



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 1st February 2019

United Kingdom Linguistics Olympiad

During the week beginning Monday 4th February, the 2019 United Kingdom Linguistics Olympiad (UKLO) will take place. It will be sat by many children up and down the country on whichever days are most convenient to the school – so many of the Key Stage 2 children at Saint Christina's will attempt these papers some time during next week.



Last year, children attempted linguistics problems in Romanian, Lithuanian and Bulgarian – in previous years, children have also puzzled out problems in (Gaelic) Irish, Greek, Italian and Icelandic – to name but a few languages!

'It is interesting to find out about a new language which we have not learnt before' Grace

'It is also interesting to learn about the language that the Vikings used – doing this meant we learnt about their gods and the days of the week at the same time' Anna

The girls agreed that attempting linguistics problems enabled them to experience problem solving, logic and reasoning in a novel context!

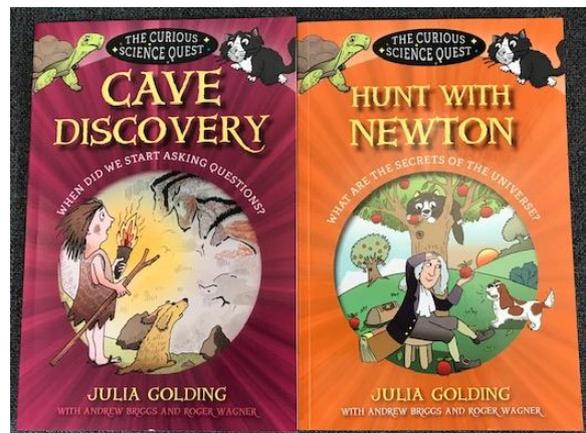
And as a teacher, I would point out that solving linguistics problems helps prepare children for language study too.

Fr Rudolf – Year 6 Class Teacher

The Curious Science Quest Book Launch

We were very pleased to have received an invitation to attend the launch of Julia Golding's new series of books at the Royal Institution on Tuesday evening.

The series of six books aims to give children an opportunity to understand the history of science through human history, from the caves to the space station and beyond. Julia has worked with Professor Andrew Briggs (Professor of Nanotechnology at Oxford University) and Roger Wagner (Artist) to put together this engaging overview.



The school has acquired a set of signed copies that will find their way into the library in due course. Before I do that, however, I am seeking one or two keen readers who would like to be the first to read and rate them for me!

Mr Gloag – Head

New Construction Area

This week in Early Years, we have been developing a brand new outdoor construction area!

A construction area allows children to play, explore, actively learn, create and critically think about all things which are crucial to a child's learning and achieving.

The different resources we have put together so far include wooden blocks, safety helmets, vests, tape measures and bamboo tubes. The children are encouraged to build their own obstacle courses, assessing their own risks (in a controlled environment); they then support each other in completing the course.



The children in Nursery have especially enjoyed exploring this area, working together to use the wooden blocks and tubes to make ramps to walk along. They helped each other to balance on the boards, holding on to each other to walk from one side of the course to the other.

We have also displayed lots of construction images and key words for the children to talk about and learn. We hope that this area will encourage the children's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning and support them in these areas of development.

If you have any suggestions or any resources that you would like to donate to add to this new area please do not hesitate to contact us at nursery@saintchristinas.org.uk

Mr Burke – EYFS Phase Leader

Senior Choir

Our senior choir have been busily preparing for a number of school and external events this term.

Last Thursday they performed an arrangement of Flashlight to a full school hall of prospective parents during our school Open Morning - I was incredibly proud of how much they were able to achieve within only a few rehearsals and they sang with confidence and enthusiasm!

We are now learning our repertoire for the school Ensembles Concert after half term as well as learning some folk songs and spirituals which the choir will be singing with professional vocal ensemble Horizon Voices at their interactive performance on Friday 22nd March at St Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace.



As always, a huge thank you to the girls for working so hard and to our incredibly supportive parents and families who bring the girls to school for rehearsals two mornings a week - we couldn't do it without you!

Mr Rhodes – Director of Music



Horizon Voices: Children's Workshop - Composing for Voices

11.30am – 3.00pm on Saturday 16th February 2019
St Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, London, NW8 9UT

Join Horizon Voices for our first workshop of Spring 2019 - an interactive workshop all about making music for voices!

Explore different composing techniques and create a BRAND NEW piece of music together in this extended workshop. Bring a packed lunch and your creative ideas! For more information and to book tickets, click here: <https://bit.ly/2D40WhO>

It would be great to see lots of Saint Christina's children there!

Mr Rhodes – Director of Music

Chess Club

We have had a great start to Chess club this term with girls from Year 3-6. We spent the first couple of sessions reminding ourselves of the rules of the game and are now into competitive games against each other. We are planning on holding a Chess tournament after half term where we will all play each other and see who our overall winner is for the term.

