



## Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### KS1 Solo Music Concert

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March parents, children and staff were treated to the Key Stage 1 Solo Concert, in which pupils from Years 1 and 2 performed a variety of pieces on a range of instruments including cello, piano, violin, voice and guitar.



All the children performed with confidence and enthusiasm, demonstrating clear enjoyment and passion for playing their instruments. They have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks to prepare for this concert and the music team are all very proud of how much they have achieved!

Thanks to our fantastic team of peripatetic teachers, and to all parents and friends who came to support their children.

Mr Rhodes – Director of Music



### Netball News

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 4 Netball Team travelled to face Devonshire House in their second league match of the season. Saint Christina's demonstrated fantastic resilience throughout the game as they came up against very tough opposition.

The girls grew in confidence as the game went on but it wasn't to be our day with the final scoring ending 7 v 0 to Devonshire House.

Although the girls didn't win, they should hold their heads up high after a good match with lessons learned on both sides. The girls should be proud of their effort and strong team spirit. A big thank you to all the participants, and thank you to the parents for their continued support.

Mr Artur – Saint Christina's Sports Team

## Year 5s Netball Tournament

Last Wednesday, 14th March 2018, the Year 5 Netball Team set off to attend a very important Netball tournament at Berkhamsted School.

When we arrived, we were directed to wait in a corner of the school while the tournament was being set up. Finally, when everything was ready, we made our way to the courts to warm up and practise passing and shooting before the air horn blew for the first time and the tournament would begin.

We made a fantastic start and as the tournament went on we encountered a couple of really tough teams. Thanks to our great teamwork, we managed to shoot the goals we needed to win our matches.

We played many other games that won us many points, and in the last match we even got to win 12-0!

After that, we all went down to the bottom courts to receive the results and have a drink and a snack for our hard work. We showed great sportsmanship and congratulated everybody for a good game. We played against some very strong teams from schools like North London Collegiate, Charlotte House and many others.

The final results were that Saint Christina's won the tournament and we all received gold medals. There was also another prize called MVP (Most Valued Player) for a person whom their teacher thought played especially well, and this was awarded to Anna.

I think that we thoroughly enjoyed playing against those schools and it was a very good netball experience.

We all rode happily home, with most of us singing and joking.

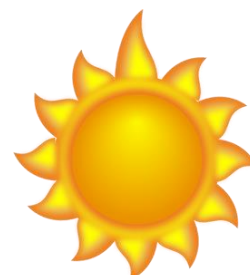
By Anna T & Axelle-Rica



## Summer Uniform

Children are to wear Summer uniform from the beginning of the Summer Term (**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**). Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

The School boaters (girls) and caps (boys) must be worn every day the children are in uniform. If it is a day when the children are in their P.E. kit, they should wear the baseball cap in their house colour.



Parents' Link will be holding a Nearly New Uniform Sale on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April** from **3.30pm** in the Main Hall.

## Science Week

On Monday, girls in Key Stage 2 treated the whole school to a dedicated Science assembly to kick-off Science Week.

Year 6 explained some of their projects, which ranged from research into which colours attract dogs the most, to thinking about artificial intelligence and robotics. Year 5 used Drama to teach us about some inspirational female Scientists, including Marion Donovan, an entrepreneur who invented the first waterproof disposable nappy and Nancy Johnson, who created an ice cream freezing machine in 1843 (which was before freezers were invented).



Year 4 taught us about the importance of Science and how it impacts our everyday lives from what we eat to what we like to do in our spare time. The assembly ended with Year 3 singing a fantastic Science song. Well done to all the girls, and to Mrs Chandaria for organising the assembly.

On Wednesday, the girls from Year 4 upwards were lucky to have a fascinating talk from Mr Daniel Jackson, who is a Scientist from Sheffield University (and Theodora's uncle!). Mr Jackson is a glass blowing engineer and specialises in creating bespoke scientific glass apparatus to be used in the Chemistry Department there.

