

# St Christopher's EYFS News

Friday 19th May 2023



## Happy Birthday!

Jago  
Mrs Janine  
Anna B  
Finlay  
Maxwell  
Alfred



## Dates for your Diary

- 22.05.2023—FS2 Visit to the Airport
- 26.05.2023—FS2 FOD Plod
- 29.05.2023—Bank Holiday
- 14.06.2023—FS2 Nautilus Project Visit
- 16.06.2023—Summer Stay and Play (pm)
- 30.06.2023—FS2 Graduation
- 10.07.2023—Last day of term

We have seen some glorious weather over the past couple of weeks and as mentioned in our previous newsletters, the children are spending more and more time outdoors. Please make sure your child comes to school with a sun hat, sun protection and a water bottle. This is especially important if your child attends full days, we love to spend time outside and want to make sure children are protected from the sun and form good habits in relation to hydration..

As we move further towards summer, we see more family coming to visit and people going away for trips and holidays. All of these changes in routine can have an impact on children's behaviour and the leaflet provides some tips on how you can help at home. We have included a copy of the leaflet 'Helping Children Cope with Change' from the Learning Together series. This will also be helpful as families prepare for the multiple changes and transitions that happen at the end of a school year.

A huge thank you to everyone who returned the Annual Parent Survey, with more than half of our families completing a survey we are able to capture as many views as possible. The results this year have been incredibly positive and we are glad that you feel we are providing a good service to your children. As with any organisation, there is always room for improvement. Over the coming weeks, we will take time to consider how we can secure further improvements next year.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had a stream of visitors through the setting. This has included visitors from Defence Children Services, who deliver quality assurance through our Core visit programme as well as visitors from HQ British Forces Gibraltar, HE The Governor of Gibraltar and the Government of Gibraltar Minister for Education.

## What have we been up to?



In Sunflowers we enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation; we baked vegan shortbread for the Stay and Play Picnic, created our own union jacks and even had a visit from the Governor! We Also completed a very successful Photo Day which included our first class photo since our move to Helm Point. Sunflower's has also received a new set of outdoor furniture, which all the children, babies, toddlers and EDC alike are all really loving exploring them.



The Babies have enjoyed our story shelf this fortnight. Our theme is "Incy Wincy Spider" the babies used a toy spider to create their own spider masterpiece, they stamped the spider in paint and then added googly eyes... Babies your art looks fantastic on the display board. Plus we have planted cress heads and explored the vegetables that are growing in the garden.

To say it has been a busy time in school would be something of an understatement! We prepared for the coronation of King Charles, decorating the classroom and making our food for our picnic. We then welcomed in our families for our Stay and Play session and it was lovely to see so many of you there.



We have had visits from the Dental team and from parents who came to speak to the children about the different jobs that they do. The children have found this process fascinating and asked some very interesting questions. This week we have had visits from a local beekeeper, who taught us all about looking after bees and how they build their hives. On the same day, we welcomed WO2 Rundle-Wood who came and shared lots of different instruments with us. We discovered some of them were very tricky to play. There are lots more experiences planned over the next couple of weeks.



In our PE sessions we have been practising for Sport's Day which was held today. The children did a fantastic job and displayed their resilience and sporting skills. In other curriculum areas, the children have been taking part in this year's Sunflower Challenge. They have explored sunflower themed art, planted sunflowers and found out more about how they grow. The children have also been exploring the story of The Elves and the Shoemaker as one of our core texts for this half term.

## Nautilus Project Competition

The children in St. Christopher's have been working together to produce our entries to this year's competition. We will keep you posted with how we get on.



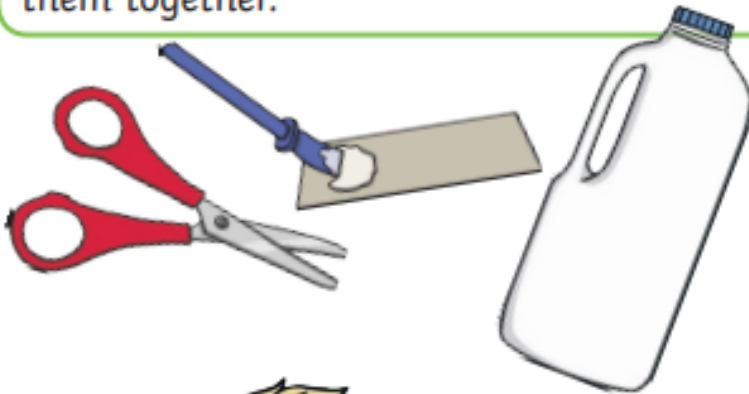
# Something to try at home...

## Taking Care of the Environment

### Home Learning Challenges

Help at home this week by recycling your rubbish. Can you help to sort the rubbish into the recycling bins? Try counting how many of each type of recycling you have. How many plastic bottles have you recycled?

Can you make a litterbug character from your old rubbish? Maybe you could use a plastic milk bottle for a body, cardboard tubes for arms and legs, and bottle tops for eyes! Use sticky tape or glue to join them together.



Can you make a bee hotel for your garden? Ask a grown-up to cut the top off a plastic bottle and fill it with flowers and twigs. Pop it in a sunny, dry place and see if any bees come to stay!



Go for a nature walk with your family. Can you spot any plants, flowers and trees? See if you can find any insects, animals or birds. You could draw a picture of all the wonderful things you see.