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Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure, and rather a treat, that we get to write this letter to you this week. Mr Carter is having a very productive and

busy time at the IAPS Heads' conference in Birmingham. As Mr Carter mentioned last week, we are absolutely delighted our school is now part of IAPS; such a prestigious organisation.

At St. Christopher's, we take huge pride in our reading events where we celebrate authors, books, illustrators and of course, a love of reading. Mr Pretara and Miss Johns, our Heads of English, organised some super events to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. This began with a whole-school assembly promoting World Book Day where Hillary House proved to be the champions of the House quiz answering questions related to well known books and stories.

Although the children did not dress up this year, each child had the opportunity to bring in a book to swap with another child. The books were all displayed in the Upper Hall and we had our own mini book shop. The children really enjoyed choosing a new book they hadn't read before and taking it home to enjoy. It was also lovely to see the children promote their old books to other children and talk about the plot, characters and why they enjoyed them so much. Second hand book swapping is incredibly rewarding and interesting and their popularity has increased with the decline of the public libraries; we would like to continue to promote this each year. Throughout the day, older children enjoyed reading to the younger children.



Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day arrived a little later at St. Christopher's. On Wednesday, we had a fun and frenzied pancake race in the hall. The Senior Leadership Team were in teams and had the challenge of racing across the hall with pancake and frying pan in hand.



The delight and enthusiasm on the children's faces was priceless. It is so vital for the children to see that staff can let their hair down and often just be a little silly!

Thank you to all the Year 5 and 6 children who participated in a wonderful music concert on Thursday. The children entertained us in song and on a huge variety of instruments. We also had the pleasure of listening to the orchestra, Senior Choir and Recorder Ensemble. What a talented group of children! Thank you too, to Mrs Gay and Mrs Paulides for all of their hard work in putting this together.

As communicated to you last week, our first Parents' Education workshops begin from 27th March. Please see the timings:

Monday 27th March

- Parents' Meeting regarding Secondary Transition Meeting, Year 5 only (5-6pm)

Thursday 30th March

- PSHE including Relationship and Sex Education information, Reception to Year 6 (4-5pm)

Wednesday 7th June

- English - Read, Write Inc and the Power of Reading, Reception to Year 6 (6-7:30pm)

We look forward to welcoming as many parents as are able, from Reception to Year 6, to the PSHE and English workshops. From our recent parent questionnaire, it was requested by you to have a little more insight into your child's education, so we hope these workshops will help in this regard.

We wish you all a very enjoyable weekend.

Mrs West and Mrs Wanstall

Assistant Heads (Academic)

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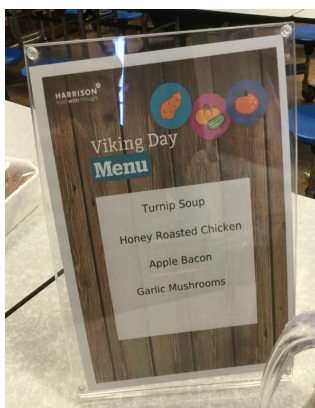
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Year 3 Viking Day

On Tuesday 28th February, Year 3 were lucky enough to be visited by a real Viking: Peter, or Peda in Norse.

Throughout the day, the children learnt all about Viking life, starting with a re-enactment of the raid of Lindisfarne. The children particularly enjoyed raiding a monastery in role as Vikings, especially as the monks inside the monastery were Mr Pretara, Miss Arnott and Mrs West in disguise! After that, the children had an opportunity to handle some real weapons and armoury, including spears, shields and even a real chain mail vest. As the day went on, the children were able to explore some common household items from the Viking times, learn about the different foods they ate (including purple carrots!), clothes they wore and even how decisions were made in the Jarl's Court.



At lunch time, Year 3 were treated to a delicious personalised menu courtesy of Linda and the rest of the catering team. On the menu was turnip soup, garlic mushrooms, apple-glazed bacon and honey roasted chicken.

Towards the end of the day, Year 3 got to experience a Viking funeral, comparing it to their learning from their Ancient Egypt topic. To end, everyone got to ask Peter lots of questions and take a photo wearing a Viking helmet and carrying a shield and either sword or shield. Great fun was had by all!



