mia G- Star of the Week certificate from Stagecoach

Annabel N- Blue Peter Music award badge

Grace H- Stage 4 swimming certificate from Swim England and 5 badges awarded in Beavers (Outdoors, Camp Craft, Hikes, Navigator and Disability Awareness)

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PTA Summer Fair Saturday 11th June 2-6pm

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to run a stall or help with setting up the fair already. There are still plenty of spaces to fill can you please sign up to support. **We need YOUR help!**

<https://signup.com/go/UFdvWY> Please see the link shared on your year group Whats app via your rep.

Next week you will be able to buy the PTA Summer Fair Passport.

The cost is £10 per child and adults are free. The pre paid passport will give each child access to:

Sweetie jar stall, book stall, toy stall, face painting, hair braiding, tattoos, cookie decorating and the bouncy castle and soft play area. Plus there will be entertainment and refreshments available throughout the fair with some additional surprises!

The St Christopher's Bake Off is back by popular demand and all entries will be judged on the morning of the fair.

Look out for further details from your Year Rep next week!

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you there!

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