



## Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

### Key Stage 2 Solo Concert

On Wednesday, we had our first Solo Concert of the year, featuring pupils from Key Stage 2. I am proud to say that there were more pupils performing in the concert than there were watching it!

We were treated to lots of lovely pieces in different styles including classical, jazz and pop, as well as some original pupil compositions and duets! It was also great to see the variety of learning taking place on guitar, violin, cello, flute, piano and singing.

Congratulations to all of our performers for a superb concert and thank you to our peripatetic teaching team who prepared them so well; thank you also to all of the parents for being such a lovely, supportive audience!

Mr Rhodes – Director of Music



### Competition Winner!

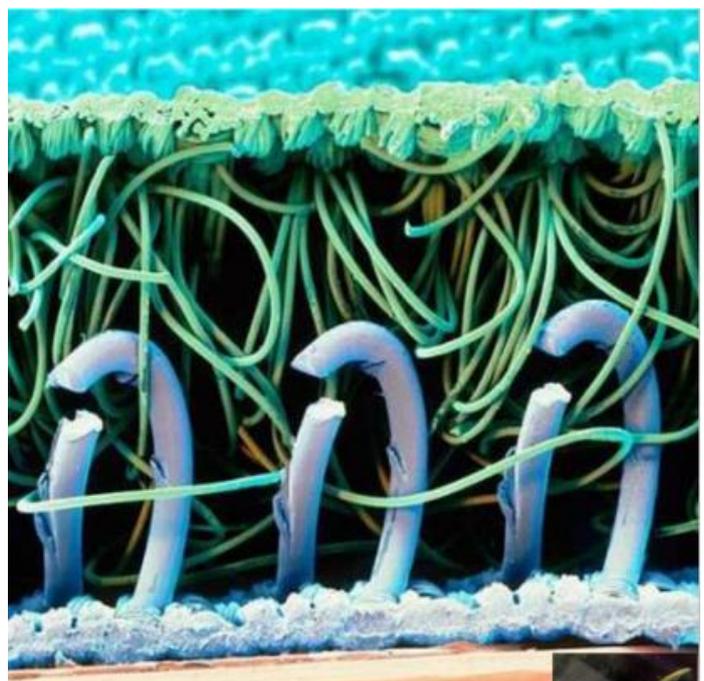
Congratulations to Amelia in Year 4 who has won our fish naming competition!

The challenge was to correctly identify what the above image was, taken by an electron microscope.

After three weeks of guessing and over 50 interesting ideas from KS2 children as to what the image might be, Amelia was the first to think that it might be Velcro!

Amelia can now choose a name for our new fish which lives in the Science Room, a bristlenose pleco. Well done, Amelia!

Mr Hirst – Deputy Head



What is this a picture of?

The first person to guess correctly can name our new fish!





## Mass led by Year 6

On Friday 16th November, Year 6 celebrated a Mass whose theme was Peace and Friendship.

They read their lines very well and sang all their music beautifully. They considered who their friends were, and were reminded that one friend that every single person has is Jesus.

Many thanks go to Sister Noella for preparing the text for the Mass, to Miss Fernandes for her behind the scenes preparation and to Mr Rhodes for his invaluable help with the music.

Fr Rudolf – Year 6 Class Teacher

## Year 3 Tate Photographer Visit

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Year 3 took part in a very special learning project. The project is being led by globally renowned artist, Steve McQueen, with the Tate Gallery, Artangel and the educational charity 'A New Direction'.

As part of the project, a photographer from the Tate came to school to take a class photograph of our Year 3 Class as well as leading them in a number of exciting activities! This photograph will make up one of the largest group portraits ever made and one of the most compelling British artworks of our time.

We are excited to see our photograph appearing as part of the free public exhibition at Tate Britain from November 2019 until May 2020 along with thousands of other class photographs from primary schools London-wide.



Mr Burke – EYFS/KS1 Phase Leader & Ms Sephton Year 3 Class Teacher

## Author Visit

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November Nursery, Reception and Year 1 were treated to a visit by a very special person!

Cate Douglas the author of 'Poppy's Tail' read her story to each class before opening her huge suitcase which contained 30 fluffy tails of different shapes and sizes and included Poppy's very special rainbow tail.

Cate very kindly stayed to sign copies of her books for the children. If you missed the chance to buy a book or tail don't worry - they are available to buy on Amazon.



Mr Burke – EYFS/KS1 Phase Leader

## Anti-Bullying Week

Last week was Anti-bullying week. Every class in the school had a lesson about what bullying is and how to stop it happening in our school.

