



Weekly News

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Theatre Group



We were delighted to welcome “Trunk Theatre” to the school on Monday who performed the most amazing show about The Great Fire of London. The performers led the children through the characters and events involved in the story while giving facts and information engagingly. There was singing, dancing, and games for the children. Michaela told me, “I really enjoyed the performance and found it really interesting as I learnt about where the fire started, where it spread to, and where it didn’t spread”. Rebecca concurred and said, “It was interesting to learn about who people thought started the fire and that they blamed the wrong person because it was in fact an accident!”



Funding raising

We are thrilled to announce the success of our fundraising efforts, In November, our school contributed a remarkable £280.48 to the Royal British Legion, contributing to a grand total of £4,285.97 raised by Epsom and Ewell schools this year. Additionally, we have received a letter of thanks from the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund thanking our Year Two choir for their carol singing at the Ashley Shopping Centre, which generated £164.36 whilst they were singing. This money will go towards a laser machine in the Outpatient Clinic at Epsom General Hospital.

Snow Alert

The weather forecast for next week shows that it is expected for the temperature to drop even further and that there is a strong possibility of snow in the middle of the week. While it is uncertain whether we will experience a significant amount of snowfall or just a flurry, we want to keep you prepared. We have attached a winter weather guide to help you plan for any unexpected conditions.

Parking Etiquette Reminder

I am aware that I often write to parents about parking, but I would ask that you read this reminder regarding parking around the school.

We would ask all our families to practice considerate parking by:

Not parking across driveways or on the corners of the roads.

Not parking on yellow lines.

Not parking in the disabled bay in Chartwell Place. This week our neighbour had to walk in the road with her disabled child as a car was blocking the pavement.

To swiftly leave Chartwell Place once you have dropped your children off. I would always encourage parents to pop into a coffee shop to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat, just not outside the school gates as it precludes other parents from parking and dropping their children to school on time.

Year One News

In Year 1, the children have delved into their new topic of Healthy Eating. In Literacy, the children listened to The Enormous Turnip and then used drama to act out the story. We have also looked at connectives to join sentences together. In Maths, practical resources such as ten frames and part whole models aided their understanding of tens and ones. In Science, we have started the term looking at Winter and exploring winter weather. We have placed rain gauges, wind vanes and used the outdoor thermometer to start a weather diary. In art this week, the children experimented with a variety of media, including charcoal, pastels, and chalk.

Year Two News

The children enjoyed an interactive workshop about the Fire of London this week. Setting the stage for their new history topic - The Tudors.

Our literacy work has been intertwined with science as we focus on trees, which form the basis of our new text. The children are learning to use new tree-related vocabulary and apostrophes for possession. They have also created their own advertisement inspired by the text.

In Maths, we have focused on using all the strategies and applying this knowledge to word problems. The children have been reminded how useful bar models can be! And of course... Panto rehearsals have begun!

This weeks lunch time superstar is Juliana who complimented the kitchen staff for their delicious lunches.

Top of the leader board this week is [Donaldson](#) House with a superb total of **284** House points. Congratulations to [Donaldson](#) house.

Merit Awards:

Henry D, Juliana RM, Micah RK, Logan H, Edward F, Zuhe H, Mateo B, Ralph C, Georgie GD, Henry W, Caleb W and Ryan P.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

Year 2 learnt all about Henry VIII before he became King this week. They extracted relevant information from a text and recorded what they had learnt in their own words. Here is Sybil's excellent example.

Name: Sybil

Date: 10.1.24

LO: To extract information from a text about young Henry VIII

The Spare Prince

All about young Henry VIII



You researched very carefully and you recorded some fascinating facts - well done!
2 HP.

young Henry was born in 1491
28th of June at Greenwich Palace.
He had lots of servants even
when he was a baby one
the ^{servants} job was rocking
his cradle. He was spoilt rotten!
He was very ~~big~~ sporty these
are the sports he liked tennis,
archery, dancing, hunting, riding and
jousting. When his older ^{brother} father
died he became ^{heir} to the
throne. He got married when he
was ~~18~~ 18 he got married to
Catherine of Aragon and had a pet
monkey. ✓ yes! Catherine did have a monkey! pet

