

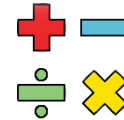


# Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Marvellous  
maths!

Dear parents, carers and families,

It has been wonderful to see the sunshine, as well as the beautiful pink blossom in the infant playground, making an appearance for at least some of the beginning of the summer term! We have got straight back into learning over the last three weeks with a lot of new Science topics started this term and it has brilliant to see the children be so fascinated by the world around them and how it works and changes.

There have also been some brilliant Design and Technology (DT) projects being completed and evaluated, including models of bird hides (Year 5), working night light structures lit by crumble coding (Year 6) and mini versions of swings and slides (Year 1). There have certainly been some super research, design and construction skills on show! This term's upcoming DT projects include designing and building plant support obelisks in Year 3; constructing model fairground rides and torches/lamps (Year 5 and Year 4), both with working electric circuits; and using wheels and axles to build a moveable car model in Year 2. Lots more great Design and Technology to look forward to this term!

With all best wishes,

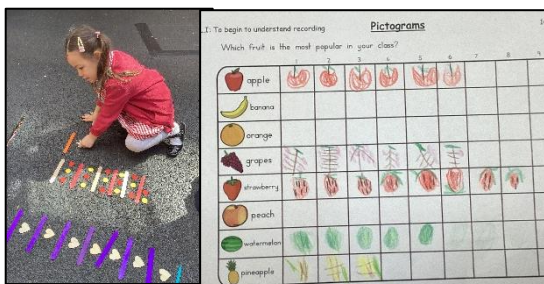
Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher



## Maths day!



We enjoyed a brilliant Maths Day in the first week of term, spending the day taking part in lots of maths games, workshops and lessons. Our theme this year was **statistics and data**, with each class learning a new skill about how to collect, display or analyse data and then the whole school coming together to share their learning in a special assembly. Reception also enjoyed a great session of maths games – thank you to the parents who supported with this – and Year 6 heard all about careers linked to maths!



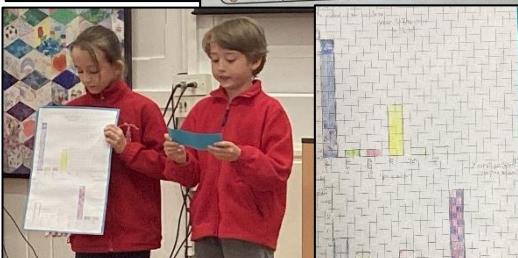
← Reception learned about **pictograms**.

Year 1 used **tallies** to collect their own data. →

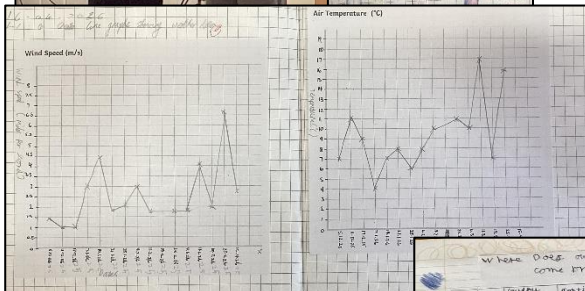


Year 2 also learned about pictograms but moved on to present data where one picture doesn't always represent one item.

←Year 3 shared their learning about **bar charts**.



←Year 4 and Year 5 learnt about **line graphs** – Year 4 presented the weather data they have been collecting in a graph and Year 5 plotted dual line graphs to compare temperatures over two years.



Year 6 presented their → **geography field work** on where our food comes from and food miles using lots of different data presentation techniques, including **constructing their own pie charts**.



### Welcome!

We are looking forward to welcoming Oliver to our Year 4 class this month – a very warm welcome to Oliver and his family!

### Staff news

We will all be sending our immense thanks to Miss Parsons as she moves on to a new teaching role at the end of this year, taking up a post in a school closer to her home. Miss Parsons has been a valued member of our class teaching team at Christ Church for well over ten years and we all send her our very best wishes for her exciting new role!

### Year 6 tests

Lots of luck to our Year 6 class who have been working very hard in preparation for their Key Stage 2 tests which take place later in May – we know they will all do brilliantly!