We talked to the children and they came up with some things that they thought were bullying:

- Hurting someone by hitting or kicking them
- Making fun of someone
- Telling lies about someone, the things they have said or done
- Making comments about the way someone looks
- Pulling faces
- Using bad language
- Ignoring a person, refusing to let them join in with a game



We talked about the fact that in order for a person's actions to be called bullying they have to be repeated. Falling out with a friend one day and making up the next is not bullying. Being unkind to someone day after day is bullying.

We reminded the children that small acts of kindness go a long way, and they were reminded of our school notice board 'Caught Being Kind', which recognises individual acts of kindness.

Have you been caught being kind yet?

Anti-Bullying week culminated in a special 'Friendship Friday' Mass – children wore their own clothes for the day, and donated money to the anti-bullying charity Kidscape.

Mrs Montgomery – Year 5 Class Teacher

## Online Safety Parent Workshop

Last Thursday, Mary Rebelo from the Camden Learning Centre, led a parent workshop about keeping children safe and happy online. The main message was that we need to teach our children to be able to keep themselves safe online; understand the dangers; treat people politely as in real life (netiquette) and speak out about anyone acting suspiciously or bullying.

Even if you ensure that all the correct filters and parental controls are in place and carefully monitor your child's internet use, as we do at school, you cannot control every opportunity your child has for going online. It was an engaging session with plenty of questions from parents and Mary giving real scenarios and issues she has come across. The following points summarise her advice:

- Keep yourself informed
- Speak to your child about their use of the Internet
- Help them to find suitable sites, games and apps for schoolwork and play and have fun
- Agree some ground rules about what they can do online
- Ensure they know how to deal with any difficulties they might come across and encourage them to speak out



Please see the documents available online along with this week's bulletin.

Mr Hirst – Deputy Head

## Netball News

### Year 5 & 6 South Hampstead Netball Fixture

On Thursday afternoon, the Year 5 and 6 netball teams travelled to play South Hampstead for their first fixture for this half term. The Year 6 team were on court first, and the competition was red hot right from the beginning. The girls used the first half to get into the match, and after half time, found a way to break the match open. This was due to some great link up passing through the centre court resulting in more opportunities to score for the shooters. In the end, the girls came away with a 7-1 victory. Well done to the Year 6 team for fighting hard right to the very end!



The Year 5 team was up next and right from the beginning, the girls knew it was going to be a tight contest. The ball movement from both teams was on



point to start the match with South Hampstead taking an early lead into half time. Pippa B was a solid performer throughout the match, with South Hampstead judging her best for Saint Christina's; whilst the Year 4 girls continued to show great development up against the much taller South Hampstead opposition. In the end, despite all their efforts, Saint Christina's unfortunately went down 5-2. Well done to all girls for not giving up, and for ensuring they played right through to the final whistle.

### Year 4 Netball Tournament at North Bridge House

On Saturday, some of the Year 4 girls travelled to North Bridge House to compete in their first ever netball tournament, where Saint Christina's were placed into a tough group.

In the first match, against a strong North Bridge House side the girls walked on to court full of excitement and nerves. Despite conceding an early point, Saint Christina's showed fantastic character and resilience. With great use of possession, they quickly drew the game level. After lots of brilliant teamwork, the points began to build up and with clinical finishing from Stella the match ended with a 2-2 draw.

The girls continued to show an abundance of determination, team work and excellent skill for the rest of their matches and were unbeaten throughout picking up big wins along the way, defeating Queens College Prep with a 4-2 win and with some fantastic finishing from both Amelia and Stella the girls gained a strong 4-0 win against Saint Paul's.

It was a very close tournament with both North Bridge House and Saint Christina's being undefeated, the winner of the tournament was decided on the amount of goals scored. North Bridge House scored one more goal than Saint Christina's, which placed our girls in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The girls all played brilliantly and it was a fantastic morning watching our school's future netball stars in action. Well done to Lexi for being awarded player of the tournament, and for displaying some excellent defending throughout.

### Year 5 Netball Fixture vs St. Marys

Monday afternoon was the first home fixture for this half term for the Year 5 Netball team. The girls hosted St. Mary's in two Netball matches. The first match saw St Mary's start strong and open up an early lead across the first two quarters. The third quarter, a Saint Christina's fight back was on the cards, with the girls narrowing the margin to just one goal going into the last quarter. This was through some excellent play through the defensive end and centre court. Lara M from Year 4 was everywhere, providing plenty of opportunities for Saint Christina's to take the lead; however at the final whistle the score remained the same, meaning St. Mary's had taken a 3-2 victory.