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Wow What a great start to a new year. The children have settled back into the school routine well, a warm welcome to all our new starters, they have been fantastic. Our topic this term is 'I wonder how it grows', we will be diving into learning all about how humans, animals and plants grow! And reading some of our favourite stories along the way. This week our focus story has been 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. The children have been talking about how the owl babies might be feeling in the story and how when we are little we need our mummy's and space daddy's to help us with lots of different things. We have loved sharing all the children's beautiful baby photos and guessing who the baby is! Thank you for sharing these with us. In the kitchen this week we have been making some owl baby crackers; the children have been spreading the butter and cutting different fruits to add to their cracker to make an owl and then enjoyed eating them at the snack table. In Yellow room we have been practising counting to 3! The children had to count the owl babies in their nest, and build a bridge over the water for the 3 Billy goats. It has been very cold and very icy this week, so, we have been lucky enough to be able to explore the ice in our Nursery playground. What a jam packed week!



Reception News

Reception have settled back into the new term wonderfully and are already hard at work.

Our focus book this week was 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. This captivating tale, set in China, has inspired us to delve into the wonders of Chinese culture. With magic pens in hand, the children have had a fantastic time drawing and writing about their very own dragons and what their dragons can do. It has been a joy to witness their creativity and enthusiasm! In the story, Shen is a very kind girl who paints everyday objects that come to life to help her friends. This encouraged us to think about how we can be kind and helpful to all our friends, and we even imagined what we might paint for our friends. We had some super ideas such as a 'double decker bus to take all my friends to school' and 'chocolate for everyone to eat'!

In Maths, we have been exploring problem-solving using the Part-Part Whole model. The children have become super problem solvers, utilising this practical approach to support their calculations. We are incredibly proud of their determination and confidence in tackling math challenges.

This weeks focus, in our daily phonics sessions, has been on the digraphs 'ee,' 'oa,' and the trigraph 'igh.' We are amazed at how quickly the children have grasped these new sounds and are beginning to apply them in their reading and writing. Keep up the hard work reception and you will achieve great things in 2024!



The Foundation Team

Dates For The Diary

Monday 15th January - Clubs commence

Wednesday 17th January - Year 2 visit to GLive

please bring your child's water bottle and Bookbags on that day. Children should arrive in full school uniform with their St Christopher's raincoat.

Friday 2nd February 7.30 pm - PTA Quiz Night

Any questions please contact themanasi@gmail.com

QUIZ
Night



Mathletics: Congratulations to **Angelina Ö** for your Silver Award.

Congratulations to **Estrella W** for your Gold Award.

Congratulations to **Ivan C** and **Farzan M-H** for your Platinum Award.



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Juliana RM – Third place medal at Banstead Prep Gymnastics Festival

Daisy GD – Yeti Diploma Club level 2 and 25m swimming certificate

Georgina GD – Yeti Diploma Club level 2 and Ducking swimming certificate level 4

Edward F – 10m swimming certificate

George T – Completed level B2 in skiing

Chloe B – earned 5th place at a horse show on Tinkerbell

Jack W – passed his 3 star ESF badge to move into Team Étoile bronze

Kit W – passed his 2 star ESF badge

Arthur SA – passed his Learn to Swim Stage 1

Estrella W – Learn to Swim level 3

Faith H – Gymnastics Silver 1

Angelina Ö – Learn to Swim level 1

Henry W – Water Skills level 1

Henry D – has been scouted to join Arsenal's Elite Development Centre

Leo SM – earned White Belt Yellow Stripe in taekwondo

Special Achievement Award: **Chloe B** completed a 5k Santa Run and helped raise £700 for the Princess Alice Hospice



7.30PM FRIDAY 2
FEBRUARY 2024

VENUE:SCHOOL HALL

QUIZ NIGHT

Teams will be created or
you can email your team
of 8 to

themanasi@gmail.com

TICKETS

£20 PP

INCLUDES FISH
&CHIP SUPPER

BRING YOUR
OWN BOOZE