



Weekly News

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents,

Year 2 Music Festival Success

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our Year 2 pupils at the recent Purley and Coulsdon Music Festival. With their outstanding performance, they truly stole the show and left a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.

Competing alongside two other schools, St Christopher's took to the stage with confidence and enthusiasm. The children started their performance with a heartwarming rendition of Bruno Mars' "Count on Me", which touched the hearts of all who listened. But it didn't stop there. For the grand finale, our talented pupils performed "Do-Re-Mi" from the beloved musical The Sound of Music. With gusto, musicality, and remarkable teamwork, they brought the classic song to life in a way that truly captivated the audience.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr Ezeanaka for his exceptional piano accompaniment, which added depth and beauty to the performance. A special appreciation is sent to our dedicated parents whose support and encouragement uplifted the children and of course, we are immensely grateful to Mrs Mulhern for her extraordinary vision and direction, which guided our choir to such remarkable success. We couldn't be prouder!

World Book Day at St Christopher's



On Thursday, literary adventures unfolded during our celebration of World Book Day at St Christopher's. It was a day filled with excitement, creativity, and a shared love of storytelling.

The highlight of the day was our spectacular World Book Day parade, where the entire school community came together to showcase an impressive array of costumes and characters inspired by beloved books. From classic literary figures to modern-day superheroes, our pupils brought their favourite characters to life with enthusiasm and creativity.

We were honoured to welcome the author, Peter Bentley, to our school, who captivated the children with tales of story writing. His engaging presentation inspired our young writers and ignited their imaginations, reminding them of the boundless possibilities that exist within the pages of a book. We even managed to achieve our goal of reading 85 books to celebrate our 85th year!

Mars Class Assembly

We were treated to a heartwarming assembly this morning, led by the incredible Mars class, as they celebrated the extraordinary love and care of our wonderful mothers. It really was a touching tribute. The children captivated us with their beautiful singing, enchanting dancing and lovely retelling of the story "No Matter What". Thank you, Mars class, for reminding us of how wonderful all our mothers are.

Mother's Day Morning



On Friday morning, the school was filled with laughter, joy, and unforgettable memories as we celebrated Mother's Day.

The theme of the morning centred around the Olympics, as mothers were invited to participate in our very special triathlon. The three exciting activities included rhythmic dance with ribbons in the hall, origami boat-making, and a technical challenge of recreating the Eiffel Tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and camaraderie as mothers and children engaged in creative challenges.

As the morning festivities ended, the children had the opportunity to express their love and appreciation for their mothers by presenting them with medals and flowers. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making this morning such a special and memorable event.

Year One News

What fun Year 1 have had this week. In maths, the children have delved into the concept of portioning numbers into tens and ones, laying the foundation for a deeper understanding of place value. They also honed their estimation skills by using a number line to approximate numbers within the range of 50, fostering a practical understanding of numerical relationships.

In Literacy, the children have been exploring the distinction between fiction and non-fiction texts and channelled their creativity and knowledge by crafting fact files about various vegetables, blending research and writing skills to produce informative and engaging content.

In topic, Year 1 embarked on an exciting exploration of the continent of Oceania, with a particular focus on the diverse and captivating country of Australia. Through interactive lessons and engaging discussions, the children gained valuable insights into Australia's geography, culture, and unique wildlife.

Promoting healthy habits and well-being remained a priority in year 1's PSHE curriculum the children explore various strategies and practices to maintain a healthy lifestyle, fostering a holistic understanding of physical and mental well-being.

Year Two News

We are delighted to share the exciting happenings from Year 2 this week. Here's a glimpse into the learning experiences the children have enjoyed.

In Literacy, Year 2 have delved deeper into the enchanting world of "Lizzy and the Cloud". They showcased their creativity by crafting their own manual, complete with instructions on how to care for a cloud. Through this activity, the children honed their writing skills, incorporating conjunctions and imperative verbs to convey clear and concise instructions.

In maths, the children embarked on a journey of exploration with 2D and 3D shapes. They expanded their understanding of shape properties and language, culminating in the creation of their 2D shapes on squared paper. Exploring Tudor housing provided a fascinating insight into the past for Year 2. The children engaged in comparing modern-day houses with those from Tudor time.

The ongoing exploration of plant growth and germination continues to captivate Year 2. With their beans under careful observation, the children pondered over the ideal conditions for germination and contemplated the life cycles of various seeds and bulbs. This knowledge will serve them well during their upcoming visit to Wakehurst Place.

Notification from Surrey – M25 disruption

Surrey Council has asked all schools to share the following information. National Highways is planning to close a section of the M25 between junction 10 at Wisley to junction 11 at Chertsey, starting overnight on Friday 15th March and continuing until early morning on Monday 18th March. This is for demolition works and gantry installation at the Wisley interchange. There will be official diversions, but there is likely to be traffic and travel disruption right across Surrey. Please consider when making plans and check for traffic updates before traveling. Full details will be available on the [National Highways M25 Junction 10 project website](#). Please keep checking this page for the latest information.

Maths Timestable Stars in Year 2

Huge congratulations to Ophelia, Oliver, Leo, Jason, Aarav, Bella, and Olivia for their outstanding achievement in being the first group of Year 2 pupils to receive their bronze stars for mathematical accomplishments! Their perseverance and hard work have truly paid off. Well done!

