



Weekly News

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents,



We have had an inspiring week this week at St Christopher's which culminated with one of our pupils receiving our very first St Christopher's Achievement Award for Exceptional Endeavour and Empathy. Bella, in Year 2, together with her parents walked up Mt Snowdon in support of The Children's Trust and raised an amazing £1,170. The climb was attempted in challenging weather conditions, which thwarted the family on the first day just 20 minutes from the summit. Undeterred, they tried again the next day and this time got to the top of Mt Snowdon. We were delighted to welcome Bella and her family on Friday where our governor, Mrs Hibbert, awarded Bella the first of our new extra special Achievement Award for going above and beyond. Anyone in our community can receive our Achievement Award where they have shown exceptional Endeavour, Empathy or Excellence reflecting our school values.

I am also delighted to share, that the amazing efforts of all the children at St Christopher's during the lead up to the Christmas holidays, in support of The Children's Trust has meant that the children have raised a total of £2,270.75! This is an extraordinary amount which will make a huge difference to the charity and the children they support.



Year One have had an exciting week as they visited the Chertsey Museum and participated in an interactive workshop that explored how fashion in England has changed over the ages. It was a busy day with lots of planned activities, such as dressing up, designing fans, and becoming experts in Tudor dancing. Year One have also read the story of 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and explored how descriptive language can be used. Adjectives were used in abundance, and the teachers even saw some amazing alliteration. Well done Year One!



Year Two went to Guildford G-live on Tuesday to the Children's Concert giving them the experience of listening to live full orchestra. In PE this week teamwork challenges have been the order of the day organised by our wonderful Mrs Pryor and then the children learnt about the incredible explorer Matthew Henson. The children have also been immersing themselves in factual non-fiction writing, thinking hard about organising information into paragraphs and learning how to create a fact file about mathematician Katherine Johnson, who they learnt about last week. Year 2's forthcoming pantomime is shaping up nicely and promises to dazzle and delight Year 2 parents!

Well done to Ryan P in Reception class for being named our lunchtime superstar this week for always having a smile on your face and for trying lots of new and exciting food. Well done Ryan!

Top of the leader board this week is Donaldson House with a superb total of 335 House points. Congratulations to Donaldson house.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards

Work of the week

A fantastic review of our visit to G-Live to see a real live orchestra written by Aiden in Venus class



A visit To G-live



We arrived and had sandwiches.
We had crisps too.



We sat down in the auditorium and
the magician introduces the instruments.



He did it by saying the name
of the instruments and then
they came in. There were Trumpets
Trombones. until the whole orchestra
was on.



The magician introduced the conductor
Jonathan Willcock. The first
song he introduced was Over
To The Thieving Magpie. I really
liked it.



My favourite piece was Those Magnificent
Men in their Flying Machines. It was
third or fourth.



After that we had story time it
was called the Lonely Drummer.



The story is the person wants
to play tunes, but all he gets
to do is bang a drum.



The resolution is the conductor
gives him a xylophone,
It was super fun.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Continuing with our topic of 'I wonder who lives here....' This week we have been looking at who lives on a Farm. Our focus story has been The Little Red Hen, and we have had plenty of activities for the children to enjoy. We have really enjoyed hearing all about the children's favourite animals during group time, and all their pictures and videos have been wonderful.



In blue room the children have been making Little Red Hen character puppets, they all look great! The children did a fantastic job at cutting, colouring and sticking! In green room we have been looking at the different farm animals and where they might live on the farm. As the little red hen is trying to make bread in the fairy-tale, in our kitchen this week we have been making bread rolls.... Yummy! The children have learnt that we need to plant seeds, that then grow into wheat, that is then ground into flour and used to make bread. We have started learning phonics in Nursery and the children have been superstars at sounding out the letter sounds and having a go of writing the letters in lots of different ways! Well done everyone.



Alongside all our wonderful indoor activities, and although it's been cold! We have had some wonderful opportunities to do some bird spotting in the Nursery Garden. From the 27 – 29th January it is the RSPB big garden bird watch. We have been getting ahead of ourselves and practising, to see what birds we can spot around St Christopher's School. Hopefully if you get the opportunity to participate in the Big Garden Bird Watch, then all your little ones will be ready to grab their binoculars and get spotting at home!



Reception News

Up, Up and Away! Yes, this week Reception have been learning about aeroplanes and flying! We have read the story of 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' and sequenced the cities she flew to. We also wrote a postcard pretending to be Emma to a friend telling them about our travels across the world. We looked at maps and globes and learnt about where these cities were. Our favourite cities were New York and London (many of us have been there).

We watched how aeroplanes take off and land as well as labelling the different parts of a plane too.

There was lots of creative fun when we made paper aeroplanes. We had to focus really hard to follow the instructions (with a little bit of help from our teachers). We then decorated them and tested them out. We lined up in the playground and let them fly. The sky was full of planes of many different colours (and flying abilities). We measured the distance they travelled using a measuring wheel. Some flew further than 5 meters!!!

With 'Chinese New Year' on Sunday. We spoke about the festival and how it is celebrated with Dragon and Lion dances as well as red paper envelopes. The children were told the story of the Chinese zodiac and we looked at what animal we were.

We have been continuing to practice our handwriting, reading, phonics, counting not to mention listening to talks from the children with their 'Show and Tell', which have included waffle making this week. Yum! Yum! Just another energetic week of learning fun at St Christopher's!



The Foundation Team



新年快樂
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thursday 26th January
Chinese New Year Dance Workshop



Thursday 26th January - Nursery (Sparkles group) parents afternoon
Held at school from 1.30-4.30pm

Friday 3rd February—PTA Quiz night
Assemble your teams & sharpen up your obscure facts



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Meili L, James C and Benjamin W for your Silver Certificates.



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

Conor L – star of the week at Startastic Gymnastics

Rebecca G – Gymnastics Bronze 2 at Startastic Gymnastic

Charlie L– Swimming medal

Annabelle L – Swimming Award level 1

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