Following this battle, a friendly match was played between the two schools, allowing more opportunities for girls to play and compete against one another. This saw a shift in momentum, with Saint Christina's dominating the ball and continuously providing opportunities for the shooters to score. Anna K was moved to defence, which proved an excellent move. She was exceptional throughout the contest with many interceptions and great defensive plays, leading to a much deserved player of the match accolade. Saint Christina's came away with a 4-0 victory, well done to all girls for braving the cold and darkness to finish the afternoon on a positive!

### **Year 6 Westminster Netball Tournament**



On Thursday the Year 6 netball team travelled to Paddington Rec to compete in the semi-finals, after winning the first half of the tournament earlier in the term. Saint Christina's were up against Saint Joseph's and played a fantastic game of netball showcasing both their attacking and defensive skills and dominating the game throughout. They finished the game with a fantastic 7-0 victory. The girls were now through to the finals and were up against Christchurch. The girls continued to demonstrate some excellent play and worked extremely well as a team, displaying some fantastic movement on court. Christchurch stayed very determined throughout the game;

however, it was Saint Christina's that came out on top with a 5-1 win. A huge congratulations to all of the girls for their fantastic efforts; they have now qualified to represent the Borough of Westminster in the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace in the New Year. Well done girls, we are very proud of you!

Thank you to all of the girls who represented Saint Christina's this week, and thank you to the parents for their brilliant support.



Miss Vettese and Mr King – **Sports Team**

### **Friday Morning Drama Club and Private Speech & Drama Lessons for children in Years 3 to 6**

There are still places available in the Drama Club and for private lessons for the Spring Term. If your child is interested in a place in the club or private lessons, please contact our Drama Teacher, Duncan MacInnes via email [drama@saintchristinas.org.uk](mailto:drama@saintchristinas.org.uk) for further information.

### **Reminders:**

#### **School Uniform**

We kindly remind you that all children should be wearing their full winter uniform, including their grey school coats and school bags (fleece may also be worn underneath the grey school coat). Please do not send children to school with coats / bags other than the school branded ones. Please label all items of uniform so that if they are mislaid, we can reunite the item with the relevant owner. Thank you.

#### **Colder weather**

Please ensure that your child wears their school hat, scarf and gloves to school in this colder weather.

## Pupil of the Week

### Well done to:

Name	Class	Reason
Tristan	Reception AN	For focus and precision when building his rocket.
Hugo	Reception DB	For excellent creativity when building a rocket.
Sakura	Year 1	For always making a big effort to use her sounds when spelling tricky words.
Frida	Year 2	For writing a detailed letter to her pen pal, using correct punctuation and neat handwriting.
Marta	Year 3	For excellent work in Mathematics and working conscientiously.
Sophia	Year 4	For listening carefully and producing excellent work in all subjects.
Alexandra	Year 5	For always listening carefully and trying her best in all tasks.
Neha	Year 6	For excellent work in Geography.

### Specialist Teachers Certificates

Audrey – Year 2	Spanish	For fantastic work in Spanish learning the seasons of the year.
Elettra		For a fantastic Spanish project talking about her pets.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under 11 Netball Tournament</li> </ul>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Ensembles Showcase (Choirs/Orchestra/Little Voices/Guitar Ensemble) – 9.00-10.00am in the Main Hall</li> <li>• Year 6 Netball Fixture (away)</li> </ul>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional Flu Immunisations for children in Reception to Year 5</li> <li>• Head from Saint Augustine’s Priory visiting</li> <li>• First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass – 2.15pm</li> </ul>

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting Pantomime – ‘Pinnocchio’ for Reception to Year 6 – pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EYFS Nativity (Nursery &amp; Reception) – 9.30am in the Main Hall</li> <li>• Last swimming lesson for Year 3</li> <li>• Year 4 trip</li> </ul>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery &amp; Reception Trip</li> </ul>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Nativity – 9.30am in the Main Hall</li> <li>• Whole School Mass – 2.15pm</li> </ul>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Choir performing at the Horizon’s Family Christmas Concert</li> </ul>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK (with the exception of Morning &amp; Homework Clubs)</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Lunch and Class Parties (<b>Children may wear their party clothes to school</b>)</li> <li>• KS2 Carol Service (Years 3-6) – 7.00pm in Chapel (letter to follow)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Choir visit elderly to sing Christmas Carols – am</li> <li>• <b>SCHOOL ENDS AT 12 NOON FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Choir performing at Carols by Candlelight at local Church</li> </ul>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Mock Exams – 9.30am-2.30pm</li> </ul>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Mock Exams – 9.30am-2.30pm</li> </ul>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STAFF INSET</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Children return</b></li> </ul>

**Please note that dates/timings are subject to change and additions**