



Weekly News

Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents,

Sharing our learning



It was lovely to welcome so many parents to our Spring Term sharing our learning event. There was so much work to review and celebrate and the children loved guiding their parents through their books and displays which were packed with examples of impressive progress and achievement.



Pre-Reception Assembly

A huge well done to all the children in Pre-Reception who had their assemblies this week. Being very much part of the main school, the Pre-Reception children performed to the whole school and their parents. We were so impressed with your storytelling, singing and dancing. You really made us think when we had to problem-solve and listen carefully to your clues when you asked the question, "Who lives here?" We were delighted to see so many of our favourite traditional tale characters!

Recycling winners

Well done to our recycling winners! Ms Kay set a challenge to create and recycle a pot during science week last week. We had a wonderful array of entries that showcased the incredible creativity and innovation. Well done to the year group winners Eden N, Dawn F, William C, Logan H and Sooha P who won brilliant books about recycling. A huge well done!

Dates and Information

Please do read the page entitled "Dates and Information" which includes information for the first week back to school, PTA news and our International Week in May. Thank you!

Year One News



Year 1 have had many highlights this week which included writing instructions on how to trap a mythical creature. I was very impressed to see the children using time connectives, imperative verbs, and adverbs in their writing! In maths, the children have been grappling with estimating and measuring length. I think we can also all agree that the children have created some beautiful sketches of daffodils using the medium of watercolours, to add vibrant colour to their spring cards.



Year Two News



Year 2 were delighted to find that their plants had decided to have a growth spurt over the weekend in Venus class! Splendid scientific observations were recorded, and the children looked back at their early predictions and interesting comparisons were made with Mercury class.

The Year 2 science work was rounded off with a trip to Wakehurst Place on Wednesday. Spirits were not dampened despite the weather's best attempts. They had a fantastic time looking at amazing seeds. Who knew a single blueberry held so many seeds? The children enjoyed looking through microscopes and pollinated flowers in the gardens. It was a joyful educational visit!

Congratulations to Harry P for achieving the lunchtime superstar award this week! The catering team were really impressed with your fabulous manners and they thought you were very grown up when you politely introduced yourself to them. Well done, Harry!

Top of the leader board this week is Dahl House with a superb total of 1869 House points. Congratulations to Dahl house.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Roberta PdM, Leon B, Anna M, Jason E, Alisa S, Florence P, Faith H, Thomas M

Work of the Week

Micah in Year 1 has written a comprehensive list of instructions to trap an ice-giant. Follow them if your dare!

to write
p a mythical creature.

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How to catch an ice giant.
I am an expert at catching
and defeating ice giants. ✓

If you follow my instructions
so you can do the same. ✓

First an ice giant looks like
an iceberg and they sound
like an volcano erupting.
But they very dangerous! ✓
You will need a willow,
a tall ladder, or strong shawl
a bag of ice lollies and
ice cream.

First tipt-toe quietly to the
giant's ice house, next dig a

deep dark dangerous hole.

✓ If the giant hears, you run and
hide behind a tree.

After that get out of the hole
and lay a trail of ice lollies from
the hole and to the house.

Then play the recorder.

✓ go funny when the giant gets close
to the hole & push the giant
into the hole!

✓ You included capital letters,
adverbs, time connectives and even

alliteration!

I hope you
catch an
ice giant!

Check list

I can use a . / ? !	✓
I can use a capital letter (A)	✓
I can use time connectives	✓
I can use the imperative verb	✓
I can use adverbs	✓



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a lovely busy week we have had in Nursery. We started off the week by reading our focus story which has been Jack and the Beanstalk. We had lots of lovely activities throughout Nursery including retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in Green room, and using the sounds we have learnt so far in our phonics lessons to help label the characters. We made some delicious milkshakes in the kitchen, which gave us the chance to practice cutting, mashing, pouring and grating. Out in the Nursery Garden we have been planting our very own runner beans! Let's hope we get some sun, so they start to grow!

We loved having our grownups in on Tuesday morning for sharing our learning! It was a lovely opportunity to show you how we love to learn in our Nursery, we hope you enjoyed it too!



Reception News

Fe Fi Fo Fum! Watch out everyone, here we come! Yes, Reception have been busy, busy, busy talking all about 'Jack and his Beanstalk'. We have had great fun making our own beanstalk out of paper. We worked in pairs to join our beanstalks together, then we placed them into height order using our direct comparison skills. After that we decided to measure them using cubes, sticks, meter rules and a trundle wheel. Some were very long indeed, measuring over 19m! Maybe we could use it to see the giant.

We have been super clever this week using our phonic and writing skills independently to retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk too. Many of us knew the story so well and we could hear the chant of the giant at playtimes.

We have used the playdough and Numicon to solve addition and subtraction sums that were written on plant pots!

We have also been curious to know how beans grow and watched a timelapse video of them growing. We were fascinated to learn that the roots grow first! We drew and labelled our own bean plant too, noting the roots, stem, flower and leaves.

We have been using our investigating skills to discover different types of beans. We looked at green, broad, cannellini, mung, runner, black eyed, Edamame, kidney, baked and our favourite, the Jelly Bean!



The Foundation Team

Dates and Information for Parents

Wellbeing activities	<p>In our first week back (starting on Wednesday 19th April) we have organised activities that will promote wellbeing. Could children bring in the following:</p> <p>Year 1 and 2 children On Wednesday, please bring in a picture book (which can be shared with younger children) and a picnic blanket (if you have one). Please could these items be named. If these items were in a named carrier bag, that would be wonderful!</p> <p>All children On Friday, if families were able to donate flowers and greenery, we will be creating posies for children to give to people who they would like to show their gratitude to for all they do for them.</p>
PTA Dates for the Diary	<p>21st April – Cheese and Wine Social Event 13th May – A Royal Tea Party on the lawn 24th June – The Night Circus Ball June – Family Photo Day – date to be confirmed.</p>
International Week at St Christopher's	<p>During the week beginning 15th May, the school will be celebrating the cultures and heritage of our families by holding an International Week. Each year group will be learning about a continent and the week will be filled with activities celebrating our diversity. We are asking parents if they can / would like to get involved, a form will be sent out on ParentMail next week to enquire whether you can do any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tell or read a story that is linked to your heritage.Can you dance? If you can salsa, samba, polka, waltz – anything really that is linked to your heritage and would like to work with Mrs Pryor in teaching the children a few steps – let us know!We will be holding an international food morning, where parents are invited to bring in a dish, everyone will have a plate and have the chance to taste delicious food from around the world. <p>We are hoping for this week to be a joyous event where we learn, celebrate and embrace the wonderful cultures of all our families.</p>

Monday 27th 2pm- Spring Music Concert

All parents in Year 2 and parents of selected musicians are welcome to attend

Please enter via the front Hall door

Wednesday 29th - Last day of term

Nursery & Pre-Reception Parents - School will finish at 12 pm

Please could parents vacate their parking spaces as soon as possible to ease congestion

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents- School will finish at 12.10pm



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

James M - Swimming Level 3

Lucy S—Swimming Level 1

