



Weekly News

Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Parents,

Grandparents Morning

I think it is safe to say that our Grandparent's mornings were an absolute blast! The joy and warmth radiating from our school during these special visits are truly heartwarming. Witnessing the beautiful bond between grandparents and grandchildren is a testament to the strong sense of community we cherish here at St Christopher's.

From the lively merit assembly to the delightful Year 2 performance, every moment was filled with laughter, love, and unforgettable memories. The Grandma Rap and the exclusive rendition from Peter Pan were show-stoppers, showcasing the talent and creativity of our pupils in the most heartwarming way.

It was lovely to receive such positive feedback from the grandparents. We are incredibly grateful for their presence and participation, and we look forward to many more joyful gatherings in the future. We received some lovely comments such as, "What an amazing school", "I thoroughly enjoyed the morning, especially the singing and overall friendliness," and "the children were so well-behaved."

Year One News

In English this week, Year One have delved into the fascinating world of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. Through a comprehension exercise, they unravelled the thrilling details of his historic journey, gaining insights into one of humanity's greatest achievements. Additionally, they sharpened their punctuation skills, mastering the art of apostrophes to convey possession accurately and effectively.

Meanwhile, in Maths, our young mathematicians embarked on a journey of repeated addition, discovering the power of equal groups and arrays. Armed with newfound knowledge, they tackled mathematical challenges with confidence and precision, paving the way for deeper understanding and problem-solving skills.

In Geography, creativity took centre stage as Year One embarked on a cartographic adventure, designing maps or imaginative islands complete with intricate keys. Through this hands-on activity, they honed their spatial awareness and map-reading skills while unleashing their creativity to bring their fictional islands to life.

In Science, the exploration continued as our curious minds dived into the realm of senses. Armed with magnifying glasses, feely bans, and smelling pots, they embarked on sensory journeys, discovering the wonders of touch, sight, smell, and taste. The crisp challenge added an extra layer of excitement as they put their senses to the test in a fun and engaging way.

Overall, it's been a week filled with exploration, discovery, and learning!

Year Two News

Year 2 has been having a wonderful time diving into new vocabulary while journeying through “James and the Giant Peach!” From discovering the meaning of phrases like “seething mass of people” and enjoying “reclining” in the classroom! The children have also begun to understand when to use paragraphs with the three Ts – a change of topic, a change of time, and when a new person talks. They have been challenged to spot paragraphs in their chapter books and to think about which “T” the author used.

Exploring food chains and understanding the roles of producers, consumers, predators, and prey in ecosystems has been fascinating and the children have enjoyed learning about the interconnectedness of living things and discovering their place in the natural world.

We have been assessing the children’s progress in maths as an important step in ensuring their growth and development in the subject.

And of course, the excitement of rehearsals for their performance is building up! Please do continue to practice lines at home!

Mathematics Awards

Congratulations to **Leila** and **Leon** on achieving their Silver Star in the Year 2 Mathematics Challenge!

This weeks lunch time superstar is **Leon**, well done for using such polite manners to the kitchen team this week .

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **2473** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Merit Awards:

Bertie G, Ophelia WP, Logan H, Anthony X, Leon B, Max P, Oliver P, Ethan R, Faith H, Lucy S, Caleb W, Luca G, Sam B, Florence P, Grace C, Estrella W, Dawn F, Oscar M, Aaron E, Ralph C, Henry W, Muzhi D, Cora M and Leonardo D

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

Year 2 are enjoying reading James and the Giant Peach this term. Mercury were tasked with building suspense through detail, powerful verbs and interesting adverbs. Here is Leila's excellent example.

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Lo: Build suspense with detail.

In an instant James was dashing to the house. He was so exited, he didn't care if he got stung by the ~~stinging~~ nettles. "Where should I do all this?"

Split speech!

James thought "oh yes I can do it in the kitchen". While he was running he saw Aunt Spunge and Aunt Spiker just saying "how wonderful I look". When he was going under the old peach tree he tumbled on a ~~root~~ ^{twisted} and tipped ~~the bag~~ of He fell right on it to ~~face~~ his face. The ~~bag~~ ^{bag} burst open like a explosion! After his fall he ~~partially~~ ^{giantly} scribbled to find the creature. But every time he was close ^{to} from touching it they vanished!

