



Weekly News

Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents,

Panto Pandemonium at St Christopher's!



Tremendous! Stupendous! Utterly Fab-u-lous! Year 2 treated us all to a hilarious battle between good and evil that took place in Pantoland this morning. The children were phenomenal in their interpretation of "Panto Pandemonium" which included an array of traditional panto characters and plenty of audience participation. Huge congratulations to all the children in Year 2 for a truly wonderful performance. Thank you to Miss Drayton, Mrs Russell, Mrs Mulhern and Mrs Pryor, for helping to create a wonderful performance that I am sure we will remember for years to come! And finally, a huge thank you to parents for all your support and for raising £263.30 for the British Heart Foundation.

Chinese New Year

An enormous thank you to our wonderful PTA for arranging Dancing Days to come to school this week and lead dance classes as part of our celebrations for Chinese New Year. The school was alight with colour as we continued our celebrations this week.



News from Year 1



Year 1 made an interesting discovery this week when they found a burrow in our field! With great curiosity the children discussed who might live in this burrow and have decided that it must be a wombat who has travelled over to Epsom from Australia! A fact finding mission ensued which led to the children learning about wombats and playing games to help them learn some key vocabulary. The children have continued to explore their topic, "Clothes from around the world", with some children sharing their traditional clothes and using atlases to locate the country of origin.



News from Year 2



Year 2 have had a very busy week which culminated in the much-anticipated performance of "Panto Pandemonium" to a full house. We are all bursting with pride at the extraordinary talent of all our children. Year 2 have also been learning about a new Real Life Hero – the legend that is Stevie Wonder and enjoying listening to some of his amazing music. The children have also



enjoyed seeing the results of the "teeth experiment" having made careful observations and conclusions about which liquids were likely to damage or keep teeth healthy with some surprising results!

This week's lunch time superstar is Benjamin W for holding the door open for a member of staff and for using polite manners whilst asking for lunch. Well done Benjamin!

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **647** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

Merit Awards:

Vihaan P, James M, Leo S-M, Teddy S, Ariana A, Zachary V, Bella I, Darcey S, Logan H, Ophelia WP, Benjamin W and Noah W.

Best wishes Mrs Grehan

Work of the week

In Science, Year 1 have been learning about the weather. They have set up thermometers, rain gauges and weather vanes. Each morning the children have completed their weather diaries.

Meili has used the wind symbol in her picture.

Day 6



Today the weather is breezy
and cloudy. Inside the
temperature is 18°C

Outside temperature
 2°C . It is getting warmer

The rain gauge
showed 7mm of rain.

A super entry Meili. well done 😊

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a busy week it has been in Nursery! We had the opportunity to participate in the Chinese New Year dance workshop, which was so much fun! We got to dance with a giant dragon. We also got to watch the year 2 pantomime... Oh yes, we did! Which was great, Thank you Year 2!

This week we have been learning all about ponds and what animals live in and around the water. Our story this week was The Ugly Duckling, from the story we have been focusing on how our words can make others feel. In our kitchen this week we have been baking pond biscuits! (Savoury parmesan biscuits) which the children have enjoyed. We have been busy in Yellow room learning about the life cycle of a swan and singing the nursery rhyme 5 Little Ducks, which has helped us with our counting backwards from 5 to 0. In Green room Pre-Reception have been practising writing the letter sounds we have learnt so far, they are doing a fantastic job! The weather has brightened up this week so there has been lots of fun outdoors. We have had duck races in the water tray, and practised filling different containers with oats (the birds have loved this!) to use the new vocabulary we have been learning this week of full, half full and empty. Well done Nursery you have been amazing learners this week as always.



Reception News

The children have had another action-packed week in Reception including taking part in a Chinese New Year dance with an enormous dragon puppet and pretty, red parasols. We have been reading the story 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car' by John Burningham. We talked about how the passengers in his car were reluctant to help him push it out of the mud. However, in the end they managed it and continued their journey because they used excellent team-work; we agreed it is very powerful when we work together. We also discussed Mr Gumpy's car and noticed that it is a convertible and from the past. We have learnt the names of different parts of a car so we can use the correct words. This should come in handy when we visit Brooklands Museum next week. The children have been busy making vehicles using recycled materials and even included shiny foil lights, car logo badges, windows and of course wheels; some even have a sun roof! Also, we have carefully cut and stuck cars in rows to create traffic jams and numbered how many cars were in the queue. As well as all of this, we have undertaken an investigation using a ramp at different gradients. We all predicted, experimented and recorded the impact this had on how far a toy car will travel.



The Foundation Team

6 - 12th February
Children's Mental Health Week

6 - 10th February

No teacher led clubs this week due to parents evenings except Violin, Art, Netball Spanish & Orchestra
All external/paid clubs will continue as usual



8th February - Reception Trip to Brooklands Transport Museum
Children should wear their PE kit and have their waterproof coat.
The children will not need any money and a packed lunch will be provided.



8th February - Parents Evening

9th February - Pre Nursery Tour
3.30pm - 4pm for Summer Term Starters

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10th February - 'Wear red to school day'

To coincide with the PTA Valentine's Day Disco on Friday 10th February, children are invited to wear red all day on Friday 10th. We will be using this opportunity to raise awareness that February is National Heart month and the work of the Evelina Children's Heart Organisation. (ECHO). ECHO doing an amazing job supporting children and families with heart conditions. If your child is staying for the PTA Valentine's Disco, children are welcome to wear their disco clothes to school, ready for the disco after school!

10th February - Year 2 Singing at Linden House



10th February - PTA Valentines Disco
3.30 - 4.15pm - Nursery, Pre-Reception & reception
4.30 - 5.15pm - Year 1 & 2



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Holly S, Elena W and Margot P for your Gold certificates.

Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Florence P - medal for taking part in the annual Philomena Dance School show

Remy K - Top Gym Award 6