"I have finally learnt how to play properly. I think my older sister taught me wrongly – probably so she could win every time!" Arianna

"Chess is the best! My uncle played at university and was known as the Chess Master. He taught me, so I love coming to chess club." Grace

"I like being able to play with people at school as well as at home." Pippa

Mrs Ellidson – Year 4 Class Teacher



International Week

Next week is International Week at Saint Christina's. All week, the children will be celebrating different countries from around the world.

On **Friday 8th February**, the children may wear their own International dress or colours to school. The week will be rounded off with an International Mass which all parents, as always, are very welcome to attend.



Mass led by Year 4

On Friday Year 4 led the school in Mass. The theme was 'Love one another'. The girls reminded us that on the night Jesus died he gave us a new commandment; to love one another.

At Saint Christina's we try to be loving and caring towards each other just as Jesus taught us. The girls read their parts with confidence and sang the school song beautifully.

I am very proud of them all. Well done, girls.

Mrs Ellisdon – Year 4 Class Teacher



Year 5 ICT/Designing Leaflets

As well as being fantastic ambassadors for Saint Christina's, Year 5 have been busy practising their Publisher skills in ICT - by creating some beautiful information leaflets about our school!



London Winter 10K Run for Cancer Research

Some of our Year 4 and Year 1 mum's are braving the cold to participate in the London Winter 10K Run on Sunday 3rd February. If you would like to find out more and donate to this very worthy cause, please click the link below to their Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/companyteams/Year4RunningMums>

Alternatively you are welcome to put a donation in the charity collection pot in the School Office. We wish them all the very best of luck!

REMINDERS

Colder weather – Please ensure that your child is wearing his/her school hats/beanies, scarves and gloves to school every day. Please also ensure that children are wearing sensible shoes, especially in this very cold weather.

NUT FREE SCHOOL – Please may we remind you to be extra vigilant in checking food items that you send into school. On occasion we have had to confiscate items from packed lunches which contain nuts. We have a **NO NUTS POLICY** including nut products (e.g. peanut butter, Nutella).

Illness – If your children are unwell, please keep them at home until they have fully recovered. Coming to school too soon may cause them unnecessary distress, and there is a risk that the infection could spread to other children and staff.

EPIPENS

If your child has an EIPEN in school, please ensure that it is up-to-date and that your child's Class Teacher and Miss Georgia has an EIPEN in each of their rooms.

Pupil of the Week for W/C 14th and 28th January**Well done to:**

Name	Class	Reason
Mathilda Sara	Reception AN	For being helpful and doing fantastic tidying in and around the classroom. For having such an amazing first week at Saint Christina's! Well done for trying new things and making new friends.
Grey Donatella	Reception DB	For reading through his first short story using his excellent sounds. For filling the classroom with joy and laughter.
Eloise Elise	Year 1	For her enthusiasm and hard work when completing word problems. For her amazing explanation on how to use different coins to make 20p.
Aya and Nafeesa	Year 2	For making a great start in Year 2 at Saint Christina's and having such friendly attitudes.
Angelina Isabella	Year 3	For making such a great start at Saint Christina's and being so friendly. For excellent problem solving in Mathematics.
Vassilissa Laura	Year 4	For making a great start to the term, listening, concentrating and working hard on all that she does. Keep it up! For writing a good description of the rainforest using her senses.
Elettra Amina	Year 5	For completing lots of extra reading during the Christmas holidays. For an excellent start at Saint Christina's.
Florence Axelle-Rica	Year 6	For a mature and sensible attitude to her work. For sharing good ideas with others and being a friend to all.

Dates for your diary

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

Date	Event
Monday 4 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Week • UKLO (United Kingdom Linguistics Olympiad)
Tuesday 5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Safety Day • Parent/Child Learning Review (Session 1) 8.15am-8.40am – Reception-Year 5
Wednesday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geffrye Museum workshop rep. visiting Year 1 • Chinese New Year Demo by current parent for Nursery & Reception Classes • Year 4 & 5 Netball Fixture (away game)
Thursday 7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate Maths Challenge – Year 6 • Parent/Child Learning Review (Session 2) 8.15am-8.40am – Reception-Year 6
Friday 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Mass led by KS2 2.15pm • Children may wear their own International Dress / Colours to school
Tuesday 12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Dancing Display for parents for Irish Dance pupils – 2.45pm in the Main Hall
Wednesday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 ICT Trip • Year 4 Netball Fixture (home game)
Thursday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11+ Information Evening for Year 4 and 5 Parents – 5.30pm-6.30pm
Friday 15 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Parent Coffee Morning – 9.00am in the Arts Hall • House Singing Competition 2.00pm • SCHOOL ENDS FOR THE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY AT 3.30PM
Monday 25 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils and Staff return • Year 5 History Trip
Tuesday 26 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual 11+ Transfer Meetings with Year 5 Parents – all day
Wednesday 27 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual 11+ Transfer Meetings with Year 5 Parents – AM • IAPS Netball Tournament (selected Year 6)
Thursday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Netball Fixture (away game)
Friday 1 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass led by Year 6 – 2.15pm