



Weekly News

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents,

Children's Mental Health Week



We have been celebrating Children's Mental Health week this week in a variety of fun and exciting ways. The theme this year of "Let's Connect" has looked at the importance that connections with others have on our mental health. All children have been thinking about what it means to be kind and how we are all connected to each other at St Christopher's. In assembly, we reflected that when we are altogether, enjoying learning, playtime, and special events such as a Panto, we feel happy and excited. Today, we came together as a whole school and made the longest paperchain in St Christopher's history to symbolise our connections to each other.



Neptune Class Assembly

On Thursday we were delighted to gather and watch our first class assembly of 2023, expertly led by Neptune Class. The children sang, danced and recited the story of "Emma-Jane and her aeroplane" where we met an array of colourful characters. The children also treated us to a wonderful song and dance to finish off this wonderful celebration.

Our Wonderful PTA

As the song by Tina Turner goes, our PTA are "simply the best"! This half term alone they have arranged for dancing lessons, a Quiz Night, a Valentine's Disco and have met with me to discuss future plans for the year. Thank you to all who are involved and ensure that our children have the most fabulous time at St Christopher's. The Quiz Night was a huge success, although I must admit that my knowledge of Epsom Racecourse needs a little work. I know the children are going to have an absolute hoot at the Valentine's Disco this Friday and have certainly enjoyed the delicious cupcakes that parents have so kindly donated today.

Year 1 News



Year 1 have been researching tigers, polar bears, and meerkats this week and have used their notes to write about the habitat, diet, appearance, and behaviour of these animals. The children have also found some fun facts! For example, did you know that meerkats stand up in the morning to absorb heat on their abdomens after a long cold desert night? As part of their topic of clothes, the children have been looking at different fastenings- Velcro, hooks/eyes, press studs and zips and the children found that it isn't as easy as it looks! In French this week the children used QR codes and French games on the iPad to sort and match different clothes.



Year 2 News

After the amazing success of their Panto last week, Year 2 have written their own reviews about the pantomime, sharing their thoughts about their character, their favourite part of the show and how it felt performing in such an amazing production. The children have continued their topic work by exploring the life of Nelson Mandela, discussion the Nobel Peace Prize and why he was awarded it. Year 2 have also been using the music of Stevie Wonder to inspire their artwork. Year 2 have also worked in teams to plan and create a colourful bird inspired by the drawings of Polly Dunbar. The children reflected those skills such as collaboration, communication and turn taking help make a team successful. In science, the topic has changed from learning about teeth to plant growth which started with an in-depth discussion about how scientists prove what they believe! Today, Year 2 will also bring their Panto to the residents of Linden House and treat them to a few songs and scenes of "Panto Pandemonium".

A huge congratulations to Rory L and Faith H in Reception on their appointment to the School Council!

Wishing you all a wonderful half term.

Mrs Grehan

Work of the week

This week, Year 2 were reflecting upon their outstanding pantomime. They wrote about their character, their costume and make up as well as their favourite scene. Sooha has created a beautiful leaflet filled with her memories as Jack's Mother. Year 2 will take these home at the end of the year and become a treasured keepsake of the time they amazed their teachers and parents on stage!

Our Perfect



Pantomime



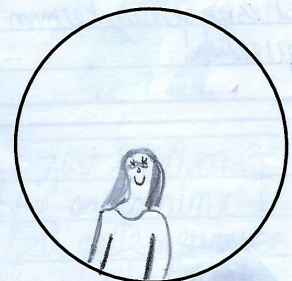
My favourite part of the pantomime was the part when Bo and Hiss got chased by the badies because Boop got kicked and pushed off by one of the badies that the badies name was Grotty

My favourite character is ~~Gra~~ Grotty because one her lines is "Who saw them go they mustie." I think it's funny because she's answering her own question!



