

# Newsletter

## Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

You know it's getting towards the end of the summer term when the calendar is bursting with events! This week, we've had three fantastic occasions that have brought joy and excitement to our school

community.

First up, the Year 5 and 6 show "*Whispers Across The Waves*" on Tuesday evening was an absolute delight! It was the culmination of the term's hard work and one of the first swansongs for our Year 6 pupils. The pupils really took us on a voyage and this whodunnit really left us with the question, 'Where **IS** the necklace?' The performances made me laugh out loud, with cockney and French accents galore, a vicious pampered puppy, beautifully sung solos, and dancers giving us flavours of different eras (which also left me singing 'Welcome to the 60s' for the rest of the evening! A massive thank you to Ms Wooderson and Mrs Gay for their time and energy in putting together this showstopper!

Thursday saw us host a lovely New Parents' BBQ. This event was all about giving our new parents a chance to meet our dedicated staff and connect with other families joining our community. We believe it's crucial to foster a sense of belonging right from the start - we want parents to feel at home even before their child's academic journey begins! I'm so grateful to all the staff members who stayed to warmly welcome our new families, including those currently in Preschool.

This morning, we were treated to the heartwarming spectacle of our Preschool Sports Day. What a joy to see our youngest pupils taking part in sports; I loved it! It was a wonderful reminder that these events are not about coming first and winning, but about coming together as a school community and celebrating everyone's participation. A big round of applause to Miss Steeden and Miss Symonds for organising this brilliant event!

Today is our last Freedom Friday as Prep and Pre-Prep will come in their sports kit next week ready for Sports Day. In addition, I would like all children to wear their uniform on the last day of term.

This week is also Diversity Week, and in their Form Times, pupils have been exploring and cele-

brating diversity within our community and beyond. Our discussions have focused on valuing and respecting each individual's uniqueness, including differences in disability, gender, age, religion, and race. We also emphasised that families can come in many forms, but what truly defines a family is the love and support that children receive. We believe these lessons are crucial in fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all our students..

I also want to mention that, as we approach the end of the academic year, it's natural for teachers to reflect on their pupils' journeys. When we look back to September, it's easy to forget just how far our classes have come. I've been busy reading the end-of-year reports (***which will be sent out electronically next Friday for Reception to Year 6, with Preschool reports and Learning Journals also going out on Friday***), and I can tell you - there hasn't been a single report that hasn't filled me with pride when I think about each pupil's progress since the autumn term. In many cases, the change has been nothing short of incredible, and I know you'll be bursting with pride when you read your child's report.

It's been a whirlwind of a week, but one that perfectly encapsulates the spirit of our school - learning, growing, and coming together as a community. As we head into the final stretch of the term, let's keep this energy going particularly as we host our Pre-Prep and Prep Sports day next Friday which I hope you will be able to join us for. There are further details below about timings for this. In addition, we are holding our transition talk for parents of pupils who are currently in Year 2. Miss Rule and Mr Codd will be able to reassure you and set out what to expect as your child moves in Year 3 next year.

I hope you enjoy your weekend. Just two weeks to go now before the end of term!

Mr Carter

**Head Teacher**



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### Pre-Prep and Prep Sports Day (Friday 5th July)

We are very excited for our Sports Day which is set to be a fantastic morning for pupils from Reception to Year 6 with all pupils having a choice in what events they want to compete in. Please see below some important information regarding the day.

#### **Timings**

The Pre-Prep Sports Day will run from 09.00 - 10.00 with the gate being open for parents and spectators from 08.30. Please enter via the field gate ready for a prompt 09.00 start.

The Prep School Sports Day will start at 10.30 prompt and finish by 12.00. The field gate for entry onto the field will be opened at 10.10 for parents and spectators of the Prep School to enter.

#### **Pre-Prep & Prep Races**

Reception pupils have been trialling various races throughout the term and ahead of Sports Day, took a vote to decide which races they would compete in. The results of the voting means that

all Reception pupils will be competing in the Sprint, Beanbag and Hurdle races. Pupils have been working hard to practise for the big day and they can't wait to show parents what they have been doing.

Year 1 and 2 have also been practising a range of events and this year, they have been given the choice of what events they would like to compete in. All pupils were entered into the Sprint race and then had the choice of entering one or two additional races. These include: Beanbag, Egg and Spoon, Hurdles or Football Dribble.

In the Prep School, pupils had the option of choosing either two or three races to enter. These include: Sprint, Long Distance, Hurdles, Tyre, Under-Over Hurdles or Assault Course. Pupils have been practising their races in their PE lessons this week and are excited to compete on the day.

We look forward to seeing you one Friday 5th July for the Pre-Prep and Prep School Sports Day. Hopefully the sun will be shining and it will be a fabulous morning of Sport!

