



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents,

There have been many things to appreciate and be thankful for this week. It has been a pleasure to see children camped out with their friends in the hall in the early evening, making special memories at the wonderful Pyjama Party Movie nights organised by Parents' Link. Thank you to Parents' Link for organising these evenings which have been so enjoyable for the children.

The building works are continuing to progress at a steady pace. We are now able to see the classroom walls and the foundations of the outdoor learning areas as they take shape. The teachers are excitedly discussing and planning how we can utilise these great outdoor spaces.

The virus cases in school have reduced this week and it has been excellent to welcome children back who have been off, many classes are now back to 100% which is excellent. We will be reviewing the operational controls we have put in place this half term and will update you next week with plans for next half term.

A polite reminder about uniform – please ensure that the children come to school in their grey coats and wear black shoes on days when they do not have PE. Thank you for your support in this.

Next week is online safety week and the children will be learning about how to enjoy and use the internet in a safe manner as well as respecting others.

I am sure you will enjoy reading through some of the wonderful things highlighted in this week's bulletin below, it never ceases to amaze me how much is achieved every week by the children in school.

A reminder that clubs will run as normal next week.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and happy weekend,

Simon Hirst

Deputy Headteacher

The Three Little Pigs in Year 2

This half term, Year 2 have been learning about some traditional tales in preparation to write their own story. This week we read 'The Three Little Pigs' and the children practised their best wolf and piggy voices through saying these lines:

"Not by the hair on my chinny, chin, chin! I will not let you in!" cried the frightened little pig.

"Then I will huff and I will puff, and I will BLOW your house down!" growled the wolf.

We had some very scary wolves!

The children then worked in groups to retell the story using stick puppets. We had some fantastic narrators and actors and the children had lots of fun!



Year 6 Class Mass

Year 6 were responsible for the Class Mass last Friday. It was on the most important theme of the upcoming Synod in the church, which Sr Noella had explained to us clearly in the school assembly earlier on in the day.

So much of the theme of the Mass was centred on the theme of listening, and the necessity of having everyone's views upheld and considered. To this extent they acted out the parable of the healing of Bartimaeus the blind man which led to a Gospel that everyone understood and appreciated clearly.

Their singing was all the more appreciated, given that they were singing part of a new Mass setting that had been specially composed for the school.

As their teacher (and also as a priest) I was really pleased with how the whole class gave glory to God through their worship.

Fr Rudolf Loewenstein – Year 6 Class Teacher



Key Stage 2 House Poetry

The theme of the competition is: Making our world a better place.

Entry requirements:

- 📖 Poems must be the entrant's original work
- 📖 Poems must link to the theme
- 📖 One poem to be entered per person.
- 📖 Poems must have a title and no exceed 20 lines.
- 📖 Entries must be emailed to Mrs Ellisdon before the deadline. Please make it clear what house you are in when emailing.

Each entry will receive a point for their house. There will be a first, second and third place given to each class and an overall winner of Key Stage 2. Points will be allocated for each and an overall house winner will be declared.

Deadline for the competition: **12 noon on Tuesday 22nd February 2022**

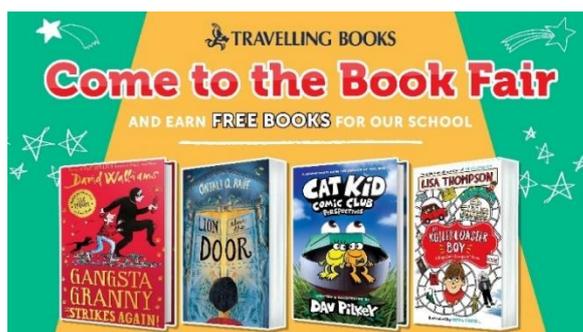
Mrs Ellisdon – Head of Key Stage 2

Book Fair

We will be holding our annual Book Fair from Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th February. Unfortunately, parents and carers will be unable to visit the Book Fair this year but the children will be allocated a time in the school day to buy books.

The children will browse the Book Fair and choose which books they may like to buy. They will fill in the form below so that you can make the decision as to whether you would like to purchase these books. If you decide that you would like to buy books, please ensure that your child brings this form to school with the correct cash in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name.

The books will be allocated to the children on payment. If a book is out of stock it will be ordered and your child will receive the book the following week.



