



## Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been a really good week in School. The children are positive and have been working really hard. Some of the things that they have been up to are included in this bulletin for you to see.

Thank you for your ongoing support, particularly around pick up and drop off times. The process seems to have become second nature to everyone and is increasingly efficient. Thank you too for your support around the wearing of masks at this time. I know that, in itself, it will not stem the tide of the virus within the country but it does add that extra level of protection where it is very easy to come into contact with other parents and children, which in turn increases the chance we have to keep the School as safe as possible. It is also our way of saying to others around us that we care about them, because, as I say to the children, we don't wear the mask out of fear, but out of consideration for those around us.

Whilst the pandemic has done a very good job of double parking itself in the middle of all of our lives, we should not be bowed and we are determined to push on with our plans for the School and the children. In this vein, you will be receiving letters this weekend around our plans for the re-opening of after-school clubs in a week's time. We need to do them differently, however as we need to retain the integrity of the year group bubbles. Therefore, clubs are being offered within year groups without cross-over. Where it looks like there is some cross-over on the Sports training afternoons, there isn't really any cross-over as the two year groups present will be operating in different spaces and there will be multiple instructors.

I am also arranging for a parent questionnaire to be sent out this weekend. You will remember that the Governors made the decision to transition to full-co-education in March 2018, just before I arrived. In light of this decision we have, over the last two years (a year and half if you take out the pandemic's double parking!) conducted an extensive audit of the things we do and how we operate alongside developing plans to expand our capacity to two form entry. I am pleased to say that we now have permission to go ahead with those plans and so can start moving to the next phase of the process. However, I want to step into the next phase with confidence and I would very much like to gather together your thoughts and views on a few matters as we make our decisions for the future. A very similar process is being conducted within the School to ensure that staff too have the opportunity to contribute their ideas to our thinking. I do hope that you will be able to respond to the questionnaire, even if it is only in part.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our Reception children back into School on Monday. In the meantime, I wish you all a good weekend. Please look after yourselves: stay safe, and stay well.

Alastair Gloag  
Headteacher

## Acts of Kindness

I am so proud of the girls in Year 5 who took the initiative in their spare time to pick up rubbish in the community.

The girls have been learning about being stewards of God's creation in their RE lessons and they have really demonstrated this through their actions; they are excellent role models to others promoting Pope Francis's encyclical 'Laudato Si'. Well done, girls!

Mrs Ellisdon – Year 5 Class Teacher



## Horizon Voices Youth Poetry Competition

I am delighted to be kickstarting Horizon Voices' next season with a Youth Poetry Competition! We are looking for poems written by children aged 8-14yrs on the theme of *Home is where....*

Our next performance will be a digital one and 5 poems will be read by their authors as part of the performance - 2 poems will then be chosen to be set to music and performed by Horizon Voices as completely new musical compositions!

So, what does 'Home' mean to you? The poem can be written in any structure and using any poetic devices.

Send your poem, along with your name, age and parent contact details to:

[hello@horizonvoices.com](mailto:hello@horizonvoices.com)

Good luck everyone!

Mr Rhodes – Director of Music / Artistic Director,  
Horizon Voices

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# YOUTH POETRY COMPETITION

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8-14

We are looking for poems written by young people with the theme *Home is where...*

5 poems will be shortlisted and performed by the authors as part of our interactive digital performance.

2 poems will be selected as finalists and will be transformed into new music compositions!

To enter, please submit your poem with your name, age and parent contact details to:  
[hello@horizonvoices.com](mailto:hello@horizonvoices.com)

Deadline: Friday 16th October 2020  
Good luck!

## Year 1 Art

Year 1 continued their exploration of value and shading in their Art lesson this week, this time working with colour and developing patterns too.

We have also explored the colour wheel, looking at how primary colours can be mixed to create secondary colours.

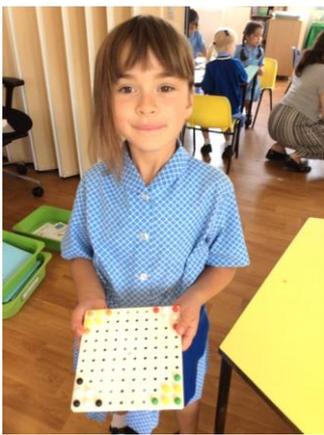
Mr Rhodes



## Year 1 Learning

This week in year one we have been learning about shapes, writing our own stories and learning about colours. We also took part in a STEM challenge making shapes with cocktail sticks and jelly beans to make big, tall structures!

