

# Newsletter

## Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

Our week started with a flurry of amazing outfits and costumes (and I was even happy to wear a beret, regardless of the state it left my hair in afterwards!) as we celebrated European Day of Languages. The whole day was

a wonderful opportunity to inspire and encourage our pupils to love languages, and highlight the advantages that language learning brings. Mrs Dubeck did a brilliant job of bringing this day to life. Anyone who has been in her French and Spanish lessons, will know you cannot help but be swept up by her enthusiasm and energy. We are so lucky to have her in school, and I am grateful for her drive and dedication with the organisation of this event. I know the children really enjoyed the day, not least the video of Elsa singing "Let It Go" in many different languages that we watched in assembly, and the churros at lunchtime!

On Tuesday, we hosted our first Open Morning of the academic year, and it was the busiest one yet! These mornings are an important part of marketing our school to prospective parents. They provide a unique opportunity to experience what life is like at St Christopher's, and prospective parents are able to visit classrooms, meet staff members and have a chance to talk to pupils on a tour of the School. We hope that these opportunities give our visitors a flavour of what goes on and allow them to soak up the atmosphere. This year, we introduced a new element and had our newly elected Head and Deputy pupil, Lexie and Evie, speak to the parents about their experiences of the School, and they were marvellous! In fact I know, alongside the tours given by Year 6 pupils, this was the parents favourite part of the morning, and many commented how confident and articulate our pupils were, and what they hoped their own child would grow to become. We think our School is very special and has a unique and caring atmosphere, and you, our parents, are also an important part of this. As I have always said, you are our best ambassadors for the School, so please do tell all your friends about us, or write a review on Google.

Additionally, on Tuesday, we hosted our first SCA Meeting. This too is a very important part of our



community, and we could not manage to do half the things we are able to do without the support of the SCA. It also provides a forum to allow our parents to be a bigger part of our community: to support each other, to offer an opportunity to socialise and have fun! It was lovely to see so many turn up at the meeting and enjoy a coffee and a chat, and I am excited about the upcoming events we have throughout the year. As always, I am grateful to the committee, led by Sam Miles and Bronwen Rose, and thank you to everyone that has helped the SCA deliver a very successful past year. If you were unable to attend, but you have ideas that we could put into practice in school, please let us know via email to [stchristophersassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stchristophersassociation@gmail.com). Additionally, if you are keen to join the committee, particularly now when we are looking for a new team of parents to take the lead, please do email using the address given above.

This week, we started our Parent Assemblies again. For our new parents, I started these last year, and they are opportunities for parents to come in and deliver an assembly to the school about their career or life experiences, and how they tie in with our Character Values. Unfortunately, I missed the first one, on Tuesday, where Mr and Mrs Jones (mum and dad to Emma and Toby) came and, not only enthralled the pupils with their exquisite violin and piano playing, but talked about how they employed their character strengths of resilience; ambition, respect and teamwork on their journey to becoming professional musicians. Additionally, on Thursday, we had Dr Byrne (Neve, Maya and Wilfie's mum) who spoke so enthusiastically about her job and how microbes and healthy eating have a huge impact on our lives. If any other parents would like to volunteer to do a 15min assembly in the Spring Term, linked to our Character Values, do contact me. Just as a final note, the term dates for the next academic year, 2023/24, are now up on our website.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and I hope we get better weather than we have had during this week!

Mr Carter  
**Head**

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### Year 5

Last week, Year 5 visited the Bromley Reform Synagogue as part of their RE unit on Judaism. The children had the opportunity to tour the Synagogue, looking closely at the layout and beautiful stained glass windows. During the visit, the children observed the Torah, participated in a discussion about Jewish foods, read an extract in Hebrew, and learned about special Jewish clothing.

*"I loved observing the grand Torah and attempting to read and understand Hebrew writing"* **Maya 5R**

*"I enjoyed touring the lower part of the Synagogue and learning about kosher food"* **Alexis 5L**

The children were engaged and incredibly respectful throughout the trip.



### SCAMPS Help

We are looking for occasional help in SCAMPS, as a SCAMPS Assistant before and after school. If this appeals to you, there is a job description and application form on our website:

<https://www.stchristophersthehall.org.uk/careers>

### Social Media

There have been some great new posts this week about our European Day of Languages and our parent assemblies on our social media channels so follow us at [@stchristhehall](https://www.instagram.com/stchristhehall) on insta and Twitter, as well at [@stchristhehallsport](https://www.instagram.com/stchristhehallsport) to get all the inside info from school life!



### Emailing teachers

**REMINDER:** ALL emails to teachers should use the

[mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk](mailto:mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk)



It is very likely that emails will not get to their destination if you email teachers directly.

### Individual and Sibling Photographs

The proofs of the photographs, taken by Tempest last week, will be sent home today. Please follow the instructions on the proof form to order your copies online, directly with Tempest. The window for submitting orders will close on 13th October. There is an option to have the photos sent back to School.

