

# St Michael's Catholic Primary Schoo

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!



## **Diary Dates**

Friday 21st October
School closes for half term
Monday 31st October
School reopens
10th November
Parents Evening

Friday 14th October 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well and enjoying this Autumnal Sunshine we have enjoyed over the past few days.

A special School celebration: We are very excited that this summer was our school's 150th birthday! 1972-2022

St Michael's school opened on **Monday 5th August 1872.** The building we are in now is not the original building. We are still trying to establish this fact but we think St Michael's maybe one of the oldest schools in Liverpool!

The number of children, families and staff that have been part of the school over these 150 years is phenomenal. I have been here 10 years in January and have witnessed just a small but wonderful part of the history of our school.



We are planning a special week to mark this significant anniversary during the week beginning 21st November. A plan for the week will be shared with you just after half term.

Ex pupils: If you attended St Michael's as a child and would like to share your happy and special memories please email your words to <a href="mailto:michaels-ao@st-michaels.liverpool.sch.uk">michaels-ao@st-michaels.liverpool.sch.uk</a>

You may have some photos of your school life here in St Michaels – copies of these would be great too!

We would to love capture these memories in our Anniversary Celebration Book.

**Lovely news about an ex pupil.** This week I had letter from a Liverpool Secondary school to share the news that one of our ex pupils has been given a place at University of Oxford. An outstanding achievement. If you have other success stories of any kind about ex pupils please let us know so we can share and celebrate.

## Important Information for parents/carers: A change to the school day timings

Starting on **Monday 31st October** (after half term) the end of our school day will be extended by 10 minutes. We will finish the school day across the school to **3.20pm.** This is for all the school Nursery to year 6.

End of Day: School gates will open at 3.20pm

**Summary of school times:** 

Start of day

Morning: Gates open at 8.40am and registration begins at 8.50 am

End of day

Afternoon: Gates open at 3.20pm

**Updated Nursery Times:** 

Morning Nursery 8:50am - 11.50am Afternoon Nursery 12:20pm - 3:20pm

Please ensure you arrive to drop off and collect children on time. Thank you for your support with this.

## Socktober Campaign (We need lots of new cosy socks!)

Each Harvest time we raise funds or make donations to a range of different charities. This half term we want to support the charity work of the 'Whitechapel Centre' based in Liverpool and not too far from our school community. The Whitechapel charity supports homeless people who need some help to pick up their lives and move on. We have supported this charity in school in the past.

The charity have launched a special fund raising programme for the month of October called 'Socktober'

'Did you know socks are one of the most requested items by people who are homeless?' Every year the charity give out thousands of new pairs to people they are helping.

Socks, socks, lots of cosy socks!!!

So as a school we want to take up the invitation to join in this Socktober campaign. We are asking all families and staff to kindly donate a new pair of socks (adult sizes). Each class will have a 'Socktober' box in their class to collect these. It would be great if we could fill these boxes as much as possible.

On **Friday 21**st **October** come to school in uniform but wearing brightly coloured and or odd socks!

**Cake Sale:** We will also have a cake sale –please donate cakes and biscuits from Thursday next week ready for us to sell on Friday. Children can bring in maximum of 50p to buy a cake/biscuit. All money raised will go to the Whitechapel Charity.

Please start sending into school donated socks as soon as you can. The sock collection will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes -Alyson Rigby

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**



Monday: © Running Club Yr 5 & 6 KMC © Maths Tuition Yr 5

Tuesday: © Choir Yr 4,5,&6 © Art Club Yr2 © Cheerleading Club Yr2

© Reading Tuition Yr2 © Maths Tuition Yr3 © Writing Tuition Yr4

☼ Maths Tuition Yr4 ☼ Maths Tuition Yr5

Wednesday © Wellbeing Club KS2 with Miss Cornett

Thursday <sup>©</sup> Dance Club Yr4 <sup>©</sup> Drama Club Yr5&6 <sup>©</sup> Guitar Club <sup>©</sup> Reading Tuition Yr2 <sup>©</sup> Maths Tuition Yr3

©Writing Tuition Yr4 © Maths Tuition Yr4



This week in Prayer time our theme has been **Integrity & Honesty.** During classroom prayer time, children have been invited to reflect on the importance of honesty and using our integrity to choose right from wrong. Next week we will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Thursday 20th October - we WILL NOT be collecting food but will collect NEW PAIRS OF SOCKS instead as we are

taking part in the Whitechapel Centre's Socktober appeal. We will be collecting new pairs of socks to donate to the Whitechapel Centre who work with homeless people in Liverpool.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for always being with us.

Thank you for your calming presence when we are feeling anxious.