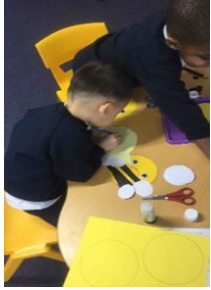
At first & before the pantomime I felt quite nervous but Miss Draiton it was okay if you were nervous because nerves give you energy.

And I ~~figue~~ figured out she was right! The moment I ~~felt~~ stepped onto the stage my nerves disappeared! I no longer was nervous! And I said my lines in character correctly without any care.



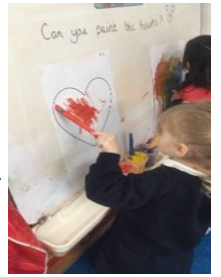
Sooha

Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Let's Bee Kind!

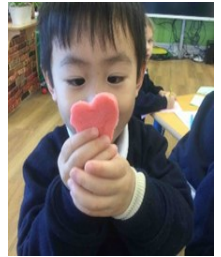
This week has been Children's Mental Health week. In Nursery we have been looking acts of kindness, how we can help others and how we can all connect. The children have shown that they are superstars when it comes to being kind and helping each other. We also got to be part of St Christopher's longest ever paperchain!



We have had a fun packed week of activities to enable us to talk about the topic of being kind and helpful. In Yellow room the children have been making Kind Bees and giving an example of how they have been kind or helpful. In Blue room the children have been exploring with colour, finding out what happens when they mix two different colours together! Choosing a friend, they had to work together to



pick two different colours to print using their hands, they then connected their hands together to mix the two colours into one! They have also had the chance to make heart shaped biscuits in the kitchen and play lots of games outdoors to encourage turn taking and playing together. They have been putting their phonics to use in Green room and writing valentines cards for those they care for. Great work this week everybody! We hope you have a lovely break for half term.



Reception News



All aboard the crafty coach! The trip the children have all been waiting for was finally here.

Mars and Neptune class visited the birthplace of British Motorsport and Aviation on Wednesday as they immersed themselves into their topic of transport at Brooklands Museum.



The children split up into groups to browse the museum, which is also the home of Concorde. The children had a brilliant time learning all about the history of bicycles, classic cars and aeroplanes', learning about the history of aviation, London buses in the 70's, 90's and the present day. The children enjoyed seeing Chitty Chitty Bang, Brum, making their very own loopy gliders and learnt how gravity, lift and thrust of air, helps the glider stay in flight. After lunch, we used our special boarding pass and climbed aboard Concorde, saw the cockpit and sat in the seats. Finally, we went to the Aircraft Factory where we saw engineering in action, watched a mechanic who bent aluminium with special machines, and got to try our hand at making our own metal plane! We had a fantastic trip, thank you to all who helped make it a success!



Following on from this, the children did some fantastic writing using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, about their terrific trip, detailing their favourite moment at Brooklands.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Neptune class who did a splendid job at performing in their first class assembly, well done to all you, we are extremely proud... West End here you come! Mars class...you are up next after half term and we can't wait to watch you perform too.



The Foundation Team

13th-17th February - Half term



Tuesday 21st February - House Pancake Race
Children to wear their house T-shirts



Thursday 23rd February - Poetry Recital Final



Friday 24th February - Open Morning for prospective parents

This weeks lunch time superstar is Tate T for waiting so patiently for the catering team to serve your delicious lunch, you showed great patience and superb manners. Well done Tate!

Top of the leader board this week is **Donaldson** House with a superb total of **781** House points. Congratulations to **Donaldson** house.

Merit Awards:

Quinn K, Phoebe B, Laura L, Sooha P, Jack W, Jason E, Rebecca G and Oliver K



Mathletics: Congratulations to Ethan R for his Silver Certificate

Congratulations to Jason E and Olivia BP for your Gold Certificates



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Edward F – Swimming Award 5 metres

Barnaby B – Learn to Swim Level 6

Rory F – on the winning team at the Beavers swimming gala

Alisa S – Star of the Week at Stagecoach