Name	Year	Book Title	Cost	Return to Mrs Ellisdon

Nursery and Reception

Monday 21st February – Browsing time

Tuesday 22nd February – allocated time to buy books in the school day

Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 22nd February – Browsing time

Wednesday 23rd February - allocated time to buy books in the school day

Year 3 and Year 4

Wednesday 23rd February – Browsing time

Thursday 24th February - allocated time to buy books in the school day

Year 5 and Year 6

Thursday 24th February – Browsing time

Friday 25th February - allocated time to buy books in the school day

Mrs Ellisdon

Head of KS2 and English



PE Update

We have had another lovely sunny week and have enjoyed a wide range of activities in PE lessons. Nursery loved their gymnastics sessions finding different ways to move over, under along and through different pieces of apparatus. We talked about different animals and then tried to move like those animals slithering through tunnels, climbing up ladders and crawling across bridges.



The Reception and Year 1 groups continued to enjoy their gymnastics sessions where they continued to build on their strength and balance using a range of apparatus. The classes were set a challenge to try and move around the hall without touching the floor which they did with great success. As well as this they Year 1 group continued to work on their special awareness through a range of tagging games. The Year 2 classes were introduced to the tag belts and played lots of games to encourage them to dodge and avoid their classmates.



During the Key Stage 2 offsite lessons we spent time playing small sided games aimed at encouraging the pupils to pass the ball and space out when playing. The Year 5 and 6 groups worked on spacing out during game play by playing small sided games initially.

The children were encouraged to try kick the ball with more power allowing them to shoot at goal from further away and also pass the ball over a longer distance. Special mentions this week go to Lily, Gracie and Marta from Year 6.



We have continued to build on the basic tag rugby skills that have been introduced and I have been impressed with how quickly the children have picked up the game. This week we had a focus on tackling whilst continuing to work on passing the ball backwards. Teams tried to get past a number of defenders and found ways to avoid being tackled by dodging the defenders or committing a player before passing the ball. As well as that a few children in Year 5 and 6 picked up the skill of a 'Dummy' pass with great results.



The Year 3 and 4 netball club had an excellent session last week where we had a focus on marking our opponents and trying to get free from our marker. The game at the end of the session was extremely close.



Next week is the Schools' Football Week where all children will have the opportunity to take part in football at some time either during their lesson time or during lunch and break times where there will be some fun football based activities led by our sports captain Georgia.

As well as this, the Year 5 and 6 classes are looking forward to their Inter House football tournament next Wednesday (9th February) which I am sure will be an enjoyable afternoon of football. Any Year 5 and 6 parents who wish to come along to watch would be welcome. The event is taking place at Primrose Hill Park from 2pm.

Mr Raveney – Director of Sport

Year 1 Update

In Geography this term, Year 1 have been studying their local area. Over the past few weeks, we have been learning about local land use, going on local area observational walks, creating local area maps with keys and coordinates and on Wednesday we conducted a traffic survey on Avenue Road.

We decided that the most likely modes of transport for our chart would be cars, buses, vans, lorries, motorbikes and bicycles. We then went outside and recorded our data in a tally chart over the course of 10 minutes.

When we returned to class, we analysed our data before plotting it onto a bar graph. From our graph, we were able to further analyse our findings and answered challenging questions about local transport use.

Year 1 continue to build excellent geographical skills.



Food Collection

As you will remember, last term we collected a wonderful 159kg of non-perishable food for the Quex Road Parish Food Bank which is organised by Fr Terry. We believe that we are called to serve those around us throughout the year (Matthew 25 v. 34-40) and think that it is a valuable lesson for the children to consider 'regular giving' as part of their personal development. As Pope Francis has said:

"My dear young people, a better world can be built as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity!"

The Spring term food collection has begun and we have a wonderful new container for the food to be stored in. We had such fantastic support last term and feel that we will be able to make a very significant difference in the lives of those receiving our support again this term.

As usual, we will record the weight of the collective donation and keep a running total of this on our food collection display board so that the other children can see what it is we are doing and the impact that they are having. This will also be communicated within the School bulletin.

If you would like to donate any non-perishable goods to this cause, please bring your donation to School and ask your child to leave it in the storage unit underneath the stairs leading to the playground. The deadline for this collection will be **Friday 25th March 2022**.

We do hope that you will continue to support us in our venture.

