



## Weekly News

Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents,

### **Regional Art Competition**

I am delighted to announce that on Thursday St Christopher's entered a number of art pieces in the annual Regional ISA Art Competition and we are over the moon that four of our pieces have been awarded first place in the following categories: Textiles, Drawing, 3D art, and Fashion and Accessories. Photographs and more information will follow next week!

### **Special Visitors to St Christopher's**

We were delighted to welcome Mr David Harry, the new Head of the Junior School at City of London Freeman's, and Mr Ed Smith, the new Director of Sport at CLFS, to St Christopher's this week.

Mr Harry's visit was an excellent opportunity for the children moving to CLFS to connect with a key figure in their educational journey, and he was very impressed with the enthusiasm and engagement of our pupils.

Mr Smith, excited to be leading a new chapter at CLFS, shared his vision for the sports program and inspired our young athletes with his passion and commitment to fostering a love for physical activity and teamwork. We look forward to working closely with Mr Smith in the future and continuing to foster sporting excellence at St Christopher's.

### **Year One News**

This week, year 1 have been learning about finding quarters of shapes and amounts. They are becoming proficient at dividing objects and quantities into four equal parts.

In English, the children have written postcards about a journey on the sea, inspired by our story Ocean Meets Sky. They used descriptive language to bring their sea adventures to life, imagining the sights, sounds and feelings of their travels.

In our science lessons, the children have been identifying domestic animals based on their features. This has helped them understand the characteristics that distinguish different types of animals.

In topic the children wrote sentences about the explorer Matthew Henson, focusing on key events in his life and his achievements. They are learning to appreciate the contributions of historical figures to articulate their understanding through writing.

Well done to all the children for their hard work and creativity this week!

### **Year Two News**

Year 2 have continued to learn new vocabulary from James and the Giant Peach – words such as poppycock, threshing, and harnessed. The children wrote a story this week, and we could see evidence of all this wonderful new vocabulary that they have been learning over this term.

In science, animal classification has been the focus, from reptiles to insects, birds to amphibians. This is all great preparation for our forthcoming visit to Juniper Hall.

Mental maths has continued, and we are recapping numerous subject areas – from fractions to times tables to keep consolidating all that the children have learned. Many children are still working hard for their times table badges – we are so proud of them!

There has also been plenty of rehearsing going on – for Peter Pan, the gymnastics display, and of course, Sports Day!

## **85 Years of St Christopher's - St Christopher's Week**

The week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July marks a significant milestone as we celebrate our 85<sup>th</sup> year with a series of exciting activities and events!

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Immersive 1930s Day

On Tuesday, we will take the school back to the 1930s, the decade St Christopher's was established. To make this day truly immersive, we ask that children come to school dressed in clothes inspired by the era of the Second World War. It will be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to learn about and experience a day in the life of children from the 1930s.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Mufti Day

To cap off our week of celebrations, we will have a Mufti Day on Friday. Children are encouraged to come to school in their own clothes as we enjoy a day of fun and festivities.

We look forward to a week filled with memorable experiences and celebrations! Thank you for your support in making this a special occasion for everyone at St Christopher's.

## **New Toddler and Parent Group at St Christopher's**

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome new families from the Epsom community to join our first Toddler and Parent Group. We have received lovely feedback from parents who have said their children were happy, relaxed and content and that our staff were amazing in welcoming them to St Christopher's. If you would like to attend, or if you know of any families who would like to come along to the group, our group runs on Tuesdays from 9.30 am until 11.00 am (except for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June).

## **Summer Fair Celebrating 85 Years of St Christopher's**

Do come along and join us for our Summer Fair this Saturday from 2 pm until 5 pm! The children will be singing and performing a gymnastics display at 3 pm, and the day will be filled with fun, food, and festive games. It will be lovely to see you all there! Year 2 children who are singing and performing in the gymnastics display should come to the fair in their PE Kit, please.

## **Year 2 Mathematics Awards**

Huge congratulations to Logan and Hadi for achieving their Bronze Stars this week, to Jack and Zara for achieving their Silver Stars and to Sybil for achieving her Gold Star! Well done!

This weeks lunch time superstar is William in Neptune class for using such wonderful manners and thanking the catering team every day for your lunch. Well done William!

