



## Weekly News

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents,

### **Raising Money for the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund**



You may remember that last month our amazing Year 2's sang beautifully at the Ashley Centre in order to raise money for the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund (EMEF). The Paediatric Outpatient Unit at Epsom General Hospital had requested an ultrasound echocardiograph machine as their existing one was nearing the end of its life. I am thrilled to announce that our Year 2's beautiful singing has helped The Fund to reach their target, which has enabled the EMEF to purchase this much-needed equipment. Dr Adam Carter was overjoyed when the machine



arrived this week and was excited to share what it can do and how it will benefit babies and children by speeding up investigations so treatment can begin. So on Thursday our Deputy Head boy and girl attended a presentation at Epsom Hospital for the new machine. Aidan and Phoebe reported back on their visit, "We met Dr Carter, saw the new machine and learnt all about how it works. We discovered some fascinating facts about the heart and we were even allowed to use a stethoscope to listen to each other's heart beats!"

### **Lunches at St Christopher's**

I am delighted to report that our kitchen will be back to normal on Monday with a delicious chicken and vegetarian tikka masala served with fluffy rice and green beans!

### **News from Year 1**



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the wonderful Mrs Ren this week and all the marvellous arts and crafts they were inspired to create to celebrate Chinese New Year! They were also fascinated to hear from Hugo, Zhibo and Chris about how their families celebrate Chinese New Year, which they generously shared with the whole school during our assembly on Tuesday. Year 1 also transformed themselves into authors this week penning their very own different versions of the classic story, Jasper's Beanstalk with a brand-new setting and character! Finally, you may have seen a few new additions in our playground too, as Year 1 have been busily setting up rain gauges and using their scientific investigating skills to track the winter weather... we don't think the great British weather will let them down and will certainly provide them with lots of rain over the coming weeks!

### **News from Year 2**

This week, Year 2 have revelled in continuing with this term's topic, Real Life Heroes, learning all about the immensely brave Anne Frank and her famous diary. The children have had to imagine what three things they would take with them if they had to go into hiding, just like Anne did, and they wrote their own superb diary entries. And finally, I am thrilled to report that the excitement and anticipation surrounding Year 2's production of "Panto Pandemonium" is rippling through St Christopher's at pace as a dazzling array of costumes are being added to the rehearsals ahead of next week's performance which is shaping up to be a real show-stopper!



This weeks lunch time superstar is James C for showing excellent manners when asking for seconds. Well done James !

Top of the leader board this week is **Donaldson** House with a superb total of **510** House points. Congratulations to **Donaldson** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

## Work of the week

Leila in Saturn class wrote a detailed description of the Year 1 trip to the Chertsey Museum

by Leila

20.01.23

LO: To write a recount of the Year

One trip to Chertsey Museum

I can use time connectives ✓

I can use capital letters ✓

On Wednesday I went to Chertsey Museum. Then I met Mrs Dove. Next Zara and Jack got dressed in a costume. Then Mrs Dove <sup>sh</sup>owed us the timeline. Then it was time for snack and I had an apple. Next Mrs Leyland and my Mummy got dressed up they looked beautiful. Next we looked at fans fantab! We did start. Michaela dressed in a victorians outfit and Juliana wore a really wig. Next we said by to Mrs Dove then she went <sup>to her</sup> house and we went back to school. and then we got free dress for a club and I went home. I was happy!  
✓ What a wonderful recount of our trip Leila. Your punctuation is accurate and you used time connectives.





## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

### Happy Chinese New Year!



This week in Nursery we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We learnt that the emperor arranged a great race and that the animals who won the race got to represent a year in their name. This year is the year of the Rabbit, and we enjoyed seeing all the children's wonderful rabbit pictures. We have been retelling the story of how Chinese New Year began, we looked at where around the world celebrates and how it is celebrated, we had a lovely opportunity to have a guest speaker in to tell us about what is done to celebrate Chinese New Year.



In our kitchen we have been making vegetable spring rolls. They were delicious! The children did a great job at chopping, grating and rolling the ingredients. In Blue room we have made drums and in Yellow room the children have been getting busy constructing the great wall of China! In our outdoor garden we have been doing races of our own, we have been learning that we can come 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> and we had our very own podium! In Green room we made our own repeating pattern dragons and we had the chance to get crafty during group time to make paper lanterns, the children were great at following instructions, they listened to what they had to do and completed the task really well.



## Reception News

We have continued our Up, Up and Away theme this week by learning about the inspirational Amelia Earhart. We found out that she inspired many people so set to work finding out what the word 'inspired' means and how it makes us want to try new experience and work harder. We thought about people who inspired us and there was a real mix of friends, families, real life, and pretend superheroes. Even teachers were included on that list!

Amelia Earhart was inspirational for being the first female to fly over the Atlantic Ocean before eventually attempting to fly around the world. We enjoyed looking at non-fiction books to find out and record our favourite facts about her. Our top facts were that she had a yellow Pplane called Canary, she founded the 99 Club which was made up of 99 female pilots and our funny fact was that she wore bloomers instead of dresses!

We have loved learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year and we found out that it is the year of the Rabbit. It was a real treat to have Mrs Ren visit and create some stunning Firecrackers with us complete with a 'Good Luck' greeting written in Chinese.

As always, our learning is inspired by our main topic and theme and Chinese New Year was no exception. When we found out that it is customary to gift children red envelopes with money in to welcome the New Year we used it to inspire our maths counting coins into red envelopes and trying to solve mathematical problems using the Part-Part-Whole method.





Friday 3rd February - Year 2 Pantomime  
*Coffee for Year 2 parents will be served under the porch from 8.30am.*

Friday 3rd February - PTA Quiz night



Friday 10th February - PTA Valentines Disco



Sunday 12th March Surrey Hills Hike

[Surrey Hills Hike 2023 | The Children's Trust \(thechildrenstrust.org.uk\)](https://thechildrenstrust.org.uk)

#### **Merit Awards:**

Maryam O, Connor L, Anthony X, Ethan R, Meili L, Leon B, Kitty T, Mikayeel A, Grace C, Arthur S-A, Faith H and Jamie B-R



#### **Mathletics:**

Congratulations to Sooha P, Oliver K, Leila K and Juliana R-M for your Gold Certificate.



#### **Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:**

Luca G - Swimmer of the Week


Sam B - Learn to Swim Award 1

Remy K - Certificate for the Topy Gym Award 6



**ST CHRISTOPHER'S PTA PRESENTS...**

*The*  
**NIGHT CIRCUS**  
**BALL**



DERBY SUITE, EPSOM RACECOURSE  
7.30PM RECEPTION DRINKS  
8.15PM DINNER

**SAVE THE DATE 24TH JUNE 2023**