



Weekly News

Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents,

This week really has been a wonderful week where our community have come together to celebrate the joyous community of St Christopher's school. It started with our Royal Tea Party and continued with our International Week – none of which would have been possible without the extraordinary support of all our parents.

Thank you!

An enormous thank you to our stupendous PTA for organising a wonderful afternoon on Saturday. The school was filled with music, laughter and fun as we all came together to enjoy the sunshine with a nod to the Coronation. It was lovely to see so many of our school community – a huge thank you to you all.

International Week

We have had the most amazing week this week, learning about different continents from around the world and have been visited by some wonderful parents along the way.



On Monday, Mrs Langley, Mrs Ezeanaka, Mrs Saul-Mital, Ms Vankova joined us in the morning and read stories to the children from Ireland, Australia, Bulgaria, and Africa.

In the afternoon Year 2 were joined by Mrs Ahmed who talked to the children about art from Pakistan. She talked about the vibrant truck art in Pakistan, the children really enjoyed the talk and demonstration and did some colourful artwork of their own.



On Tuesday, we had a particularly busy morning as Mr and Mrs Barker held workshops in school for all the children as they learnt how to count in Korean, try out some martial art sequences and watched an amazing demonstration. The children learnt lots of new martial arts moves in their Korean Kuk Sool Won workshops and were taught about safe practice of martial arts and learnt how to show respect to each other and equipment. The children were encouraged to demonstrate their moves in a safe space at home but to practice only in a class environment with an instructor. We were amazed at Mr and Mrs Barker's incredible skill – thank you Mr and Mrs Barker!





On Wednesday, Mrs Wood spoke to the children about the colourful festival of Holi. The children learnt about the significance of the festival, the food that is eaten and the colourful celebrations that follow. The children were then given the opportunity to throw paint onto huge rolls of paper and join in the fun of Holi!

Later, Wednesday Year 2 were lucky enough to be visited by Dr Arbabi. He talked to us about the history of medicine in Iran and the importance of eating a healthy diet as well as exercise to keeping well. Year 2 had plenty of questions and Dr Arbabi's wealth of knowledge answered them all. He even showed the children his published book!



Finally, on Thursday, we had an extraordinary array of delicious food delivered to our hall by more of our amazing parents. It was a joy for all, both adults and children, to come together to share food from our wonderful diverse community.



St Christopher's Achievement Award

We were blown away this week when we all listened to Arya K share her amazing achievement of growing her hair for 2 years and then donating 15 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. Arya is our second recipient of St Christopher's Achievement Award for Exceptional Empathy. We were delighted to welcome Arya and her family on Friday where our governor, Mrs Hibbert, attended and gave Arya her award. The Little Princess Trust Charity is a charity that gives free wigs to children who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment. Anyone in our community can receive our Achievement Award where they have shown Exceptional Endeavour, Exceptional Empathy or Excellence.



Year 2 Maths Awards

Congratulations Darcey S for achieving your Bronze Award for Timestable Rockstars and to Elena W and Bella I for achieving their Silver Awards!

This weeks lunch time superstar is Ethan D For using exceptionally polite manners whenever asking for seconds and for doing so with a wonderful smile too. Well done !

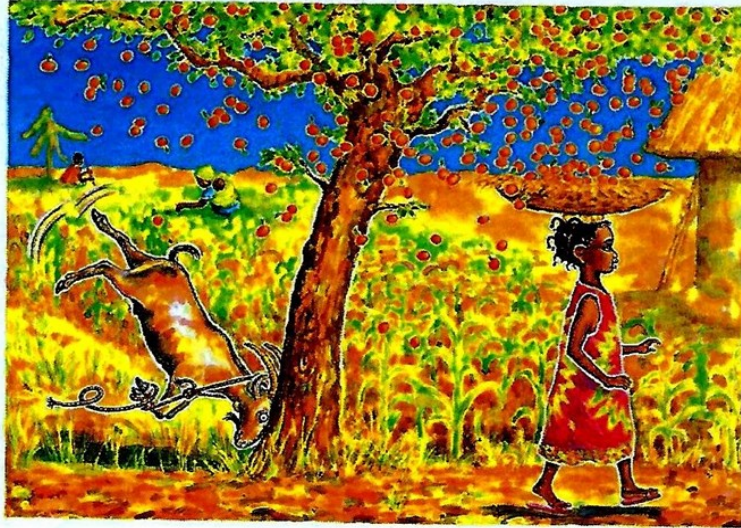
Best wishes,


Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

Year 1 have been looking at the story of Handa's Surprise. Roberta PdM has written the beginning of the story including some excellent adjectives.