### Dance

During Wednesday's Whole School Assembly, we were treated to a remarkable display from Dance & Acro Club. The children performed an impressive array of gymnastic moves and several stunningly choreographed dances. Full of energy, confidence, skill and pride, it was a total joy to behold. Thank you Dance & Acro club for showing us what you have been learning, we watched in awe!



### Year 3

On Thursday and Friday of last week, Year Three attended their first residential trip during their time at St Christopher's. They had a fabulous time team building, climbing the climbing wall, learning how to shoot arrows, fire lighting and building bonfires and jumping on the bouncy castles. They also ran the assault course in record times and competed in a Mario Kart championship. For some of them it was their first time away from home but they had the best time and can't wait for their Year 4 residential!





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### St Christopher's in the Community

As we mentioned last week, we had just a few hours to go to reach our 130 hour total, and after last week's activity, and this super venture from Mrs Beaton (Year 3), we have now reached it.

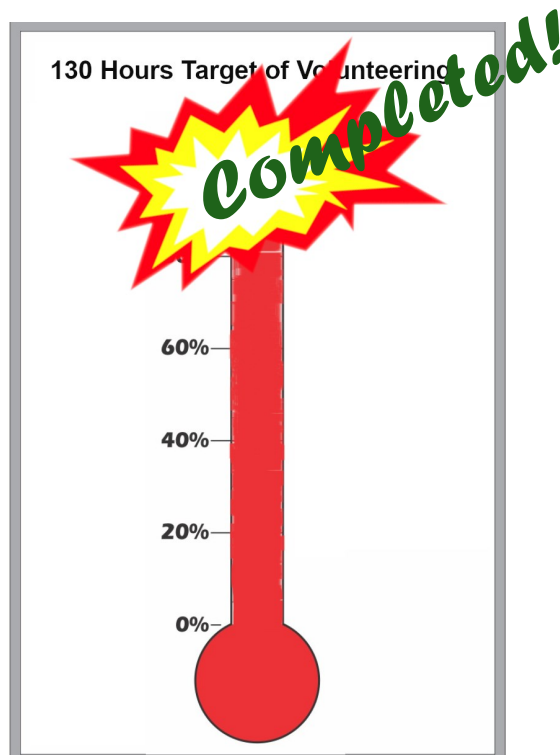
Mrs Beaton gave 6 hours to help at Food Cycle (<https://foodcycle.org.uk/>). This is an amazing charity whose vision is to make food poverty, loneliness and food waste a thing of the past. They feed the hungry and give company and conversation to the lonely whilst also preparing delicious meals using food which would otherwise go to waste (as approaching Best Before date) from the likes of Amazon, Tesco, Sainsbury's etc.

When Mrs Beaton arrived, she had no idea what food would be waiting. The usual team have this challenge every day as they receive a delivery of different foods each morning. We had to rack our brains to come up with a meal utilising boxes containing fruit and veg, including approx. 5kg of Okra, 60 avocados, 30 courgettes, 15 lemons, 30 punnets of blueberries, 20 bags of bean sprouts, 15 tins of kidney beans and much, much more - no rice, no pasta, but we did have some potatoes leftover from the previous day.

Our menu consisted of an Asian fusion soup for the starter, a vegetarian chilli with potato wedges, a side salad with guacamole and a toasted pitta and a blueberry & apple crumble for dessert. A bit of a mishmash of a menu, but they did the best with what they had and the recipients loved it!

All the above had to be cooked with no salt, as the community we were serving are all HIV positive, and salt interferes with their medication. All volunteers are encouraged to sit and eat with the community (between cooking and washing up) - and they go to meet some fantastic people from such a diverse demographic from all corners of the world who had such incredible stories to tell. Some may not have needed the food, but they certainly wanted the company, and vice versa. They were so appreciative of our cooking and company.

The day was both a huge learning experience as well as being incredibly humbling. If anyone has a day or morning to spare (they run 7 days a week), please offer to help. They have kitchens all across the UK and London (the closest to us are Thornton Heath, Lewisham and Peckham Rye).



Please can you ensure that your child brings in a named bottle of water each day, especially during this hot and sunny weather.

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### SCA Summer Fair

The SCA have been working hard in the preparations for this year's Summer Fair and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to come and join in the fun. In case you have missed it, the fair is taking place on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July between 12pm-3pm**. Like the Christmas Fair, we have a number of external stalls joining including BR3 - The Br3wery, Burrito 66, Pizza Post Van and Slate and Crumb.



The SCA has been collecting donations and raffle prizes for the event, so if you still have items to donate, please do contact a member of the SCA or your class rep.

Entry tickets and currency can still be purchased from [www.scasales.co.uk](http://www.scasales.co.uk) and raffle tickets can be purchased via BOPP.