### Dates May

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday - school closed**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 tests this week**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, 11am – School choir singing in Church**

**Week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – PSHE week – Living in the wider world**

**Week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Times tables challenge this week**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Class photos**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Half term**

### June

**Week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – KS2 Spelling Challenge this week**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, 11am – School choir singing in Church**



### Congratulations Year 4 - Camden times table champions!

Year 4 were delighted to be the Camden Spring Slam champions this year! The Spring Slam is a borough-wide times table contest, taking into account every child's scores over five weeks of tests. Congratulations on your hard work learning all your tables, Year 4!

### Choir festival!

Our choir sang brilliantly at the Camden choir festival, taking part with eight other schools at Somers Town Sports Centre. The choir had been rehearsing hard to sing five massed choir songs with all the other schools and also gave a beautiful rendition of the Beatles classic 'Here comes the sun' as our Christ Church individual piece.



### Looking ahead to PSHE week: Living in the wider world 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Our summer term PSHE week, coming up later in May, is all about Living in the Wider World, teaching some of the wider topics children need to understand to be an active citizen, such as money, voting, democracy and careers. Thank you very much to the parents who have offered to talk about their jobs and careers to our Year 5 and 6 class as part of this week!

The week also has a focus on how to support the community around us with lots of learning about the role of charities, volunteering and community groups locally, nationally and globally to support other people and the planet. Classes will be taking part in trips to Henderson Court Age UK centre to support the community activities which take place for the elderly visitors there and other groups will be going to the Heath to work with the Heath Hands charity. It promises to be a busy week!



### Walk to school week

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May will also be our Walk to School week, fitting with the theme of doing all we can to support the wider world around us. We know that walking, scooting, cycling or taking public transport are the most sustainable (and healthiest) ways to travel to school and we encourage all families to travel in one of these ways. If you don't already do this, why not start now as the weather gets better or in our 'walk to school' week? Look out for the activity leaflets coming home to encourage walking activities each day!



### Information and reminders

#### Children leaving

If your child is leaving Christ Church at the end of the year, or if you are even considering this at this stage, please let us know as soon as possible. Letting us know as soon in advance helps us to offer the place to another family in good time.

#### Scooters and bikes

It is brilliant to see so many children cycling or scooting to school in the better weather! Two reminders about this: children and families are very welcome to leave bikes and scooters on the racks by the infant gate or on the pathway to the left just inside the junior gate but please leave them so that other children can still get to their bike or scooter and remember these are left at families' own risk. You are welcome to lock them if you want to. Also, please encourage your children to scoot or bike safely, especially if they are on the pavement, keeping their speed down (even on the hill!) and being aware of members of the public around them. Thank you very much for your help with this.

#### Summer term class assemblies

These are dates for the remaining class assemblies this term which all start at 10am; all family members are welcome; please wait by the main gate.

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Year 2 class assembly
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 5 class assembly
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 class assembly
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Reception class assembly
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 class assembly
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers' speeches assembly

### June dates continued

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Whole school photo – we only do this every two years so it would be great to have every child in school to be part of this! Every child will need a red uniform jumper or T-shirt with the big Christ Church logo on the front – please borrow, share or ask!

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – non-uniform day – bring a toy and filled jar for the Summer Fair

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day – no children in school

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, pm – New Reception children and parents in school

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, 12-2.30pm – Summer Fair  
Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> – Last after school clubs this week

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, pm – Sports Day on the Heath – whole school (reserve for rain: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July)

### July

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, pm – whole school Music Performance in the Playground – (reserve for rain: Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2-5pm – Open afternoon – including a display of all the children's annual writing competition entries

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm – Summer Serenade

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Year 6 production

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – information home to parents about classes and staffing for next year

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – annual reports sent home to parents

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Talent show – children only!

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, 11.15am – Leavers and End of Year Service – all families warmly invited to join us in Church.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, midday – children picked up for the summer holiday!

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – new Years 1-6 back to school



Congratulations to all our mini London marathon runners, completing the one mile or 2.6km course in the sunshine!