Handa's Surprise



Once upon a time there was a girl called Handa. ^WWhen she woke up in the Sunny Morning she had a idea! So she went and put some goats in a straw basket and put it on her head! Then she walked on. ^WWhen she ^{left} the house she put her hat on. She walked along a rocky path. The monkey took the banana! Then the ostrich took (the) sweet smelling ~~ghana~~  What a great start to the story.

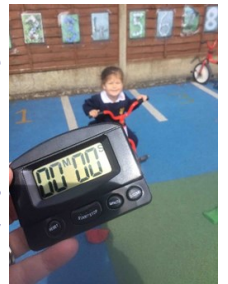
Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Nursery this week has been brimming with International themed activities. In Yellow room, we have been learning about Spain. We made cardboard castanets decorated with our own designs, we mixed paella in the tuff-spot and shared it into different sized bowls, recreated the Spanish flag on peg boards and even had a go at Flamenco dancing! In the kitchen, we took a culinary journey to Italy. The children made mini pizzas by spreading passata, chopping olives and grating cheese on to flat breads. After they were baked, they thoroughly enjoyed eating them for a morning snack. In Blue and Green



room, we have been celebrating Slovakia which is Ms Kova's home country. This has included creating small clay dishes inspired by 'Modra' ceramics which are always blue and white. In fact, modra means blue in Slovakian! Children have also been decorating little wooden houses to match traditional Slovakian homes and writing postcards then posting them in our letterbox. At the Nursery cycle track, we have held our very own 'Tour de France' with our budding cyclists doing time trials! As well as all of this, we participated in the Korean Martial Arts display, and attended a lovely assembly about Holi presented by Mrs Wood. Afterwards, we re-created our own Holi artworks by wetting enormous strips of paper and flicking coloured powder paints on them. They looked very dramatic! Next week we will be on the road again...



Reception News

Let it snow, let it snow...

This week, Mars and Neptune have immersed themselves into their frozen classrooms, made of icy igloos and soft snow! They have thoroughly enjoyed their week learning about different countries and continents from around the world, more specifically, Antarctica.

Did you know that... Antarctica hosts the largest mammal on earth...the blue whale. After finding out this fabulous fact, Reception did a fabulous job at creating their own blue whale made out of a variety of materials and building igloos out of marshmallows! After filling their brilliant brains with their new found knowledge and mind blowing facts about this frozen land, the children wrote their own facts, using full stops, capital letters, and even some question marks...WOW!

Mars and Neptune class have been brilliant at sharing their toys throughout the year but can they share a yummy pizza? Following on from doubling in maths, the children learnt all about halving. They made their own pizza and had to share it with a with their friends, making sure that they all had the same amount, it needs to be equal and even to make sure it is fair.

The children finished their week as super scientists, investigating which materials provide insulation, which materials can keep an ice cube cold and how long it takes for an ice cube to melt! They made predictions and conclusions... can you guess which material was the most successful at keeping the ice cube icy?



The Foundation Team

Dates for Next Week

Tuesday 23rd May - Year 1 information evening at 7pm

Wednesday 24th May - Reception trip to Chessington

Children should wear their Pe Kit with trainers and bring their raincoat and a named full water bottle. If sunny please apply suncream prior to coming into school and wear your sunhat. No book bags required.



Thursday 25th & Friday 26th May - Wind in the Willows Production

All Year 1 & 2 parents welcome, refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am



If you would like further information about some of the wonderful activities we have had this week please see links below

Korean Kuk Sool Won classes are available in Claygate at www.kswclaygate.co.uk

Mrs Ahmed runs art classes for children and adults at www.theartandcakestudio.com.

