



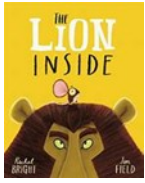
Weekly News

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting and enriching week of learning at St Christopher's, filled with exploration and creativity across various subjects. Here are some highlights of what our children have been up to.

Neptune Class Assembly



We are thrilled to share with you the success of Neptune Class's Friday assembly, inspired by the book "The Lion Inside". The children's performance was nothing short of spectacular as they brilliantly retold the heartwarming story of courage, bravery, and friendship. In "The Lion Inside", the story follows a mouse who discovers his inner courage and roar when he encounters a lion who, surprisingly, is afraid of mice. Through their engaging storytelling, the children captivated the audience with their enthusiasm and creativity. Congratulations Neptune Class!

Year One News

This week, the literacy focus centred on adjectives and the introduction of similes. The children showcased their descriptive skills by painting vivid pictures of various settings using similes, such as "On the moon, the craters were as dark and deep as the Mariana Trench."

In Maths, our attention has been on place value. The children have been busy grouping objects into tens and ones while tackling problem-solving tasks. Through hands-on activities, they're developing a deeper understanding of the foundational concepts of mathematics. The children have also been exploring the world of plants, our science lesson revolved around identifying which parts of plants we commonly eat. Mrs Degg's art lesson brought a burst of colour and creativity into our classroom. Inspired by the renowned artist Piet Mondrian, the children delved into creating vibrant acetate art pieces. The children's curiosity, creativity, and willingness to explore new concepts are truly inspiring!

Year Two News

Year Two have continued their journey into the world of literature with the introduction of a delightful new book titled "Lizzy and the Cloud." This charming story follows a little girl who purchases a pet cloud, sparking the imagination of our children. They explored noun phrases and expanded these while discovering new adjectives such as wispy, jagged, and bustling. The children unleashed their creativity by designing posters advertising a range of wonderful and mysterious clouds for sale.

In art, the children honed their sketching skills by depicting daffodils, paying close attention to proportion and shape. They then used pastels to add vibrant colours, experimenting with blending techniques to create depth and texture to their work. This week in maths, the children applied their times table knowledge to explore division by 2, 5, and 10. They learned new strategies to tackle division problems, strengthening their understanding of mathematical concepts and problem-solving skills.

Year 2 also delved into the concept of a "digital footprint", acting as detectives to uncover information about someone online. This sparked valuable discussions about internet usage, privacy concerns, and the importance of digital responsibility in today's interconnected world.

World Book Day

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



We can't wait to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, with a lineup of exciting activities and special guests! To kick off the festivities, we are delighted to welcome real-life author Peter Bently to our school. Mr Bently, known for his captivating and imaginative books, will be conducting workshops with each year group throughout the morning. This is an incredible opportunity for our pupils to engage with a talented author and gain insight into the world of storytelling.

We invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite characters from a children's book. There will be a fancy-dress parade judged by Mrs Grehan and Mr Bently, with prizes awarded for the most imaginative costumes. The entire day will be dedicated to World Book Day-themed activities, offering a love for literature and storytelling among our children.

Uniform

As we transition into warmer weather, it's the perfect time to refresh the children's uniform wardrobe! To that end, we can announce our upcoming PTA second-hand uniform sale, where you can find quality items at discounted prices.

The sale will be held on Wednesday 20th March, from 2.30 pm – 4 pm in Jupiter Classroom (upstairs). Please enter via the office (front door) and sign in upon arrival. Please note that the PTA can only accept card payments for purchases.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Sophia M in nursery for impressing the kitchen staff with your tremendous eating . Well done Sophia!

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **1134** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

Merit Awards:

Leila K, Rebecca G, Rory L, Arthur SA, James C, Leon B, Amelia H, Vihaan P, Chris X, Georgina GD, Arvid M, Isabelle H and J-T C, Sebastian C and Chloe B.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

With daffodils and snowdrops starting to emerge, Year 2 children observed daffodils, sketched them and experimented blending with pastels. Here is Luke's delightful example



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What an exciting fun, fruity-filled week it has been in Nursey! Our focus story of the week has been 'Oliver's fruit salad.' by Vivian French which inspired some super fruit salad making in the kitchen. All the children enjoyed eating their creations at the snack table afterwards. We had a vote for our favourite fruit, and mango came out on top. In Blue room we have been exploring the art of weaving, using paper to make fruit bowls. This has been a wonderful activity for the children to practise their fine motor skills. Meanwhile over in Green room the children have been using playdoh to make red apples and count them onto a tree, as well as drawing and labelling fruit they would like to buy. As we are learning about where fruit and vegetables come from, we have enjoyed playing with the farmyard outside as well as carrying out our very own welly wading competition in the garden. This gave the children a perfect opportunity to practice their throwing skills! In Yellow room the children had to take a guess at what fruit they could feel hidden in the tray, the children used great vocabulary to describe the textures they felt, such as spikey, smooth, soft, hard and fuzzy! Great descriptive language.



Reception News

This week, inspired by the book "Tidy" by Emily Gravett, we have been focusing on taking care of our environment. Reception learned why it's essential to keep our surroundings neat and why recycling is so important. We had a fantastic time sorting various materials into recycling boxes and brainstorming creative ways to repurpose them. The children even created posters with their top tips on caring for the environment, eager to spread the word!

One highlight of the week was our exciting school trip to the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon, where we saw the captivating story of "Tidy" brought to life on stage. Following the wonderful performance, the Polka Theatre team visited St Christopher's to run a drama workshop based on the story. Who knows, we may have some budding actors destined for the Oscars! We had so much fun stepping into character as Pete and his friends, and exploring how the characters were feeling in the story.

The week ended on a high note with Neptune's fantastic assembly, leaving all of us bursting with pride at the incredible talents of our children. They beautifully retold the story of 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright which carried a very special message that you don't have to be big to be brave and strong.



Dates For The Diary

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character



WORLD BOOK DAY



Friday 8th March - Mars Class Assembly

Tea & coffee will be served under the porch from 8.30am for Mars parents

Friday 8th March - Mothers Day Activities

Arrival at the back gate at 9.30am



Mathletics: Congratulations to **Bella W** and **Ryan P** for their Silver Certificates.

Congratulations to **Rory L, Juliana RM, Amelia H, Teddy S, Benjamin W, Caleb W, Sam B** and **Arthur SA** for your Platinum Certificates.

Congratulations to **Zhibo X, Jason E, Farzan MH, Estrella W, Zara L, Leila K** and **Oliver K** for you Emerald Certificates.



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Sam B – Player of the tournament at a U6 football festival at Dorking Football Club.

Henry D – Winning the Lionheart U7 tournament. For being selected for Chelsea's pre-academy along with Arsenal. And for being selected to train with Crystal Palace U7 pre-academy.

Sebastian C– For his Powerhouse Parkour Certificate for doing great flips.

Lucy S– For her Star-tastic Certificate in recognition for brilliant floor and beam work.

Chloe B– 3rd place in a horse riding competition and for receiving a medal for competing at the IGA Gymnastics competition as part of the Elite 1 Squad.

