

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Headmistress

It has seemed like a sprint towards this half-term but that hasn't stopped the children packing so much in already! You will receive the half-termly grades for your children today, which are a set of grades summarising attainment, effort and contribution. Could I remind you that full subject reports come at the end of the Summer and Autumn terms and Form Tutor overviews at the end of the Spring term. That said, our "open-door" policy applies for parents outside of the reporting cycle. Parents evenings are also scheduled for next half of term- dates are on the school website as previously communicated. Furthermore, we will be introducing from February, a regular informal forum "Coffee with the Headmistress" twice a term as an opportunity for us to listen and respond to the views of parents regarding St Christopher's, with the aim to underpin the already positive dialogue between home and school. The first of these will take place on Tuesday 21st February at 3.45pm. Following our HCPT fundraising, we raised £332 for this fantastic cause, so thank you again to everyone who contributed. I hope you all have a lovely half-term.

ISA SW Football Championship, St Joseph School



On Wednesday 1st February we journeyed to St Joseph's school, Launceston in Cornwall to take part in the ISA 5-a-side football competition. We travelled over hoping to be competitive and ended up performing above expectations to be placed in the top three out of the 8 schools finishing ahead of local rivals Trinity. We played seven games (some in pouring rain) winning four and only losing to the eventual winners Polwele 1-0. The squad was Eden Cresswell-Cluer, Ben Collett, Xavier Kennington, Teddy Smither, Jack Owen and Oliver Simons, with Eden being player of the tournament scoring all of our goals on the day.



House of Marbles with Preps 1 and 2

"We went to the House of Marbles. My favourite part was the glass smiths, you could see the men cutting the glass with metal scissors. The glass was on a metal stick. The man pit the stick on a trolley, then he pushed it into the furnace. You could see an olden day skittle machine. It looked very old, you could see a big marble run. It was fast, you could touch a button and it would start the marble run. It went up and then it went whizzing down the metal stairs." *By Sacha Edwards, Prep 2*

"At the House of Marbles we went to learn about materials. We went to see glass blowers, they were amazing. They used coloured sand. After that we went to see a museum with old games that people played in pubs. Then we went to see big marble runs. We played with the marble run. They were so fun. We saw big marbles, there were lots of amazing things. We saw a marble machine. It made marbles, old fashioned marbles. We saw the biggest marble run ever! Esmee started it. We saw a marble run like a roller coaster and a merry go round, it was amazing. We went past reception because we were at the small marble runs. It was amazing there. The men who were making glass had a sleeve on because when they put the glass in the furnace it was hot and I mean very hot indeed". *By Rosie Middleton, Prep 2*

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A Programmer's Challenge in ICT!

This term Preps one, two and three have been learning to understand programming in their ICT lessons. They have all been able to comprehend the language required at that age group including knowing about algorithms, bugs in the system and de-bugging (correcting mistakes). They have been experimenting with floor robots such as bee-bots and roamers and working in small groups to solve problems using these. They have also built their own courses to challenge other groups to attempt to complete with their robots.

Mr Belham





Daniel's Golf Achievement

"I have been awarded congu status in golf for reducing my handicap to 28. My handicap is the number of strokes I should take over par for an 18 hole course, and par is the number strokes for a course if your handicap is 0.

This means that I can now play in all of the adult and junior tournaments at any golf club. I will also be competing in the East Devon League this year, which is for selected congu players up to the age of 18.

I enjoy golf so much for it is fun, challenging, and it keeps me fit and healthy. My goal is to reach a handicap of under 16 by the time I am 12". *By Daniel Jones, Prep 6*



Candlemas Assembly

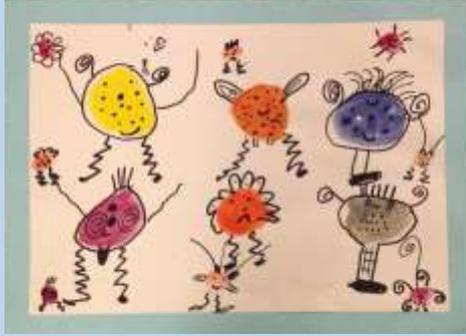
Candlemas Assembly is always a favourite with the children, every child holds a candle to mark 40 days after the birth of Jesus and when he was presented to God in the Temple at Jerusalem.