### Reviews

Word of mouth is the best form of advertising our school, and you are our best ambassadors. Therefore, we are grateful should anyone wish to write a review for us by using the link below or the QR code. This would be particularly great for those parents who have joined us this year!

<https://q.page/r/Cd0V7pg2h8TCEAq/review>





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### European Day of Languages Round up!

What an effort everyone made with dressing up; pupils and teachers looked fantastic. In assembly, we looked at the importance of embracing cultural and linguistic diversity, as well as all the opportunities learning a language can offer.

The children also had the opportunity to learn how to answer the register in a different language and listen to a foreign-language story during their afternoon storytime. There was such a great energy during the day, and it was wonderful to see children so proudly sharing their languages and cultural backgrounds with the St Christopher's community, as well as eagerly asking questions to learn more about other countries.

Throughout the week, children took part in specially planned lessons. Children from Reception to Year 2 excitedly participated in a French Disney sing-along, learning how to sing 'Be our Guest' from Beauty and the Beast. In Years 3 and 4,

children designed 'Marvellous Menus' based on foods from around the world and Years 5 and 6 developed their geographical and research skills by undertaking an ICT research project on a country of their choice. Congratulations to all the children below who impressed with their excellent effort and were awarded certificates in Friday's celebration assembly:

The biggest highlight was undoubtedly the delicious 'Taste of Spain' menu that the catering team provided for the day. Children enjoyed delicious plates of paella, meatballs, tortilla, patatas bravas and pisto. They then tucked into traditional homemade churros which went down a real treat!

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped support the whole-school event, as well as parents for helping the children organise their fantastic outfits. I do hope you enjoy looking at some of the photos of everyone in their multicultural finery.



Reception: **Jack Berry** (RC) and **Emily Harrison** (RO)|

Year 1: **Hector Buchanan** (1C)

Year 2: **Leah Chan** (2J) and **Ella Taggart** (2O)

Year 3: **Oscar Batchelor** (3A) **Junior Watson-Ramsay** (3P)

Year 4: **Zoe Coombs-Organ** (4H) and **Polina Koliada** (4MD)

Year 5: **Ellemie Shivers** (5L) and **Adnan Alakan** (5R)

Year 6: **Anya Anand** (6C)



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### Year 1

In PSHE, Year 1 talked about times when they have felt proud of an achievement. Everyone received a 'I am proud ticket' which they read to their partner.



### Computer Puzzle Club

In their Wednesday clubs, some children have been creating puzzles and games with Mr Jacobs. We thought it would be lovely to share them with you, so for the next few weeks the newsletter will include a puzzle created by our pupils so you can read news from school and also enjoy a brain teaser!

#### Nature

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c	h	f	j	r	j	k	h	t	v
o	j	l	k	f	e	s	d	m	l
w	k	e	h	a	n	s	r	f	f
g	u	a	r	y	o	o	a	l	b
u	u	f	l	a	w	a	g	w	f
l	j	d	s	n	a	i	l	f	d

#### Answers

Bird leaf ladybird slug worm  
Spider cow bee wasp  
Nature tree insect beetle

By Nicole Martinaityte

Year 4H

### SCA

Lots going on this week so a quick recap!

- Pantomime tickets are on sale now via [www.scasales.co.uk](http://www.scasales.co.uk). Sales close on Monday 3 October. Drop us an email if we can help with chaperoning.
- The Path to Play order list has been emailed to you. Please do check and let us know if there are any errors or omissions. The deadline for this is also Monday 3 October - we need to place the order for install!
- You will also have received your personalised Christmas Design Packs in the book bags. All set for your child's magical artistic creation! The quality and price are fantastic, they are a wonderful Christmas card treat and also perfect keepsakes for friends and family. The deadline for returns is Friday 14 October.
- We would also love to hear from any of you that could help us with the SCA Treasurer role. Please do get in touch for a chat. You do not need to be a qualified accountant.

Thank you, as always, for all your support.

For any queries or suggestions please email [stchristophersassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stchristophersassociation@gmail.com).

### *What's Happening Next Week*

- 🔔 **Monday 3rd October**  
- U9 Netball v Colfes Mixed (15:15-16:15)
- 🔔 **Tuesday 4th October**  
- ISA Girls' Football Tournament (all day)
- 🔔 **Wednesday 5th October**  
- Year 4 trip to the Museum of London (TBC - because of rail strike)  
- U8 Netball V Colfes Mixed (15:15-16:15)
- 🔔 **Thursday 6th October**  
- Flu Nasal Vaccines (all day)
- 🔔 **Friday 7th October**  
- Reception Black History Month story-telling workshop (in-school)  
- U11 Boys' ISA Football Tournament (all day)  
- U10 Netball V Colfes Mixed (15:15-16:15)