"Vikings had 'A Thing' to sort out arguments and disputes which was cool!" – Monty

"I never knew that Vikings only ate with a knife and a spoon – no fork!" – Eva

"The Vikings used fur for toilet paper, how strange?!" – Fola

"I learnt that the Vikings had different types of axes like hand axes, bearded axes and Dane axes." - Jamal

"I couldn't believe that Vikings grew purple carrots!" - Oscar

"I learnt that Ice Giants weren't Gods and that Vikings didn't actually wear horned helmets. It's a myth!" – Arthur W



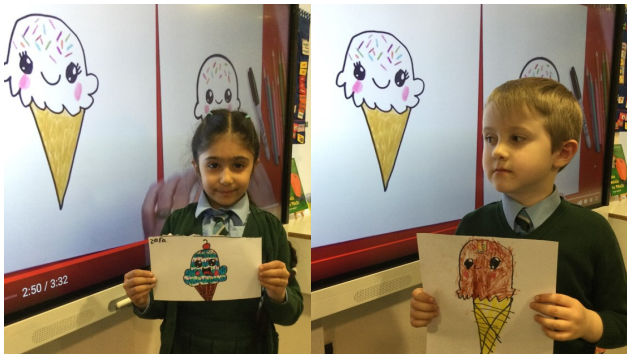
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ECHO: Drawing (Pre-Prep)

Drawing Club have been honing their step by step drawing skills over the weeks. They are becoming particularly skilled at creating fantastic 'cartoon' eyes, if you look closely you can spot the glimmer! This week we are dreaming of summer and we have drawn our own ice-creams, they may look delicious but they are definitely not edible!



Pupil Success

We are delighted to report that CJ in Year 4 has been signed to Wimbledon FC last week! He has shown discipline and hard work with all his training, and we are so proud of him as he continues his dream!



Last week, Anya in 6C baked a cake for a charity cake sale at her parent's work. Her cake was sold out in minutes as part of a bake sale to support the Single Homeless project in the UK. They collectively raised £500. We are very proud of Anya for baking after school and wanting to contribute in her own way to an important cause.



If any pupils experience success outside of School, we'd love to hear about it, so do let Mr Carter know.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful day at London Zoo where they have seen different animals in their habitats, explored some of the African wildlife and looked at camouflage.



Reviews

We love hearing your feedback, so if you have a Google account, and feel inclined, please leave a reviews for us by using the link

<https://q.page/r/Cd0V7pg2h8TCEAg/review>

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SCA

Parent Teacher Quiz and Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone that supported the Quiz and Silent Auction. What an amazing fundraiser, raising a whopping £5,434.39, with £749 of this going to our school charity the Freddie Farmer Foundation.

Quiz night was great fun. Our quiz masters were fantastic and the bar was certainly a hit! Thank you to all that attended.

Our winners were team Simple Minds! Parents to Ray Amsbury, Hazel & Monty Pham, Emily Oritis, Oliver Nilsson and Oscar and Charlie Batchelor. They scored an impressive 144.5 points. WELL DONE SIMPLE MINDS!

Second place went to the Scrambled Eggheads with 140.5 points, third to the Smartinis with 132 points. Class Act took the Wooden Spoon award with 111.5 points.

If you were lucky enough to win an auction item, staff will be in touch with you directly over the coming weeks to plan dates. If you have any questions before then, please email

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as the school office cannot answer your queries.

Thank you again to the staff for offering their time towards our fundraisers. For now, we are off to prepare for next week's Prep School Disco. Tickets are on sale now via www.scasales.co.uk. Get your dancing shoes ready Prep School!



Parent Education Partnership:

We are very excited to be introducing this new initiative with our programme of workshops for parents. Keep an eye on the Parent section of our website for updates. We will upload any presentations used in the workshops for those parents who are unable to attend any of the sessions.

E-safety tip

After Safer Internet Day, and Mental Health Awareness Week, we are heading back to basics this week with a very useful article from the National Cybersecurity Alliance. This gives nine easy steps to creating a secure digital environment for children to use and each step could be discussed in an age appropriate way with them. Getting these ideas in place early on, prevents bad habits creeping in later. It also helps us change some of the ones we have picked up along the way! Follow this link to find the article:



<https://staysafeonline.org/resources/online-safety-basics/>

What's Happening Next Week

Monday 6th March

- U8 Football v Farrington (mixed - selected pupils) (14:30-15:30)

Tuesday 7th March

- U10 Football/Netball v Royal Russell (mixed - selected pupil) (15:45-16:45)
- Year 3: Food workshop with Harrison's Catering Company (14:00-15:30)

Wednesday 8th March

- RC and RO's Charity Event
- Year 3 and 4 Bromley Gym competitions (selected pupils) (9:30-11:30)
- Year 5 and 6 Bromley Gym competitions (selected pupils) (13:00-15:30)

Thursday 9th March

- 2J and 2O's Charity Event

Friday 3rd March

- Science Week kicks off! Assembly and workshop for all year groups (Rec-Year 6)