Farm Club

Exciting times for the children in Prep 1 who have enjoy Farm Club at Mrs Cleave's Farm. Lambing is in full swing and this week the group was lucky enough to not only all enjoy a cuddle with triplet lambs but were also able to watch a lamb being born, a truly magical experience!

Some art from this half term...



Prep 2, Miro inspired creatures



Prep 5 Sheep Skulls

Prep 5 Fruit and Vegetables Still life drawings



Prep 6 positive negative designs



Kimonos by Prep 1

Sporting News...

U9 Boys Football vs Trinity School

Yesterday we went to Trinity to play football for the under 9s. All the players had the chance to play in at least two different positions to see who could play in each area of the pitch. It was a very windy day on their pitch at the top of the cliff which made controlling the ball hard. Unfortunately, they won 3-5. Sacha Edwards scored 2 goals, Dylan Joyner scored 1 goal. Our man of the match was Sacha, also William Grogan did some good saves in goal. *By Charlie Phillips*

U9 Girls Netball vs Trinity School

Yesterday we went to Trinity for netball, we won 5-3. Lots of people played well Sophie scored 3 and Sarah scored 2. Ava and Izzy also played well. After the match, we had a lovely pasty and went home it was fun. *By Sophie Scoot*

U11 Football vs Trinity

Last week we welcomed Trinity school to the games field for an under 11 football fixture. It was a mixed A and B match so it gave all preps five and six boys the opportunity to participate in the game. We lost the first quarter 4-0 but then won the next 3-0. We decided to change tactics for the third quarter against their A team and played with a solid defence to hold out for a 0-0 score line. Unfortunately, in the final quarter despite having numerous chances to score we gave away a breakaway goal to end the game 3-5 to Trinity. The man of the match was Teddy Smither. *M Belham*

U9 Mixed Football and Cross Country vs Tower House

This week we travelled over to Paignton to play Tower House in a mixed under 9 football and cross country fixture. On a cold afternoon, we started off with a little run around the Astroturf then up a hill and back down again. The winner of the race comfortably was Sacha Edwards in prep 2 beating all those two years above him followed by Dylan Joyner who outsprinted their first runner home. The first girl home was Sophie Scoot. The football was a first chance for the girls selected to show their ball skills and they all tried their best with Sarah Barrett showing some good defensive play to be our man of the match. Overall, we lost 4-3 with Sacha scoring two and Theo Cresswell-Cluer scoring the other. *M Belham*

U11 Netball vs Trinity

A great performance by the girls to win against a strong Trinity team.

Olivia was player of the match and instrumental in adding to the 14-6 scoreline!

Looking Ahead

February

Mon 20th – Return from Half term

- Instrumental Open Week
- Faith Week

Tues 21st – Coffee with the Headmistress, 3:45pm

Wed 22nd – Preps 5 & 6 Lunch and sports afternoon with St Josephs (Home)

Thurs 23rd – U9 Boys Cross Country and Football vs St Johns (Home, 2:15pm)

- U9 Girls Cross Country and Netball vs St Johns (Home)

Fri 24th – Prep 6 to Bygones

Tues 28th – Pancake races

- U9s and U11s boys and girls Cross Country, Stover, 1pm

March

Wed 1st – Ash Wednesday

- U11 Boys Cross Country and Football vs Tower House and Abbey School, (Home, 2pm)
- U11 Girls Cross Country and Netball vs Tower House and Abbey School, (Home, 2pm)

Thurs 2nd – Quiz Club Championships (Home, 2-3)

Fri 3rd – Preps 1 and 2 to Buckfast Abbey

Sat 4th – ISA National Cross Country Championships, Princethorpe Collage

- Exeter Festival