

Weekly News Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents,

Father's Day Challenge Morning

We had the most wonderful morning celebrating all our fabulous dad's this week. The morning was filled with sports fun on the field, a music challenge, and a very tricky quiz. It was lovely to see the sheer joy on the children's faces in being able to share this time with their dads. Thank you all who were able to attend!



ISA London South Art Competition

I was delighted to be able to attend this year's ISA London South Art competition on Thursday



evening where schools bring along a range of artwork from textiles, to drawing, photography, fashion to 3D art. I am so proud to be able to report that St Christopher's won 2 categories in Early Years/KS1 and received a highly commended certificate. Well done to Max M (Year 2) for winning the EYFS/KS1 category for his 3D sculpture of Peter Rabbit, well done to the Nursery for their Kente cloth printing, and winning the textiles EYFS stage and well done to Rory L (Reception) for receiving a highly

commended certificate for his drawing of a leaf. A huge thank you to the amazing Mrs Degg for her extraordinary talent, vision and teaching that continues to inspire us all!

Year 1 News



Year 1 have been working hard this week! They have been retelling the story of The Magic Porridge Pot and learning about coin and note recognition in Maths. Sybil told me she particularly enjoyed the coin lesson "because we sorted them into different groups". In Geography they have been comparing Kenya to the UK and in art have been engaged in observational painting of a bowl of fruit



using water colours, Zara particularly enjoyed the painting "because I really like art and I like painting and we were trying to stay within the lines with water colours". Well done, Year One!

Year 2 News

Following on from the amazing residential trip last week to Juniper Hall, Year 2 have been creating their Juniper Hall diaries and recounting their adventures with pictures included! This will become a wonderful memory book to keep and re-read in years to come. Year 2 have also continued to use atlases to explore the continents of the world as part of their Geography work and in art have been inspired by Raku Inoue and have created nature insect sculptures. In science, the focus has been on amphibians and frogs. They have learnt about the life cycle of frogs, enjoyed researching different amphibians including the poison dart frog which was a particular favourite. Some children even research axolotls (which is a type of salamander)!

Dangerous Parking

We have had several reports this week from our neighbours regarding parking in Chartwell Place. Cars have become damaged; people are parking illegally on yellow lines and removing cones that have been put out for builders. We would ask anyone who is dropping or picking children up from school to park considerately, in spaces that do not block driveways and to please remind your children about safety on the roads and when opening car doors. Parking on the corner or bend of a road is also causing a hazard and should be avoided

Year 2 Maths Awards

Congratulations to Aidan G, Arya K, and Bella I for achieving their Gold Star Awards; to Ariana A and Olivia H for achieving their Silver Star Awards and to Kitty T for achieving her Bronze Star Award for multiplication excellence.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Jamie B-R for your superb eating and exceptional manners. Well done Jamie!

Top of the leader board this week is Dahl House with a superb total of 410 House points. Congratulations to Dahl house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Remy K, Chloe B, Farzan M-H, Kian Y, Peter G, Elena W, Aidan G, Daisy GD, Micah R-K, Roberta PdM, Benjamin W and Annabelle L

Work of the Week

Maryam wrote a marvellous news article about the peach rolling down the hill inspired by James and the Giant Peach. She used brilliant verbs and adverbs and created a super eye witness account using synonyms for 'said'. Brilliant creative writing!

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Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What a busy week it has been!

We started off the week welcoming our Daddys into Nursery for our Father's Day challenge. The children had a great time, as did the fathers, I'm sure! The children got busy with all sorts of activities from making ties, rosettes, and icing biscuits!

In Nursery this week we have been learning all about bees. The children have been busy in the Nursery garden pretending to be, Busy Bees and

collecting pollen from flowers to take back to the hive. They have been bug hunting in the garden and we are finding all sorts of creepy crawlies which is great fun, and giving us lots of fantastic learning opportunities! We have learnt that bees make honey, and this led us to make some delicious honey sandwiches in the Kitchen. In Yellow room we have been working hard rehearsing our dance routines for the EYFS Show that is coming up very soon. In Blue room we have been getting crafty and making our costumes for the EYFS show.



Finally, after waiting for around three weeks, the caterpillars have grown into butterflies. We got the opportunity in the lovely weather to set them free into the Nursery Garden. The children got to experience the life cycle of a butterfly and they were all very excited to see them fly off on a new adventure, which will be the same for our Pre-Reception children very soon!

Reception News

We started off our week by continuing to celebrate Father's Day. It was lovely to see so many fathers coming in to enjoy a morning of Father's Day challenges. You impressed us with you're the EYFS summer show is really starting to take shape with super singing, dazzling dances and amazing acting! We continued with all things bee related. In maths we looked at sharing bees into their hives. We cleverly counted out the bees and then shared them equally between the hives.

We have been busy with our arts and crafts making costumes, headdresses, props and scenery for the show.

We cant wait for sports week and training for sports day!





The Foundation Team



St Christopher's Sports Week 26th - 30th June

Monday 26th June- Cricket workshop

Tuesday 27th June - Year 1 trip to **Banstead Prep Sports Morning** *Please can children bring raincoat, sunhat and their water bottle.*

Tuesday 27th June - **Maypole display** for parents of children in maypole club *3.45pm-4pm. Please enter via the hall door*

Wednesday 28th June- Year 1 trip to Downsend School to watch Matilda

Thursday 29th June - CLUBS FINISH

Friday 30th June - Sports Day Please can children wear their House T-shirts & PE shorts to school with trainers

11am-12pm - Nursery & Pre-Reception
Please arrive at the back gate at 10.50am for an 11am start
2pm-5pm - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Please arrive at the back gate at 1.50pm for a 2pm start



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Meili L– Learn to Swim Level 3

Ethan D – Better Swim School Amber Award

