



Our **Vision** is to be a...

**Caring Community,
Courageously Learning,
Inspired to Live Life to the Full.**



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Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." | (John 10:10)

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Dates for Term 3

- Tue 20th Jan 3.45-5.15pm** - Zebra throwing & catching festival
- Mon 26th Jan** – Lion Library trip
- Tue 27th Jan 9-10am** - Skills connect coffee morning – (details to follow)
- Tue 27th Jan 10.30am** Open worship at church (families can attend)
- Thu 29th Jan & Tue 10th Feb 3.30-6.30pm** – Parent/Teacher meetings
- Fri 30th Jan** - Inset Day (no school for children)
- Mon 2nd Feb** – Tiger and Panda Library trip
- 9th-13th Feb** – Wonder Week
- Mon 9th Feb** – Cricket workshops, Jungle Jonathan Workshops, 9am 'Bowels & Bladders' workshop
- Tue 10th Feb** - Jungle Jonathan Workshops
- Wed 11th Feb** – Online Safety Day
- Thu 12th Feb 3.30-4.30pm** Art Gallery at church for families
- Thu 12th Feb** – Explorer Dome, 9am Parent Council meeting
- Fri 13th Feb** – Explorer Dome, Non-Uniform fundraiser, Hot Choc awards, Enrichment sessions, last day of term.

Weekly update from Anna Martin

We've had a lovely week of learning at CCI and the children have been doing really well. Our EYFS children have been enjoying learning all about *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. They loved exploring the story and especially enjoyed tasting porridge and talking about which one they preferred – there were some very clear opinions! In KS1, the children have been busy with their writing and have produced some fantastic work inspired by *The Egg Box Dragon* coming to life. They've shown great imagination and enthusiasm in their ideas.

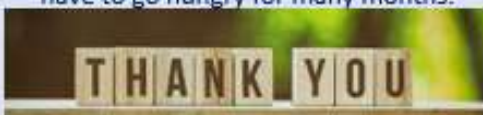


Christ Church Schools' Partnership



Both schools would like to thank our families for the generous donations made on the last day of term two for the non-uniform day. We were raising money to help fund meals for the school children in Kumi, Uganda through the Mission Direct link we have at Christ Church.

CCI raised £186.50 and CCJ raised £176.50 meaning we have donated £363 in total. This will mean no children have to go hungry for many months.



Mrs Lendrum is moving on

I am very sad to tell you that I'm afraid Mrs Lendrum will be leaving our office team after working at CCI for 4.5 years. She has been looking to secure more hours and has been successful in being appointed as a full time Advice and Admin Assistant at Staple Hill Children's Centre.

We will not be advertising this role as are looking at ways of restructuring the office team to make slight financial savings and to see what can work for the rest of the year.

Mrs Lendrum's last working day at CCI will be Tuesday 27th January and she will be so missed by us all at CCI. Her kindness to everyone makes her an absolute joy to have at CCI and the Children's Centre are very, very lucky.



Collective Worship

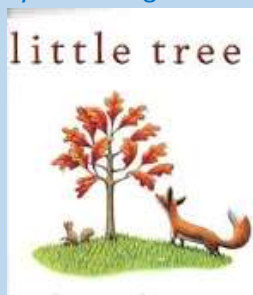
Monday – Belinda and Jack came in to tell the children the Bible story of the Prodigal son, to help them to see another example of someone showing courage because they believed they had God by their side.

Tuesday – The children listened to the story of 'Little Tree' and how she needed to show courage to let her leaves go so that she could grow.

Wednesday – Mrs Mills led our weekly Achievement celebration, praising those who have been reading lots at home and living out our value of Courage.

Thursday – The children thought about how showing courage can mean stepping out of your comfort zone and how we can encourage others to do this too.

Friday – The children continued their learning about spirituality and looked wider than themselves, hearing about Amelia Earhart and how she was a pioneer who showed courage in the sky. Her example has inspired so many people across the world to live life to the full and to try new things.



Living the Values

This week's school children's awards go to **Albie in Penguins** and **Leila in Tigers**. Albie has been really courageous with his reading after being really reluctant try a new book level and although he was a bit nervous about it, he has shown courage in giving the next level a go.

Leila in Tigers joined gym this week and was not keen to join in because she was feeling very nervous. Mrs Rylands supported her to join in and, despite feeling so worried, she showed so much courage to take part independently!

The staff award goes to **Mrs Lendrum** for challenging herself to change her role, despite feeling worried about leaving CCI and trying something new.

