

Newsletter

Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,
Happy Friday to you, as we reach the weekend, and finally we have some warm weather! Firstly, let me extend a hearty congratulations to our Year 6 students for their fantastic week away in Madrid, returning yesterday. From what I've gathered, the feedback has been positively radiant, and I must admit, I'm feeling a tad envious of the delightful weather they've been basking in! It's wonderful to hear that the trip, the first of its kind to Spain for our pupils, was such a success, and I'm not at all surprised to learn that our pupils were exceptional ambassadors for our school. I have included a picture from their week below.

On the home front, we've been keeping the spirit of celebration alive with our 'Music Teas', a new addition to our school calendar this year. These intimate recitals provide a perfect platform for our pupils who receive peripatetic music lessons to showcase their talents to you, their proud parents. On Thursday, it was lovely to witness the musical prowess of Mrs. Lovett's students. After all, music and arts thrive on performance, and creating opportunities for our students to shine in this arena is paramount. So, here's to many more musical marvels in the future!

In other exciting news, Mrs. West and I have been busy interviewing candidates for the role of our new Art/DT teacher. I'm delighted to report that we were thoroughly impressed with the calibre of individuals on our shortlist this week. This marks an exciting juncture for our school as we prepare to welcome aboard this new teacher come September. Providing our pupils with such enriching opportunities is at the core of our mission, and I'm thrilled that we're able to expand our horizons in this manner.

Looking ahead, I'll be sharing all the details regarding staffing plans for the upcoming year before the half-term break. This will include introductions to new staff members and insights into the class teacher and their year groups for the next academic year.

Next week, I'll be away from Monday through Wednesday, attending the Year 4 residential in Dorset. I'm eagerly anticipating this trip! Addition-

ally, upon my return, I'll be joining Reception for an exciting theatre outing next Thursday. During my absence, Mrs. West and Mrs. Wanstall will be steering the ship and putting the newsletter together for next week to ensure you stay updated on all the happenings at school.

Enjoy the weekend, and enjoy what will be the hottest day of the year so far (apparently).

Mr Carter
Head Teacher



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Disney Club ECHO

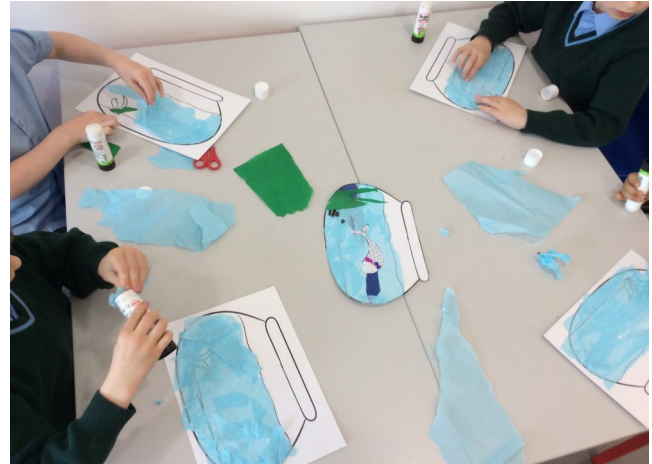
In Disney Club this term, the children were off with a racing start, as they were involved in many activities around the ever popular movie, Cars. They made posters, coloured in the crucial chequered flag bunting and participated in friendly car racing using a toy car and a straw. They demonstrated true sportsmanship and were very supportive of each other.

We then took things down a gear as we looked and explored the essence of the film Inside Out. They embraced role-playing various emotions, discussed which colour they would choose to represent each emotion or feeling and some of the hobbies they chose to do to make them feel happy and relaxed. They also looked into the mirror as they made different facial expressions. It was unanimous that a smile is the best.

The group then ventured down under to Finding Nemo. We discussed where the story is based and looked at images of The Great Barrier Reef and how far this is from England. They then tried to recapture the beauty of an underwater scene by decorating a fish bowl.



The session ended with a dance to the song Baby Shark.



