



Weekly News

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents,

What a joyous week it has been at St Christopher's, filled with laughter, excitement, and celebration!

The Great Pancake Race

On Tuesday, our school was alive with the spirit of Shrove Tuesday as we hosted the Great House Pancake Relay Race! The whole school showcased their impressive pancake-flipping skills as they raced across the playground. It was a sight to behold as they demonstrated teamwork and agility. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Pryor for organising such a delightful event, and to Mrs Rendall for crafting delicious and robust pancakes. Bravo to all our enthusiastic participants!



This week also saw the much-anticipated Poetry Recital Week. On Wednesday, we marvelled at a Highly Commended showcase in the hall, followed by the Grand Final on Thursday, where our esteemed guest judges, Mrs Helen Crossley, and Mrs Danielle Henry, were treated to exceptional performances by our talented pupils. It was truly a difficult task for our judges to select winners amidst such outstanding talent! Every child brought their unique flair and passion to the stage, leaving us all inspired by their fabulous recitations.



Year One News

We are thrilled to share the wonderful learning experiences that have unfolded in Year 1 this week. In English, our fabulous poets took centre stage as they immersed themselves in the world of poetry. Each child could perform their chosen poems, showcasing their confidence and expression. Additionally, they explored various forms of poetry, including rhyming and acrostic poems, culminating in creating a beautiful Haiku poem as a class.

In mathematics, the children delved into the concept of related facts using the part-whole model. Through engaging activities, they explored the interconnectedness of addition and subtraction, developing a deeper understanding of mathematical relationships and problem-solving skills.

In art, creativity flourished in our art sessions as the children learned the techniques of using watercolours. They carefully observed and sketched primroses, paying attention to the intricate details of each leaf before bringing their creations to life with vibrant watercolours. The results were truly impressive!

Our adventures continued when the children were introduced to Buddy the Bee in our humanities class, where they embarked on a journey to explore different countries and continents. Using atlases, they located various destination where Buddy might travel, gaining insights into global geography and cultural diversity.

We are immensely proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity, and dedication demonstrated by our Year 1 pupils!

Year Two News

Year 2 have had an exciting week exploring new concepts and deepening their understanding of the world around them. In Literacy, our young writers reflected on their half-term adventure, and the amazing progress they have all made since the beginning of the year. In Maths, they dived back into the world of multiplication and division, focusing on new strategies for mastering the 5 and 3 times tables. They also honed their skills in doubling and halving, striving to increase their speed and accuracy with these fundamental operations.

In history, the intrigue of Tudor Times continues to captivate the children as they explore the fascinating world of Tudor medicine and diseases. From outlandish cures like wearing donkey skin to more conventional remedies, our young historians delved into the curious practices of Tudor doctors. They even had the opportunity to step into the shoes of patients and doctors, crafting scripts that brought the era to life.

In science, our budding botanists have embarked on an exciting journey to discover what plants need to grow and thrive. Through hands-on experiments with beans, they are exploring different conditions and facts that influence plant growth, building upon their foundational knowledge from Year 1.

Amazing work, Year 2!

Owls request

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents about the importance of safe parking when collecting children from Owls. As the school day comes to an end, we understand that many of you arrive early to collect your children. However, we kindly ask that you refrain from parking in the school car park until after 5.15pm. Before this time, there is a significant influx of children leaving the premises, and the car park becomes particularly congested. Parking in this area poses a safety risk to our children. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Aarav for assisting the kitchen staff in picking up fallen fruit from the dessert table. Well done for being so helpful!

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Poetry Competition

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Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Nursery has been a hive of excitement this week! We have had so much fun making our own pancakes in the kitchen; we watched how the mixture changed as we cooked it. We then enjoyed them on the snack table. Our focus story this week has been Mr Wolf's Pancakes. We have been busy using our fine motor skills to help us write shopping lists for Mr Wolf in Green room and in Yellow room we have been practising our counting skills, by counting out the coins needed to buy the ingredients for Mr Wolf from the shop. A highlight on Tuesday was the 'Great Pancake Race'; Nursery cheered and supported their friends in the upper school and it was their turn at running a relay whilst flipping pancakes. What fun! In the Blue room we have been busy making our very own frying pan and pancake to practice our flipping technique. The children excelled in learning and memorising their poems. We were delighted by the confidence and resilience shown by all the children as they eagerly participated in the practise rounds. A big congratulations to our highly commended poets, Heidi, Isabella and Asparuh and our finalist Irina, Beatrice T and Iris! Well done.



Reception News

What a start we have made to the new week! After a week away from school, Reception were more than ready to start their learning again. They started with a flourish by learning a poem for our school poetry recital. All the children that learnt a poem were AMAZING! It was hard to pick who would be in the final. Well done to all of you, you have worked so hard.

Mars and Neptune discovered that their role play areas had changed over the half term break. We now have a Garden Centre in Mars Class and a Fancy Dress Shop in Neptune to explore and investigate.

In maths we have been continuing to practise our addition skills and writing our calculations as number sentences. We used practical objects to create our sums and made sure to count accurately too.

Mrs Degg taught us about the artist Piet Mondrian in art and we used tissue paper and transparent sheets to create stained glass windows in his style.

In literacy we have been reading 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and looking at how plants grow. We have investigated their parts using real plants too. We thought the roots looked a bit like 'white worms!' Assembly rehearsals are now in full swing for both classes – we kindly request that you practise your children's lines with them.



The Foundation Team

Dates For The Diary

Thursday 29th February - Reception visit to the Polka Theatre



Friday 1st March - Neptune Class Assembly



Tea & Coffee will be served under the porch from 8.30 am for Neptune parents



Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Come to school dressed as any character from a children's book