Mr Burke, Emily and Adriana (Year 6 Charity Prefects)



Saint Christina's Food Collection



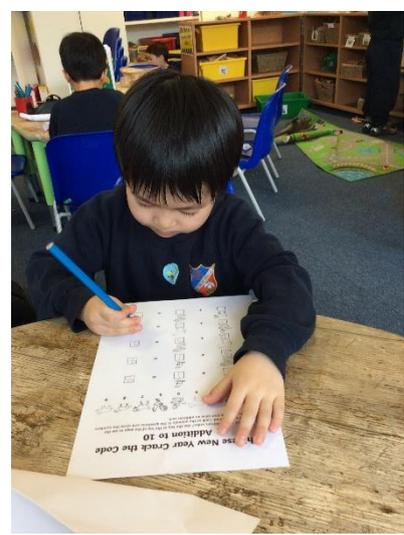
Chinese New Year Celebrations in Reception

Reception have enjoyed celebrating the beginning of the 'Year of the Tiger' this week. Our classrooms are filled with wonderful paper lanterns we have made, paintings of tigers and Chinese characters, and origami tigers.

We have listened and retold The Story of Chinese New Year. We have imagined what it would be like to have our very own magic paintbrush like in the story by Julia Donaldson.

We are continuing to improve at our addition, completing activities both in the classroom and the park.

Miss Higgins and Miss Nunes – Reception Class Teachers



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been celebrating Chinese New Year! The children have enjoyed trying some traditional Chinese clothing, eating Chinese for lunch on Tuesday, making paper dragons and having a go at writing in Chinese.

The home corner has also been transformed into a Chinese Restaurant and the children took it in turns being the customers and the staff. A lot of orders have been taken, dishes have been served and lots of money has changed hands (although I'm not sure you will always get the right change). It has been a wonderful week of new experiences and lots of fun.

Miss Randle – Nursery Class Teacher



Reception AN's first Forest School session

This week was Reception AN's first Forest School session. We warmed up by playing some games and then heard how storm Corrie has destroyed the fairies houses once again! We set off on a mission to rebuild these finding lots of different natural resources as we explored Primrose Hill. Once we had made our fairy village, we presented each house to the rest of the class making sure we were loud enough for the fairies to hear us!

To celebrate our hard work, we went to the top of Primrose Hill and had some hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows as we looked out over London. It couldn't have been a better first session to kick off Forest School!

Miss Randle – Forest School Leader



Parents Link Activities

It's been great to see the excitement and buzz around the PL Pyjama Movie nights this past week. Lots of happy faces, competitions to name the films, and that's just the parents!

Year 1 & 2 will be enjoying the final screening tonight. The PL would like to take the chance to thank everyone who's helped ensure these first few in school events have run smoothly and been loads of fun; our wonderful Class Reps, the incredibly efficient Office Team, and lastly our dedicated Teaching Staff. The littlest members of our school community have not been forgotten either, the PL will be assisting Ms Randle with a little something for the early years, so stay tuned.



With movie night nearly done, it's time for a new date in the diary. The return of the famous PL Annual Quiz Night and Silent Auction on March 18th. The PL are very aware that for many, this is a first chance to be in the school, and excitement is already high, so we've looked to maximise our table seating within the hall to accommodate as many as possible.

Tickets will be sold online on a first come first served basis from this Monday, £25 per ticket, with a limit of 15 tickets per year group. Please watch out for an emailed letter on Monday containing more information, as well as the link to the ticket site. In the meantime, a huge thanks to everyone for their support with raffle items and auction lots.

Have a wonderful weekend all.

Parents' Link Team



Parent Prayer Meeting

You are all reminded and cordially invited to join with other parents who meet every Tuesday Morning at **9.00am** (those who drop-off slightly later are very welcome to come when they are able to) to pray for the School and its community. The prayer group is Parent led and organised and meets in the Convent.

REMINDER - Sponsored Read/ Sponsored Listen

Please send sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by **Tuesday 8th February**. Please put the correct cash inside an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsored Read/Listen - deadline to bring money into school• Art Workshops for Years 1 & 5
Thursday 10 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School closes for Half-Term
Tuesday 22 nd to Friday 25 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Fair
Monday 21 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Staff return
Tuesday 22 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for House Poetry Competition Entries
Monday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Author (Alice Hemming) visiting
Friday 18 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents' Link Quiz Night – PM
Friday 25 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline to bring non-perishable food into school for Fr Terry's Food Bank