Air ambulance

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome Rhiannon and Jennie from London's Air Ambulance to deliver assembly to us yesterday, along with Mrs Buchanan and her lovely boys, Hector (2J) and Arthur (1C).

The children were presented with an excellent assembly about the life-saving charity, followed with a question time. They asked such brilliant questions, such as, "What happens if there are two emergencies at once?" Lydia (3O).

The biggest message of is that London Air Ambulance receives NO funding and survives purely on donations. We have asked our children to #SPREADTHEWORD to as many people as possible!

All donations from Freedom Friday today will go directly to London Air Ambulance.

Huge thank you to Rhiannon, Jennie, Mrs Buchanan, Hector and Arthur for a wonderful and very important assembly!



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E-safety

In PSHE this week Year 3 have looked at online safety, particularly at how we can keep ourselves safe while using or looking for new apps. With the ever-expanding array of digital platforms and applications available to us, it's essential for Year 3 students to understand not only the potential benefits but also the inherent risks associated with navigating the online world.

During our discussions, we emphasised the importance of maintaining a critical mindset when interacting online. This includes being cautious of unfamiliar websites, messages from unknown individuals, and requests for personal information. By instilling a sense of scepticism and encouraging students to question the legitimacy of online content, we empower them to make informed decisions about their digital interactions.

By promoting responsible digital citizenship, we aim to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the online landscape

responsibly as well as highlighting the importance of seeking help from trusted adults or guardians if they encounter any concerning or uncomfortable situations online.

By fostering open communication channels and providing students with access to supportive resources, we strive to create a safe and supportive online environment for all members of our school community.



As we continue our journey towards digital literacy and online safety, we remain committed to empowering students with the tools and knowledge they need to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. Through ongoing education and proactive measures, we can work together to cultivate a culture of digital responsibility and respect within our school community and beyond.

Below is a survey of what, how, when and where the children were using the internet.

Here is what they said:

Things we use the internet for	These are our ways of getting online	How long we are allowed online for	Where are we when we are online:
Fortnite	Tablet	Weekends only	Bedroom
Gaming	Switch	10min / day	Sofa
TTRS	Switch	30 min / day	Living Room
Youtube	Playstation	Weekends 40-50 min	Loft
Geometry Dash	Laptop	2-3 hours / week	Utility
Band Runner	Computer	2 hours / day	Bed
Minecraft	TV	1hour / day	Dining Room
Netflix	iPod	35 min / weekend days	Table

Construction ECHO

This term, in our Construction Echo Club, the children have had the opportunity to use lego and Kapla bricks to construct different structures. In week one, they had to recreate a famous landmark, during week two, the children used Kapla bricks to create a bridge and this week, they took the lego outside to create a treehouse in the forest area. The children have demonstrated outstanding teamwork skills throughout and have been incredibly creative. It has been a joy to watch them work together, discuss ideas and construct a range of structures and buildings.



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blue tennis



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***Table Tennis *Badminton * Tug of War and much more.**

Grouped in age & ability * Equipment provided.

Please bring pack lunch, water and £1 for the tuck shop!

If raining blue tennis operate a **wet weather programme** and use the main building or pavilion, subject to availability. We use specialist equipment that enable the children to continue to practice and work on their core skills and get plenty of exercise.

For Information and Booking contact Martin on 07528 319723

or martin@bluetennis.co.uk or 'Book & Pay' on ClubSpark

Pastoral

The Borough of Bromley try to offer Early Interventions and Family support to parents who may be facing challenging times.

Click the link [here](#) to view all the support they are able to offer. It has been seen to be beneficial, that the earlier interventions take place the better the results.



What's Happening Next Week

Monday 13th May

- Year 4 Residential Trip (Mon-Wed)
- Year 6 TFL workshop (09:00-11:00)
- Year 3 Cricket v Colfe (13:40-16:15)

Tuesday 14th May

- ISFA U11 Girls Football (09.15 - 15.15)

Thursday 16th May

- Year 5 & 6 Cricket v Alleyns (13:20-16:00)