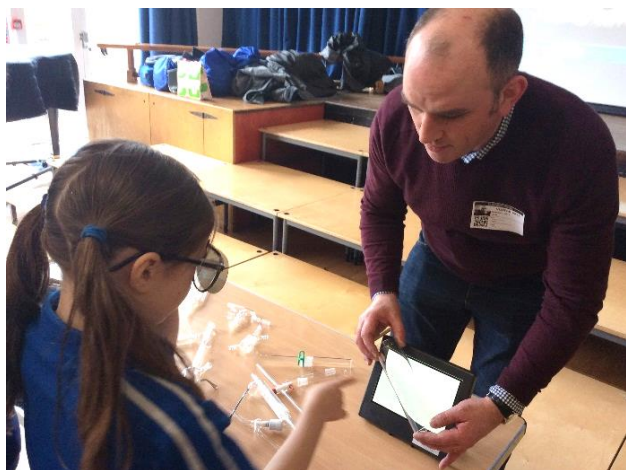
He explained some of the uses the Scientists required his glassware for, including laser research and landmine detection. The girls were able to ask questions, handle some of the equipment and look through glassblowing goggles with a backdrop of polarised light to see 'strains' in the glassware which appeared as colourful spots on the glass.

We are very grateful to Mr Jackson for coming down to visit us from Sheffield as he also found time to judge the Year 6 Science Projects!

Science Week will conclude today with a forensic Science CSI Workshop run by the Education Group.

Well done to all the children for their efforts and interest in Science, not just during this week but in every week! I am sure many of you will be Scientists and Entrepreneurs in the future!

Mr Hirst – Deputy Head





## Book Fair

The Book Fair has been rescheduled for the week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. There will be hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Please come and join us!

**Nursery and Reception** parents: **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** in the Main Hall at 3.00-3.30pm

**Year 1 and 2** parents: **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** in the Main Hall at 3.00-3.30pm

**Year 3 and 4** parents: **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** in the Main Hall at 3.00-3.30pm

**Year 5 and 6** parents: **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April** in the Main Hall at 3.00-3.30pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** at 3.00-3.30pm will be a last chance to buy books for **ALL** parents.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £3, there is sure to be a book for everyone.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **free books** for our School Library.

Miss Argles – Literacy Co-ordinator

## Mothers' Day Mass

A message to all the wonderful Saint Christina's mothers – thank you to all who came to celebrate Mass last week to celebrate Mother's Day. I particularly want to thank the mothers who volunteered to help lead the Mass with their daughters, it was very special to see the mother-daughter team work!

I hope you all enjoyed a special day last Sunday with your families.

Mr Hirst – Deputy Head



## Morning Drama Club – Years 3 to 6

We still have a few places available in Drama Club on Friday mornings. If your child is interested in joining, please contact Duncan MacInnes via email – [drama@saintchristinas.org.uk](mailto:drama@saintchristinas.org.uk) and he will send you further information.

## Pupil of the Week

### Well done to:

Name	Class	Reason
Setareh	Reception AE	For excellent work with teen numbers this week.
Lara	Reception RP	For excellent work on dinosaurs.
Libby	Year 1 DB	For being a kind and caring member of Year 1.
Zosia	Year 1 DB	For wonderful enthusiasm towards all areas of the curriculum.
Marta	Year 2 LS	For excellent work in Mathematics and completing extension tasks.
Konaka	Year 3	For working hard on the Annunciation in class.
Ellen	Year 4	For always working extremely hard in all that she does.
Coca	Year 5	For a brilliant improvement in all subjects.
Tara Theodora Violet Isabella Chirine Fabiana	Year 6	For very good work in French.  For being a great help in the Library

### Dates for your diary - Please note that dates/timings are subject to change and additions

Date	Event
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents' Evening (Reception to Year 5) 4.00-8.00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2 Science trip</li> <li>Netball Fixture - Y5/6 A Teams (away)</li> </ul>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 'Dance-a-thon Charity Fundraiser</li> <li>Year 5 &amp; 6 Netball Fixture (away game)</li> </ul>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 1 Mass – 2.00pm – please note date change</b></li> </ul>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NO EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR TEACHER LED CLUBS THIS WEEK</b></li> <li>KS2 Music Ensembles featuring Morning Drama Club pupils (details to follow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Jenny Finlayson</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Easter Play – 7.00pm</li> </ul>

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Year 5 swimming lesson</li><li>• <b>SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12 NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS</b></li></ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff INSET</li></ul>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Children return – Summer Uniform</b></li></ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nearly New Uniform Sale – 3.30pm in Main Hall</li></ul>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 Netball Tournament</li></ul>

Jenny Finlayson  
Headteacher