



Weekly News

Friday 24th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Year Two at GLive

On Wednesday, our Year Two children attended the Children's Orchestral Concert at GLive in Guildford. The concert featured a diverse range of instrumental music styles as well as singing, storytelling, dancing, and live magic! Jason told me that "The storytelling was amazing because they told a story at the same time as playing an instrument." Max said, "I thought the music sounded really familiar as it was similar to computer music and the magic was really impressive because I can't figure out how they got a 10-foot ladder into a briefcase!" Micah thought, "It was amazing because I liked it when they played the instruments at the same time as telling a story and how they made the sounds." All the boys said it has inspired them to learn to play instruments. Max would like to play the maracas, Jason is interested in learning the oboe and, Micah liked the sound of the trumpet and would be keen to learn that! It's great to hear how inspired the children were from attending GLive.



PTA Quiz Night

You are all warmly invited to attend our annual PTA Quiz Night on Friday 2nd February at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £20 and include a fish and chip supper. Please do come along!

Winter at St Christopher's

We have been talking to the children about the importance of washing our hands at St Christopher's and reminding children that when they wipe their nose, they must put the tissue in the bin and then wash their hands. We have a lot of coughs, colds and upset tummies in school at the moment and it would be hugely helpful if parents could also encourage careful handwashing! The NHS have a very useful website that gives advice about mild illnesses and whether a child is well enough to go to school. You can find the advice on this website [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/a-z/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

Year One News

In literacy this week Year 1 created their own versions of The Enormous Turnip by changing some of the characters and the vegetables. We had some wonderful stories, such as The Gigantic Potato and The Massive Pumpkin. Character changes included astronauts and teachers! In Maths, we have continued to look at place value as well as finding one more and one less on a number line. In Science, the children have enjoyed completing their weather diaries with a lot of excitement when reading the sub-zero temperatures on the outside thermometer! They also performed an investigation using ice. Their task was to work out the quickest way to melt an ice cube. In Art, we looked at the colour wheel and mixed two or three colours to make another colour.



Year Two News

Year 2 are enjoying our new literacy text 'The House Held Up By Trees'. This text is helping the children learn new vocabulary in addition to seeing how to use conjunctions, adjectives and adverbs can be used in their writing. The book beautifully illuminates the lifecycle of a tree. The children are enjoying learning scientific knowledge and vocabulary through their literacy work. We are building on this theme by encouraging children to create their own individual projects all about trees, with the title 'Are Trees Important?', they are using their research skills to find out if trees are indeed important. This focus on non-fiction is helping children scan contents and glossaries to find information. They are then considering the best way to present their work by using headings, sub-headings, labels, pictures and diagrams., fantastic work Year 2.

In Maths, the children have been applying their 2's, 5's and 10's knowledge to worded problems.

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **389** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

Merit Awards:

Oliver P, Max P, Anthony X, Roberta PdM, Remy K, Luca G, George T, Sam B, Luigi DMC, Tristan T, Martha VA, Yusuf R

