



Christ Church School, Hampstead

A village school in London inspiring *life in all its fullness*

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Art exhibition
15th November

Dear parents and carers,

The Christ Church Arts Project is an important part of our school – but do you know how it started? Christ Church Arts Project, or CAP, began nearly twenty years ago with a generous, anonymous donation to the school and the decision by staff and governors at the time to put the funds towards arts provision for the whole school. Ever since then the school has run two whole school projects each year (one in the Autumn term and one in the Spring) focusing on different areas of the performing or visual arts, using outside expertise where we need to and always with a sharing event at the end of the project. The funding has been generously kept up with a regular donation from the Friends Association and recent projects have focused on portraits, film-making, singing, dance and musical productions.

This term's Arts Project focuses on art inspired by our local area. Children in all classes are busy drawing, painting and collaging drawing inspiration from Hampstead, the Heath and the Church and School buildings as well as from artists ranging from Gustav Klimt and John Constable to Henri Matisse and Aniko Hencz. We will be exhibiting all the children's work on Friday 15th November from 3.20 – 5.30, in the hall and classrooms – please come and have a look and get your child to show off their masterpiece!

Thank you very much to all parents for your ongoing support of the Friends events – without this support we wouldn't be able to continue our Arts Projects each year.

With best wishes,

Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Our CAP logo was chosen after a children's competition in 2010→



School meals feedback and children's survey

Thank you to parents who have recently provided comments and feedback about our school meals. School council are carrying out a survey of children's views of the meals this week and then they will meet with our school meal provider, Caterlink, to share all the comments later this month.

'Try something new' week

We had a brilliant 'try something new' week just before half term, developing children's resilience, confidence and openness to new experiences. We were reminded that trying new things is good for our mental health and for keeping us happy and some of us even found a new talent or hobby!



Children's comments about the activities included "I had never done it before but now I want to do it again!", "I was a bit nervous before I tried it, but I could do it after a bit of practice" and "It made me feel confident once I knew I could do it!"

There are lots more photos of all of our 'Try something new' activities on our website at <https://christchurchschool.co.uk/events-autumn-2019/>

Welcomes

A warm welcome to two new teaching assistants, Miss Adams and Mr Wyles, who are joining our staff team for the rest of the term.

Autumn term class assemblies – all at 10am in the school hall

Friday 1st November – Y2 class assembly (with maths parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Friday 8th November – Y4 class assembly (with maths parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Wednesday 13th November – Reception class assembly (with phonics parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Friday 15th November – Y1 class assembly (with reading parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Friday 29th November – Y3 class assembly (with writing parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Friday 6th December – Y5 class assembly

Parent workshops

Lots of parent workshops take place in the second half of term. Parent workshops take place in the classroom and start at 9am – please just wait in the playground beforehand. If you missed a workshop from a previous year, you are very welcome to come to join in with a workshop for a class that is younger than your child. Please don't come to a workshop for a class older than your child, though.

'What's important to me' presentations

Each year we give all children the opportunity to make a presentation to their class – in Reception, children present their 'week in the spotlight' poster and in all other classes we choose a topic that allows children the chance to share and celebrate a little about what makes themselves, their family or their background unique and different. In recent years our presentations have been titled 'One wonderful day', 'My family 100 years ago' or 'My precious place' for instance. This year we are asking children to talk about 'What's important to me' and children and adults in all classes have been thinking and reflecting on the topics they could choose, including talking about a hobby or activity they do regularly, a cause they support, their faith or cultural background. We are looking forward to some really interesting presentations this year.

Shampoo for refugees

Well done to Asha and her team of Year 4 classmates for organising a campaign to collect shampoo to send to refugees and migrants in temporary camps in northern France. The group spoke passionately about it in an assembly and then collected over 30 donated bottles which have been sent with other donations organised by Heath Street Baptist Church. What a great example of doing something practical to support a cause you feel strongly about!

Information and reminders

Poppy collection

We will be collecting for the annual Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion this month. Children will have the collection boxes in the playgrounds before school and there will be a box at the front office – please give generously. The whole school will be in Church for a Remembrance Service on 11th November.

Christmas charities

School council will shortly be deciding on the Christmas charities for the school to support this year. If parents have any suggestions, please let the school office know and school council will discuss them all later this month.

Please take care on our steps!

As the weather gets wetter and colder and the leaves begin to fall, please take extra care on the steps and around the school site.

Attendance

Attendance for the whole school for the first half term of the year was 97.14%, which is great. Please continue to make sure that if your child is well then they are in school every day. Thank you!

Junior Sunday School at Christ Church

Alongside the regular creche for younger children, a junior Sunday school takes place on selected Sundays during the 11am service at Christ Church. All children aged 7 and over are very welcome. The remaining dates for this term are 10th and 17th November and 8th December. Dates are also available on the church website at christchurchhampstead.co.uk.

[Christ Church Hampstead](http://christchurchhampstead.co.uk)

Our school's Christian vision

– brought to life in our 'try something new' week

At Christ Church School our vision is for every child and every adult in our school to experience *life in all its fullness* now and in the future. In their class assembly, Y6 reflected on how our 'try something new' and school journey week brings our vision of *life in all its fullness* to life in our school.

Here is the reflection and prayer that Year 6 wrote about the week:

Please take a few moments now to reflect on the amazing activities you took part in last week at school journey or in our 'try something new' week. Use this time to think about the special things we experience in our school community and to think about those people around the world who are less fortunate than we are.

Dear God,

We thank you for our experience at school journey and in school in try something new week. We thank you for keeping us safe and happy. As we reflect upon our amazing week and appreciate how fortunate we are to have all these opportunities, we ask God to help us to use these memories to keep us happy and to share some of that happiness with family and friends. Amen



School Journey

Year 6 had a brilliant week away at the PGL centre in Osmington Bay in Dorset, trying archery, rock climbing, abseiling, raft building, giant swing and much more! Thank you very much to Miss Parsons, Miss Morris, Miss Jess and Miss Melling who went with them.



Dates

November

Sunday 3rd, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing

Wednesday 6th, 9.50am – Music assembly

Friday 15th, 3.20 – 5.30pm – CAP art exhibition

Friday 22nd – Non uniform day, bring a toy for the Christmas Fair

Sunday 24th, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing

Friday 29th – non uniform day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair

December

Sunday 1st, 12-2pm – Christmas Fair

Week beginning Monday 2nd – Last after school clubs

Thursday 12th, 10am – Infant nativity play in Church

Friday 13th, am – Friends Present Sale

Tuesday 17th, pm – KS2 carol singing in Hampstead

Tuesday 17th, 6pm – School carol service in church – all families welcome

Wednesday 18th – Christmas Jumper Day!

Friday 20th, 11.15am – Christmas service in church – everyone welcome

Friday 20th, midday – all children home for the holidays

Monday 6th January – all children back to school for the Spring term