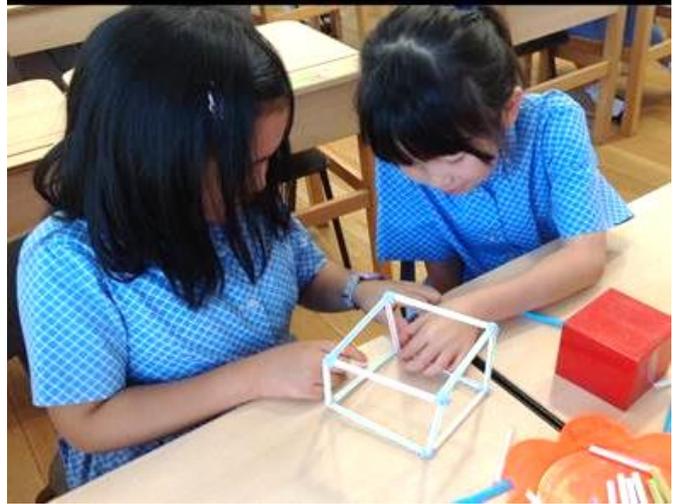
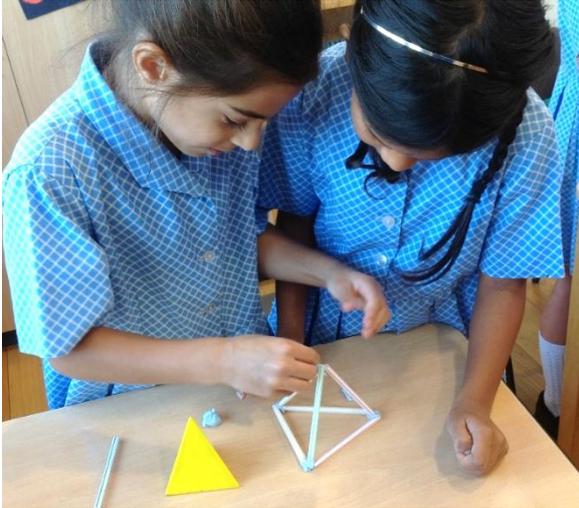
Miss Higgins – Year 1 Class Teacher



## Year 3 Maths

Year 3 had a fun Maths lesson building skeleton models of a variety of 3D shapes using straws and sticky putty. We then described the properties of the shapes we had made in terms of the number of faces, edges and vertices.

Ms Sephton – Year 3 Teacher



## The Great Fire of London in Year 2

As part of their topic on the Great Fire of London in 1666, the Year 2 children created silhouette paintings of London on fire.

The children started by looking at various paintings from the 17<sup>th</sup> century that depicted the Great Fire of London. The children noted the colours of the fire and how it seemed to take over the entire sky. Taking inspiration from these paintings, the Year 2 children blended paints together to create a fiery sky!

Next up was creating the silhouette of the buildings. The children looked at silhouettes of London's modern skyline and imagined how it would have looked in 1666. They concluded that the buildings would have been smaller and that there would not have been a London Eye in 1666! Most of us created silhouettes of houses, castles and bridges.

Miss McQuillan – Year 2 Class Teacher



### Saint Christina's SoundCloud

Click the link below to access our School SoundCloud - here you will find audio recordings of pupil performances, compositions, classwork projects and more!

<https://soundcloud.com/saintchristinas>

We look forward to sharing our music-making with you this term.

Mr Rhodes – Director of Music

## REMINDERS/HEALTH & SAFETY

- Thank you very much to all parents who have supported us by wearing masks during drop off and pick up. As things develop, we suspect that there will only be more restrictions imposed, so we do appreciate your co-operation in this matter.
- To maintain good relations with our neighbours, you will not be surprised to know that any parking across the front of or that blocks any driveways, even for a few minutes, causes great aggravation. For this reason, please be mindful of where you are parking during drop off and pick up. I would particularly ask that you do not block the front of number 26 St Edmund's Terrace and the ramp adjacent to it. Thank you.
- Winter uniform is to be worn from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Please ensure that all items are labelled clearly with your child's name and that your child wears their School hat every day.
- Club letters were emailed out to parents today. Please ensure that you respond directly to the teacher leading the specific club. Email addresses of who to respond to will be on the letters.
- **Nasal Flu Vaccination – Letters with consent forms regarding this vaccination will be sent home with children from Reception to Year 6 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The vaccination is scheduled to take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**