We have some amazing raffle prizes including a hamper, a Ninja outdoor oven, a Shark Stratos vacuum, beauty prizes, a complimentary week from Camp Elite and many more.

By popular demand we will also be hosting another Art Fair which will be held in the Lower Hall, where parents will have an opportunity to purchase their children's art work.

Year 6 have also been busy with a "Year 6 Dragon's Den" initiative, where the children were given a small budget to come up with a theme/game and man the stalls themselves at the Fair. This year has been extremely competitive as the winners will be able to keep their takings as a prize!

As always the SCA relies heavily on the help from parents to make such events possible. We do encourage as many parents to try and volunteer for all / part of the day to make this Summer Fair another truly successful event!

### ECO News

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the 'Green Flag' ECO award. Our ECO Committee has been working tirelessly to achieve this award. St Christopher's joined late in the year, so the ECO committee did not have a lot of time to collect all the evidence and spread our ECO message. Completing the Environmental Review has proven instrumental in enhancing the committee's understanding of the positive environmental impacts our school had already achieved and highlighted areas that required attention. The projects that they chose to work on were Biodiversity, Global Citizenship and School Grounds.

Congratulations and Well Done to our ECO Committee and the school community for looking after our environment and raising awareness.

Also, we are pleased to announce the winners of our slogan competition for the Green Flag Award.

The winners are Tamara and Sonia in 4M, for their slogan:

**We're Kind**

**We're Fair**

**We Listen**

**We Care**

**We are the Green Team!**

Congratulations to you both!



### **Allergy reminder:**

Please do not send in snacks which contain nuts or sesame seeds.



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## **CAMP ELITE**

at St Christopher's the Hall School

Join Us at Camp Elite This Summer!

Looking for an amazing holiday camp for your kids this summer? Look no further! Camp Elite offers an incredible range of activities to keep your children entertained, engaged, and learning new skills. From Multi-sports and Football to Arts & Crafts, Music, Taekwondo, Drama, PSHE, Tennis, Lego, and Coding.

We have something for every child aged 4-12!

Camp Elite is Ofsted registered, ensuring a safe and high-quality environment for your children.

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**St Christopher's the Hall School: BR3 5PA**

**Dates:**

**July 15th - August 2nd, 2024**

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- ◆ Extended provision available!
- ◆ Exciting trips every Friday!

For more information and to register, visit our bookings [link](#) or scan the QR code.





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### Pupil Achievement

Florence (Year 6) experienced the highlight of her life by attending the Summer Solstice celebration at Stonehenge with her mother and a diverse group of 40 people from various countries. This event, considered one of the world's top life experiences, is a magical gathering where New Age tribes, tourists, and families celebrate the longest day of the year. Florence bravely waited until 4:02 AM to witness the sunrise between the ancient stones, participated in singing and dancing with Tibetan monks, and mingled with druids, all while having the rare chance to enter the stone circle and touch the historic stones.



Alexis (Year 6) had his first Grading in Taekwondo last weekend. He has been training diligently for the past 9 weeks, inspired by their family's Taekwondo tradition and he received his White Belt Yellow Tag and Merits; a testament to his hard work. This is very much in their family tradition with his mother being a 1st Dan

Black Belt and his grandad, a 6th Dan Black Belt and former Taekwondo club owner. Both were particularly thrilled!

Huge congratulations to Emma in Year 6, who won the trophy in the finals of Bromley Youth Music Trust's 'Minting Cup' competition last weekend.

Emma performed her programme of cello pieces in our singing assembly a couple of weeks ago and had the whole school spellbound by her performance; her success in the competition is well-deserved!



### Reception

For this half term, on a Wednesday afternoon, the Reception classes have been enjoying the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities with Year 4 in our 'Phase Fusion' initiative. Each week the two year groups have come together to explore a different activity; for one of the sessions the children worked in House groups to produce an artwork inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. Using natural materials the groups collaborated to produce some amazing pieces on the playground. The artworks really reflected how engaged the children had been by the video we watched, in which Andy Goldsworthy explained how he works within the natural world to produce stunning art pieces, only using resources he finds in the environment, such as leaves, rocks or ice.



### *What's Happening Next Week*

- 🔔 **Tuesday 2nd July**
  - Year 2 into 3 parents transition meeting (15:20-16:00)
- 🔔 **Wednesday 3rd July**
  - LAMDA exams
- 🔔 **Thursday 4th July**
  - Year 6 Sponsored Water Fight!
  - Bromley School Athletics (selected pupils)
- 🔔 **Friday 5th July**
  - Pre-Prep and Prep Sports Day (09:00-12:30)
- 🔔 **Saturday 6th July**
  - Summer Fair (12:00-15:00)