This weeks lunch time superstar is Michaela for having such wonderful manners and cheering everyone up with her amazing smile.

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **1340** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

Merit Awards:

Alisa S, Sebastian C, Thomas M, Lucy S, Jason E, Jamie S, Anna M, Karen L, Leonardo D,
Martha V-A, Ralph C and Tabitha B

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

In conjunction with the topic of Healthy Eating, Amelia in Year 1 has worked independently to create this excellent fact file all about carrots.



Vegetables



My vegetable: Carrot

Amelia 06.03.24

What does it look like?

It has orange skin. It has ^{bushy} leaves. It can come in different colours.

How do you plant it?

You plant the carrot seeds. It needs sun light and water.

What does it taste like?

It tastes ~~like~~ sweet. It is ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{raw} when it is ~~not~~.

What meals can you make with it?

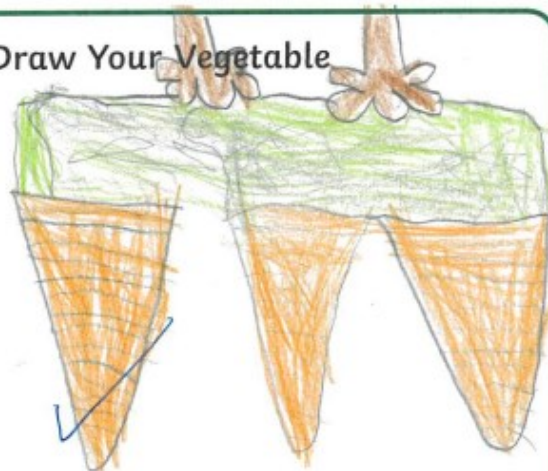
You can make ^{raw} vegetable fingers. You can make a roste.

Where and when does it grow?

It was first grown in Iran and Afghanistan 5000 years ago.

Super information ✓

Draw Your Vegetable



05.03.24

Disclaimer: The nature of this resource requires independent, on-line research. It is advisable to use only pre-selected, child-appropriate research activities before undertaking them with children.

L.O. To write a fact file.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Wow! What a week we have had this week in Nursery. We really enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday. The children looked fabulous dressed up in their costumes as did the teachers. We even had a visit from a real-life author! His name was Peter Bently and in honour of his visit our focus story was 'Shark In The Dark.' In Yellow room we had a shark cave where the children had to climb into and find the sea creatures, we also needed the children's help to help the shark get back his teeth. They had to roll the dice to see how many teeth the shark needed. In the kitchen we made sea creature sandwiches using cream cheese and cucumber, the children are doing fantastic with their cutting and spreading skills. Mr Bently held a delightful reading session treating us two of his books!

Out in the garden we have continued with our book theme, using a range of books by Allan Ahlberg. The children had to balance the cups full of water like Mrs Wobble the waitress. Peg the clothes on the washing line to help Mrs Lather with her laundry and finally find the gold coins that Master Money had lost in the sand! We also shared Friday morning with our very special mummies. It was so lovely to see all who could make it. We hope you love the cards and flowerpots we have been working hard on all week. You all deserve them!



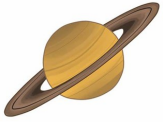
Reception News

What an exciting week in Reception. We were treated to Mars class' wonderful assembly all about how special Mummies are. They also shared the lovely story 'No Matter What' by Debbi Gliori, and then we loved having lots of mummies join us for some activities throughout the morning. All the Mummies received a personalised medal to take home! Of course, we also embraced the annual event that is World Book Day and were thrilled to welcome Peter Bently to our school. In our workshop we asked him, how long it takes to write a book, how many has he written (a whopping 70!) and whether he was writing something new at the moment. We also found out if he had a hamster due to his book 'Hamster Heroes' and of course, we had to find out if he had ever seen a dog in disguise! Mr Bently read us his book 'Shark in the Dark' and we worked together to create a collage of a giant whale just like in the story. The children showed their super drawing, cutting and sticking skills and showed their nice manners too; well done Reception. Thank you to all the parents for their support in producing so many terrific costumes which the children showed off in our whole school parade on the playground. Also, a huge well done to all the teachers and teaching assistants who pulled out all the stops to achieve our book reading target of 85 books in 1 day! Reception did a great job circulating the school updating all classes on how many we had read so far....great team work everyone!



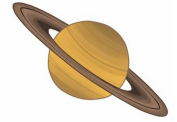
The Foundation Team

Dates For The Diary



Friday 15th March - Saturn Class Assembly

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



Future Date

Saturday 11th May - PTA 85th Summer Ball

Tickets available to purchase now via the PTA website



Mathletics: Congratulations to **Ethan W** for your Platinum Certificate.

Congratulations to **Estrella W** for your Emerald Certificate.

Congratulations to **Ivan C** for your Diamond Certificate.



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Anna M - Discover 3 Award for Gymnastics.

Benjamin W - Player of the Week in Rugby scoring 18 tries in 5 matches at Richmond Rugby Festival.

Amelia H - Little Seedlings Silver certificate of attendance.

Daniel G - Star of the Day at Headstart Holiday Courses.

Ivan C - Trainer of the Day at Ashtead Football Club

