



St Christopher's School

Weekly News Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed your special Bank Holiday Monday. The children certainly seemed to have had a good deal of fun and it has been lovely to hear about their weekend adventures.

We all returned to 'Wellbeing Week' and have enjoyed concentrating on the art of looking after ourselves. We began the week by inviting local dentist Alan Wilson in to talk to the children about the importance of looking after our teeth. Alan brought in his Dental Nurse Isabelle and delivered a perfect assembly talk for our young children about how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. The children were fascinated by his giant model of teeth and could easily see how brushing with care could make a difference. Special thanks to Alan and Isabelle.

The focus of teeth made for some very entertaining learning. In Nursery the children rolled a dice and made the correct number of teeth out of their ball of white playdough before placing them on the tiny bag belonging to the Tooth Fairy! In Reception the children all had a toothbrush each and enjoyed a whole class clean! It is surprising how long 2 minutes feels when you are being timed. The children also used Disclosing Tablets with absolute delight for a colourful and visual reminder of plaque that can sit in our mouths.

On Thursday it was time for our annual The Great Read competition. 6 schools came together to compete in mixed teams in this unique competition and the lucky guests got 'sorted' into their team by the magic of the Harry Potter Sorting Hat. This highlight in the school calendar takes place after school hours in our school Hall which had been transformed for the occasion into a scene from a Classic Book. The book of choice this year featured in the competition was The Wizard of Oz. Mrs Degg had brilliantly created a monochrome entrance area for Aunty Em's Farm complete with hay bale, Miss Gulch's bike and a stunning black and white corn field. From this each contestant stood on a 'Twister' and was spun into the Hall which had become the glittering and colourful Land of Oz. Medals were awarded by our very own House Author Anna Kemp who joined us for the evening celebrating her own book used for the Contemporary Book Round. Anna judged the Poetry Competition and also signed all the contestant's books, we were all proud of Emily S our poet who won first place. What an amazing evening.

Today the whole school entered the Hall through the farm and entered Oz via the twister. See page 2, part 2 to see the awe and wonder and sheer delight that this caused.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Leila K in Reception. Leila has delighted the Catering Team by always using such polite words when asking for her lunch. Well done Leila.

This week's House champions are **Donaldson** House with a splendid total of **269** Housepoints. Bravo Donaldson!

Finally, after 16 years and past the age of retirement, Mrs Chris Ansell has decided to retire from her position as Nursery Key Worker. Mrs Ansell is a much loved member of staff with both pupils and staff alike and we warmly thank her for her many years of service and wish her every happiness when she retires at the end of the summer term in July.

Annie Thackray Headteacher

Merit Awards

Alisa S, James M, Vihaan P, Amelia H, Michaela S, Daniel P, Mia G, Roberta Pd M, Aarav P, Nikhil K, Florence Q, Grace H, Tate T, Imogen C and Thomas B.

Philosophers of the Week

L Frank Baum (Wizard of Oz)

Thought for the week

The true courage is in facing danger when you are afraid.

Event of the Week

The Great Read inter schools competition was held in the school hall with great success. Everyone enjoyed being transported to the land of Oz and the sparking Emerald



Event of the Week Part 2

And then we all came into Oz via the Twister! On Friday everyone entered the Hall via the monochrome world of Kansas stepping out into the brilliant colour of Oz personally greeted by Glinda.

What a magical start to Friday.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



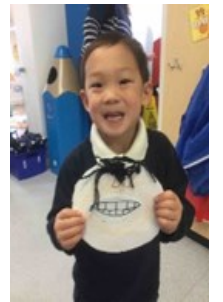
Being a dentist has been the highlight of our week in Nursery. We started our week with a visit from a real dentist, he taught us many amazing facts including how many teeth a snail has! We were so inspired by our visit we have created our very own Dental Surgery role play in Green Room; the children have had a wonderful time booking in their patients and checking their teeth. We have been busy sorting a range of foods into two groups; healthy for our teeth and unhealthy for our teeth. The children were great at being able to decide which foods might be



too sugary to eat all of the time. We also learnt about the importance of brushing our teeth and we were amazed at how super all the children are at brushing their own teeth; I wonder if they can remember how many times you should brush your teeth and for how long? The children have been using their great scissor skills to cut out some pictures of how to brush your teeth and were able to sequence them independently; they are superstars! In the kitchen this week the children have been baking strawberry and banana quinoa bars for their friends to eat on the snack table, we had to



mash the bananas and slice the strawberries. They were delicious. A wasp lost its way and was found in the Blue Room on Thursday. The children were fascinated and rushed to get the magnifying glasses to take a closer look. They carefully created wonderful observational drawings of the wasp. What a busy week in Nursery, I wonder what will happen next week...



Reception News



'Shiver Me Timbers', 'Hoist the Anchor' and 'Scrub the Decks, you Scallywags!' Yes, Reception are fully immersed in the world of treasure maps, gold and all things 'Pirate'. This week we have been making parrots for the pirate crew using paint, paper plates and large googly eyes. We have had some interesting names for them like Polly, Pete and even Princess! We were



lucky this week to have had a visit from one of our local dentists. In preparation we looked at the reasons why we needed to keep our teeth healthy and how we could do this. We practised brushing our teeth with our own toothbrush. Then we had a challenge! Using a special tablet and a mirror we checked if we brushed all our teeth correctly. In Maths we looked at making number bonds to 10 using a tens frame to help us. We had to remember that the answer was always 10. For our writing task this week we made a book to help the children in Nursery brush their teeth. We placed pictures in order and wrote instructions for them too. We are very helpful. So, parents please watch your children brush their teeth tonight, they will amaze you!



Monday 9th May
Year 2 Barbican Trip

Tuesday 10th May
Grandparents Day – For Ahlberg & Dahl House

Wednesday 11th May
Grandparent Day – For Donaldson & Kemp House

8.45-8.55am arrival for Grandparents with children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

8.55am arrival for Grandparents with children in Nursery & Pre Reception

Friday 13th May
Year 1 Allotment visit



Mathletics: Congratulations to Arya K and Zachary R for their Gold certificate.

Annabelle L – gymnastics award grade 4

Yasmin M – gymnastics award grade 6

Olivia H– gymnastics award grade 5

Arya K – gymnastics award grade 5

Mia G – gymnastics participation award & a swimming certificate

Nikhil K – has run a marathon in Junior Park runs and was invested into Beavers

Emily S – Level 5 Mountain Master Skiing badge

Cillian R – Best Tagger of the Year under 7s for Sutton and Epsom RFC

Rory F – Certificate for playing rugby under 6s Squad at Sutton and Epsom RFC

Charles A - Certificate for playing rugby under 7s Squad at Sutton and Epsom RFC

Autumn W - Certificate for playing rugby under 7s Squad at Sutton and Epsom RFC

Daniella B – Stage Coach 3 year award

Annabel N - a high merit for RAD Primary in dance exam



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