

St Christopher's EYFS News

Friday 13th October 2023

Happy Birthday!



Dates for your Diary

17.10.2023— Term 1.1 Celebration of Learning

18.10.2023—FS1/FS2 Visit to DTC

20.10.2023—INSET Day—Both St. Christopher's & Sunflowers will be closed

24.10.2023/25.10.2023—St. Christopher's Parent Consultations

27.10.2023—Last day of half term

As usual it has been another action packed fortnight at both St. Christopher's and Sunflowers. The children in St. Christopher's have been out to both Commonwealth Park and Western Beach. Then this week both Sunflowers and St. Christopher's enjoyed an early morning concert in the garden with the visiting band. The children loved learning about the different instruments and the sounds they made and they also got to join in with some singing and marching.

It seems to have been a fortnight of all things creative with the children from both settings taking part in art projects, baking, singing, role play, small world, construction, dancing, collage, sewing and even some woodwork. We have been so impressed by the children's creativity and imagination. We have also taken delivery of some new musical instruments which have been a big hit!

As this week sees us recognise World Mental Health Day, it seemed like a good time to celebrate the work we are doing with myHappyMind. At the end of last academic year, we were delighted to be awarded Bronze accreditation and are hoping to go even further this year. myHappyMind is a programme designed to promote mental health and wellbeing through child friendly activities and discussions. This half term the children have been exploring how their brain works and the family learning pack will be shared via Tapestry early next week.

Next week we will be hosting our first celebration of learning on Tuesday evening. This is an opportunity to see some of the children's creations in context and to meet some of the team.



What have we been up to?



In Sunflowers we have been painting to opposite styles of music and finding out how they sound and differ from one another. We have also been baking, in the form of jam tarts and they are all looking out to be aspiring bakers! Plus dressing up has been a big favourite, with our home corner currently being a clothes shop. In the afternoon the children have been moulding and manipulating clay to create their own faces. In baby room the babies have really enjoyed singing 'Old McDonald Had A Farm' so to follow their interests they have created a farmyard in the sensory table. Babies have also been getting messy, by using stampers and paint to create a colourful masterpiece, and finally babies have been very independent as they have been practising removing their own shoes.



Last week saw the children visit Commonwealth Park and The Reef Rainforest Café. The children had a brilliant time exploring the autumn changes in the park, comparing different types of bark and fallen leaves. They were also fascinated by the fish and frogs in the pond and then the tropical fish they saw at the café.

In the garden, the children have been busy creating dens using crates, planks and fabric and experimenting with potion making in the mud kitchen. They have also been exploring different pumpkins and looking after babies in the new outdoor role play area. FS2 have also been busy in the woodwork area making houses for the three little pigs.

Inside the children have been fascinated by the remote control cars and have used these with the maps we have made of Four Corners. They have also been creating some fabulous models in the block area and playdough continues to be a hit! We even had time to make some banana muffins and had a go at creating our own poem.



A message from Sunflowers & St. Christopher's...
Remember to check the memo section of Tapestry frequently for updates and information.

Naming Belongings

Please make sure that all children's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

YOUR NAME

Keeping Hydrated

We encourage the children to drink regularly throughout the school day. Please make sure they have a water bottle each day, please only provide water in water bottles. Many thanks

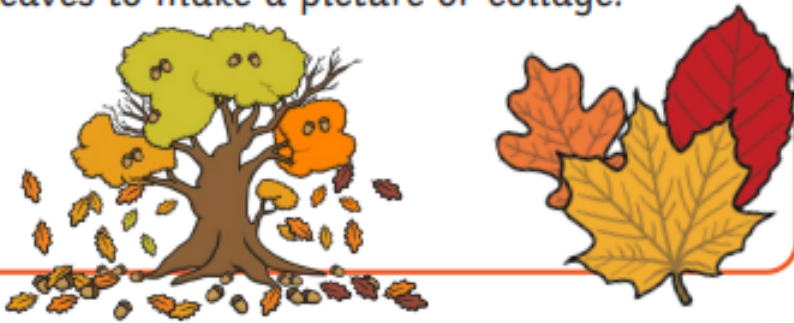


Something to try at home...

Autumn

Home Learning Challenges

Go on an autumn walk with a grown-up and collect some autumn leaves. Use these leaves to make a picture or collage.



During the autumn, people often celebrate Halloween. Draw a design for a jack-o'-lantern.



Keep a weather chart for a week. Draw a picture to show what the weather is like each day.



It will soon be Bonfire Night. Draw or paint a picture of fireworks exploding in the sky.



Sammy the Squirrel collected 10 nuts. He hid 6 of them ready for the winter. How many nuts did he have left to eat? You could draw a picture to help you work out the answer.

In autumn, many people celebrate a good harvest with a Harvest Festival.

Write a list of some of the foods that farmers grow on their land.



Life Skills

Practise these skills at home with your child to help them develop their independence and motor skills.



Zipping and unzipping a coat.



Getting dressed.

Peeling fruit like bananas and satsumas.



Putting on shoes on the correct feet.



Washing and drying hands.



Pouring water or milk from a jug into a cup.



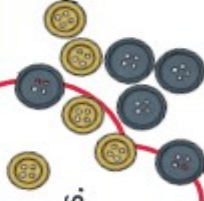
Using a knife to spread things like butter or jam.



Using cutlery to eat a meal.



Doing up and undoing buttons.



St. Christopher's EYFS & Sunflowers INSET Days

Friday 20th October 2023
Friday 24th November 2023
Friday 8th March 2024
Friday 17th May 2024
Friday 7th June 2024



In the event of unforeseen circumstances, these dates may be subject to change. Should this occur, we will provide as much notice as possible.