This week's children's home awards go to:

Izzy in Zebras - Izzy attended her first swimming lesson in the big pool last week which was a bit scary but she did a great job of showing courage and persistence even when it was really hard work and she finished up with a big jump into the deep end.

Liv in Zebras has started doing some ice skating lessons with her daddy. She was a little nervous about going but was able to and actually really enjoyed herself showing courage and determination.

Frankie in Penguins has shown a lot of courage the past few weeks helping his Mummy since she broke her ankle. Even though he could see she was in pain, he would stay by her side making sure she had everything she needed, always propping a pillow under her foot without being asked and checking she was ok.

Jacob J in Penguins been always been too nervous to give climbing a go but at the weekend he showed so much courage giving all the climbing walls his best go. He was very proud of himself!

Wynn in Zebras has been trying out new activities after school. He went to Beavers for the first time last week and also had his first rugby match on Sunday. He was nervous about these things but showed courage to join in and he really enjoyed himself.

Jacob T in Penguins has recently moved up a group in swim club and has swum all the way to the deep end of the big pool, which took a lot of courage for him.

Zenaya in Cheetahs - has shown so much courage over a recent operation. She was very brave and it helped a lot that she was in hospital at the same time as Miss Gould.





EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p>Being an author: In Drawing Club this week our story has been Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have had a go at drawing Goldilocks and using CVC words to label her. In our Setting session we drew and had a go at building the three bears cottage, using Lego, blocks and magna-tiles. In our Adventure time session, we imagined what would happen if the bears left the door open again and had a different visitor! We have also enjoyed using small world play to retell the story, making our own porridge and using our Three Bears Cottage home corner to act out the story!</p>	<p>Being an author: This week in being an author, the children have been writing a letter to the Egg Box Dragon to ask him to help them find the missing object in their classroom. The grammar focus within their work was to include an exclamation mark at the end of a sentence that needed one.</p>	<p>Being an author: This week we have been thinking about how we use pronouns to avoid repeating the nouns and proper nouns in our narratives. The children used this knowledge to write an alternative story start for Egg Box Dragon where they changed how he comes to life!</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you write a sentence to describe Goldilocks?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The children were asked to try to include the 5 vocabulary words of the week into their work-these were- mischievous, biggest, brightest, magnificent, hero.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The challenge this week was to include some of our new WOW words in their sentences such as enormously and fearful.</p>
<p>Being a mathematician: In Maths this week we have been focusing on numbers 8, 9, and 10. We have looked at different representations of these numbers e.g., on a tens frame, a Hungarian 5 frame, and part whole models. We have written the numerals and had a go at spotting ways of making 8, 9, and 10.</p>	<p>Being a Mathematician: This week in being a mathematician, the children learnt about place value to 50. They used practical methods such as numicon and dienes (tens and ones) to represent different numbers up to 50. They then applied this knowledge and represented these numbers in written form in their Maths books.</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have moved onto learning about multiplication and linking this to repeated addition. The children have been creating arrays for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and writing out multiplication sentences to represent the arrays that they have created.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you find two numbers that make 8, 9 or 10?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The children used their problem-solving skills to fill in the missing gaps on a numberline up to 50.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We have been reasoning about multiplication and identifying that multiplication can be done in any order and that the answer remains the same.</p>
<p>Enquiry: 'What Stories do we Know?' This week in enquiry we have continued talking about the stories we enjoy following our library visits last week. The adults have shared some of their favourite stories from childhood and we have been discussing how different stories make us feel. Some children have also shared their favourite stories from home.</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How are schools the Same?' We have visited other classes within the school to see what is similar and what is different between them. We have also been using our geographical knowledge and been looking at a globe to see where the different continents are in the world and what the temperatures are like there-this will lead nicely into looking into how schools are the same around the world.</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How are schools the same?' This week we have been looking at globes and maps and thinking about where the equator is and how this affects the climate. We identified the hottest and coldest zones on the planet. We then looked at where Kumi Primary School was on a map and where it was in relation to the equator to think about how hot Uganda might be.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you tell a friend about your favorite story?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Some children have challenged themselves to do some fantastic home learning and drawn out the 7 continents of the world on to paper, fantastic.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Our challenge this week was to compare the climate in the UK to Uganda and think deeply about how this might have an impact on the different schools.</p>



WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY COFFEE MORNING

Christ Church Junior School welcomes you at 9am

MRS GROVES AND MRS EATWELL



Special Guest Speaker

ANDRI NICOLAOU

CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENT AND COORDINATOR OFFICER



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Judd was awarded his medal for being dependable and keeping the team together at football last weekend. Well done Judd