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

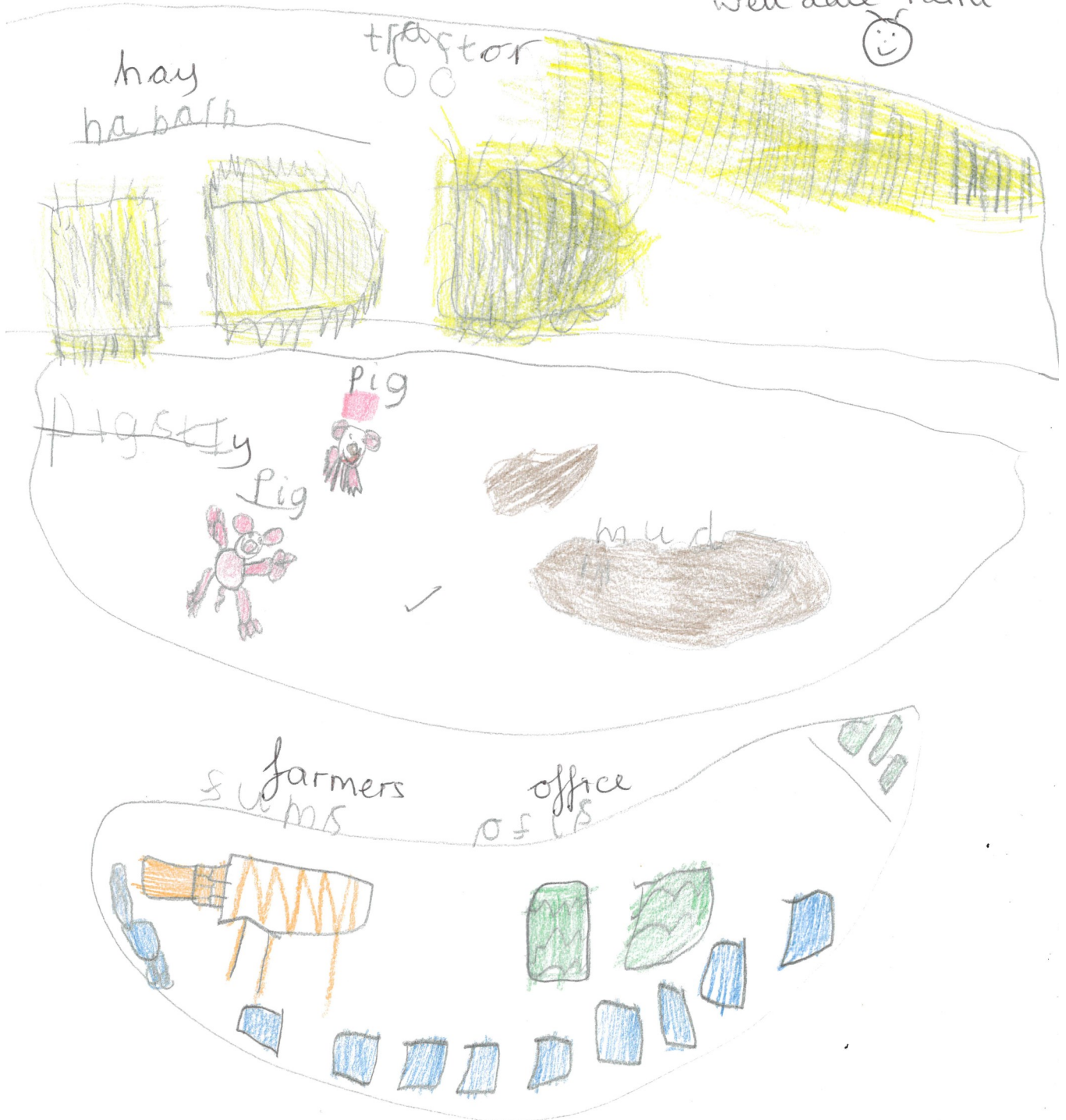
Year 1 have been looking at different types of farms in connection with our topic of Healthy Eating. We have looked at Arable, Livestock and Dairy farms. Faith has looked at the features of farms and made a super poster.

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Name Faith

LO: To explore the features of a farm

Very neat work
well done Faith



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

It's been a chilly, frosty, bitterly cold week in Nursery this week. However, this has led to lots of fun winter learning in the playground. We had the chance to explore ice and what happens to it when the sun comes out! Since it's been freezing outside this week, we decided to make a delicious winter vegetable soup in the kitchen, which went down a treat. In maths we have been looking at the number 4! We looked at shapes that have four sides and four corners, this led us to create a lovely piece of artwork in Blue room getting inspiration from the artist Piet Mondrian. The children used squares and rectangles to make wonderful printed pictures. We had our first phonics session this week; our focus sound is 's'. The children have been saying and writing 's' and have made snakes to help them remember their new sound. In addition to phonics we have also had our first group reading sessions in Pre-Reception; the children have been looking at a book with their key group and creating a story together. What an action packed week!



Reception News

In Reception this week, our theme of 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson has continued. In the story, Shen can paint anything she wants, and it comes to life. We have imagined what we would paint with a brush like that and had some super ideas including, 'a pinc yoonicorn (a pink unicorn), a dinsr (a dinosaur) and 'a byootiful dubl rainbo' (a beautiful double rainbow)! We have also done some Chinese writing, used magic markers, invisible ultraviolet pens and created wax relief watercolour paintings of Chinese style buildings and dragons too.

In Maths, we have revisited the part-part-whole model using different numbers and recorded number sentences to go with them. Plus, we continue to learn new sounds daily and this week made a corn on the cob craft for the 'or' sound, used cars in a phonics car-park to help us remember 'ar' and created glamorous purses for 'ur'. We have also made paper chain dragons and built our very own Great Wall of China in the classroom!

As well as all this, we had a Chinese food tasting. There were noodles with black bean sauce, egg fried rice, prawn crackers with sweet chilli dip and Chinese panda cookies. We were thrilled to see all the children having a try of new foods and talking about their likes and dislikes. It seems the prawn crackers were an absolute favourite.

The Foundation Team

Dates For The Diary

Monday 22nd January
Winter Music Concert 2pm

Friday 2nd February 7.30 pm - PTA Quiz Night
Any questions please contact themanasi@gmail.com



Mathletics: Congratulations to Sebastian C and Thomas B for achieving their Gold certificates.

Congratulations to Leila K and Zhibo X for achieving their Platinum certificates



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Sam B— goal of the week trophy at football camp

Florence P— Star of the Week at Star-Tastic Gymnastics

Michaela S— Swimming certificate for 200m

Zhibo X— Completed part one of piano course and was awarded white belt brown strip in taekwondo

Tabitha B— Swimming certificate for 5m

Max P—Moved up to level 3 in swimming and moved up to Red 2 in tennis

Charlie L—Excellent in Art Award