You have built up suspense brilliantly!
3HPs.
Wow!
James saw them sinking right. In a few seconds all the toungeS had gone. It was too late. James was crying because he had lost the creature. "Why, Why do I have to have a horrible life?" Shouted James. "What will happen to me?"

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

In Nursery this week our focus has been exploring the world of clothing! We delved into the charming story of 'The Smartest Giant in Town', which not only introduced the children to the different names of the clothes the giant wore, but we also learnt how kind he was when it came to sharing with others. We made some tasty cheese muffins in our kitchen as a thank you to the kind giant, using our culinary skills in grating, mixing and measuring to do this and our lovely adult helped us put them in the oven. On our snack table we looked at clothes from around the world and noticed people have lots of different styles of clothing especially if you live in a hot or cold country. In Green room, inspired by the story's grateful animals, we have been writing thank you cards for the giant. We also made our very own crowns to wear in group time, we are getting very good at our cutting skills. Outdoors, amidst the radiant sunshine, the children enthusiastically tackled the task of hand-washing clothes for our pretend laundry shop. We took every opportunity to enjoy the fabulous sunshine, we engaged in a thrilling assault course, navigating through obstacles to enhance our gross motor skills, while giving a great opportunity to recap our vocabulary on positional language. The week culminated in a heart-warming visit from grandparents, children thoroughly enjoyed showing them around the Nursery and all the wonderful learning we do every day, thank you for all that could attend. What a busy week!



Reception News

This week we have been super busy, from practicing our school play and seeing our grandparents in school to learning about doubles and our school trip. The week started with a fantastic outing to Nower Wood, the children's time was filled with engaging activities such as pond dipping, mini beast hunting, bug racing, creating magic potion, taking a sensory walk blindfolded and of course the highlight enjoying a delightful picnic lunch. We had lots and lots of fun learning about the different creatures and after a full filled day many of us fell asleep on the coach on the way home. A huge thank you to the parents who accompanied us on this memorable trip. Meanwhile, rehearsals for the school play are in full swing and the children are practising their dance routines and singing with great enthusiasm.

In Maths, doubles have been a focus this week. We used butterflies to show how we need the same number both sides to create a double. We also delved into the notion of symmetry, expanding our understanding further.

Additionally we had the pleasure of hosting our grandparents at school this week. We were so happy to see them and proudly showed them around our school and classrooms. Thank you for making our week even more special by joining us.



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 14th May - Year 1 Sports Morning at Banstead Prep

Tuesday 14th May- Year 1, 7+ meeting 6.30pm

Please meet in the school hall

Thursday 16th May - Whole school photograph

Please come dressed in smart summer uniform

Thursday 16th May - No Forest school



Mathletics: Congratulations to **Lucy S, Teddy S, Thomas M, Caleb W, Rory L** and **James M** for your Emerald Certificates

Congratulations to **Zara L, Arthur SA, Bella W, Benjamin W, Alisa S, Amelia H** and **Chloe B** for your Diamond Certificates

Congratulations to **Florence P** for your Platinum Certificate

Congratulations to **Ivan C** for your Epic Certificate



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Daisy GD – Part of the winning team at the girls Epsom and Ewell Youth Football League tournament playing for Walton Warriors U8 squad

Juliana RM – Swimming certificate level 4 & Bronze and Silver music badges in piano

Benjamin W – Star player at the London Irish Rugby Festival U7s. Star player at the Dorking Rugby Festival U7s. Moved up in swimming to 15 metres. Lodge leader at Beavers. Completed 10 metres back stroke swimming award and green water safety award.

Tristan T – Parkour certificate and Art award from Mrs Degg

George T – Completed his Level B3 in skiing and got 2nd place in a ski race in his age group

Luigi DSC – Won a football tournament

Ralph C – Won a football tournament

Zhibo X – Completed part two of a piano course

William I – Completed 1 star level at ski school

Leo SM – Achieved white belt green stripe at taekwondo

Edward F – Sutton & Epsom RFC U6 Respect Winner 2024