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **3188** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

### **Merit Awards:**

Sebastian C, Rory L, Rebecca G, Jason E, Karen L, Benjamin W, Faith H, Luca G, Harry P, Martha VA, Mateo B, Izzy H

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

## Work of the Week

**Inspired by James and the Giant Peach, Year 2 practiced creating texture by blending pastels. Here is Daniel's beautiful example.**



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Welcome back Nursery, we hope you had a lovely half term. Thank you for those who shared their pictures and videos of what they got up to in the half term. We used these during group time and had some lovely conversations about all the different activities carried out. This week in Nursery we have begun our final term with the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have given the children lots of opportunities to use their problem solving, creativity and reasoning skills to create bridges! We've seen some lovely bridges of all shapes and sizes. In Yellow room the children had the chance to retell the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, we learnt that stories have a beginning, middle and end. The children used their fine motor skills to draw the story and write some of the sounds we could hear, as we learnt 'g' for goat in our phonics lessons this week, this letter was very popular. In the kitchen we baked some delicious scones with cheese and chive, they were very yummy! Finally in the garden the children enjoyed running about and using the bridges they had built to balance on, great for their core strength and balance. What a wonderful week we have all had.



## Reception News



It's hard to believe we are already in our final half term of Reception. As we gear up for the progression to Year 1, we are putting in lots of hard work to ensure a smooth transition. This half term, we kicked things off by exploring the traditional tale of the '3 Billy Goats Gruff'. The children have enjoyed diving into the story through various mediums like books, musical tales, and acting out scenes in our small world areas. We aimed to bring the characters and settings to life by



exploring a range of adjectives to describe the 'grumpy troll' and the fresh meadow with the 'sweet, juicy grass' that the goats are eager to reach. We also took on the role of mini engineers, examining different bridge structures. The children were fascinated by the bridges they recognised both locally and globally. We discussed the importance of bridges, their uses, and the qualities they must have. Many children shared their experiences of bridges they pass under in cars or bikes, and Miss Rendall even showed them the bridge she crossed to Wales during the half term! We concluded that bridges need to be strong enough to support heavy loads and allow things to pass over and under them. To put our learning into practise, we conducted an experiment with bridge structures made from flat cardboard, folded card, and pasta. Before testing, we made predictions about which bridges would be the strongest, leading to some interesting discussions. We discovered that folding the card into zigzags significantly increased its strength, making it able to hold 50 people instead of just 2! This experiment has inspired some budding engineers, who went on to create their own bridge models with impressive attention to detail and symmetry. In maths, we have been learning to share items into equal groups. At the maths table, the children have been busy sharing gems and food into different groups, using known number facts and counting to ensure equal distribution. This hands-on approach has made the concept of sharing both fun and educational. We are excited to see how much more we can achieve in these final weeks and look forward to all the learning and growth that lies ahead!



**The Foundation Team**

## Dates for the Diary

### **Tuesday 11th June 9.30-11am- Parent & Toddler Group**

*Open to all local families, all ages welcome, no need to book*

### **Wednesday 12th June - Pre-Reception visit to Little Street**

*The children should wear their usual Nursery uniform for this trip, we advise shorts as it gets very warm inside*

### **Thursday 13th June 2.30-4pm- PTA Second Hand Sale**

*Jupiter Class room upstairs*

### **Thursday 13th June - Year 1 trip to the British Wildlife Centre**

*The children should wear their school uniform and have their waterproof coat and sun hat in school*

### **Thursday 13th June - Friday 14th June—Year 2 trip to Juniper Hall**

*Drop off on the 13th at Juniper hall between 9.15 & 9.30am- Pick up at 4.15 on the 14th*



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to **Alisa S** for your Emerald Certificate

Congratulations to **Lucy S, James M** and **Teddy S** for your Diamond Certificates

Congratulations to **Chloe B, Amelia H, Arthur SA** and **Estrella W** for your Epic Certificates

Congratulations to **Farzan MH, James C** and **Ivan C** for your Legend Certificates



### **Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:**

**Zhibo** and **Chris X:** Received medals for completing inflatable 2.5km running event

**Ivan C:** Star of the week at swimming

**Amelia H:** Under 12 years competition winner for the 'Your Art, Our Earth' poster competition for Earth Day 2024

**Lyana L:** Won a race swimming 1 length of the pool

**James M:** Received a medal as his team came second in the final game of Soccer School 2024

**Chloe B:** Won a bronze and copper medal for sparring and techniques at a national martial arts tournament. Completed a 2.5km trail raising money for the Rainbow Children's Trust charity