Remind us to be truthful and to have the integrity to treat all people fairly.

Amen

Next week Father Fitz will be visiting the Inspirations in Year 4



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& Sacred Heart Newsletters and

WORD

The Wednesday Word







Some of our children took part in a cross country race at Newsham Park last week. They did well and didn't let the wet weather put them off!









# Year 4—Inspirations



Hello and welcome to the Inspirations class page. We have taken to Year 4 like ducks to water. We have played, read, acted and most importantly learned a lot in a short space of time. Our class novel this term is about a cat who was on the Titanic—The book is called Kaspar prince of cats.

## Meet our lovely class

We have appointed monitors and a councillor. Our year 4 class are very sensible.

Last week: We had an ice cream van come to school to celebrate St.

Michael's day. It brightened up the



## **Wider Curriculum**

In Science this week, we have been planning and carrying out a fair test to see which substance melts ice the quickest. We found that salt and water melted ice within ten minutes.





## Poetry Day Thursday 6th October 2022

We read the story of "The Lost Words." and created our own acrostic poems. We wrote an

poem about a seagull as they are always outside our class ready to swoop.



## Ice cream van for St Michael's day.

Yummy!!





What a treat!

Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support and remember to follow our twitter page to keep up to date with our class.



The children below have gone <u>Above and Beyond</u> in school this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot



# Saint Michael's School Council

We have had a vote and chosen our new school councillors. Congratulations to everyone who was elected. We're excited about what we can achieve together this year. We will be meeting regularly and can't wait to share our ideas with you.



# 123 Mathematician of the Week



## Year 5— High Flyers

Here is our Mathematician of the week. He has worked so hard to improve his presentation and make his work more clear. He has worked so well comparing, ordering and rounding numbers all the way up to 1 million! Every single lesson, he has worked hard to ensure he has gone above and beyond, completing his work and the extension activities. Well done.

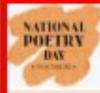
# Head Teacher Awards

| Year 1 | Archie     | Kathleen |
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| Year 2 | Harinakshi | Sara     |
| Year 3 | Charlotte  | Sara     |
| Year 4 | Ruby       | Princess |
| Year 5 | Khizar     | Omíd     |
| Year 6 | Evíe       | Noah     |









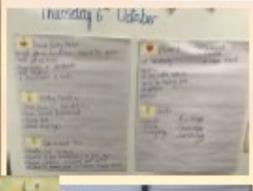
# **National Poetry Day**

6th October 2022









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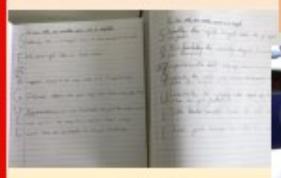
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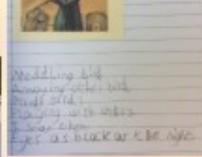
For National Poetry Day, children have been exploring poetry using 'The Lost Words' book by Robert Macfarlane







Children have been working on creating their own acrostic poems with the theme of The Environment.



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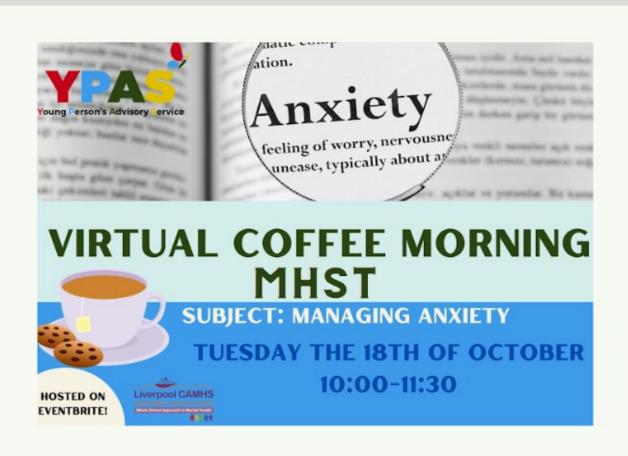
Year 1 loved creating simple poems about their favourite animals

## VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING

Please see details below of the next MHST virtual coffee event. Parents/ carers can book on the following Eventbrite link

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-coffee-morning-managing-anxiety-tickets-427924572917

The sessions are hosted by the YPAS parenting team and members of the MHST will be there to present and answer questions.







## Letter to parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night

We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over Halloween, Bonfire Night and the days around it.

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe.

#### **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP**

#### Know where your children are

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

## Know the risks

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

## Know the law

- If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

## Merseyside Police

# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

## **Term Dates 2022-2023**



## **Autumn Term 2022**



Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Half term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Terms ends: Wednesday 21st December 2022



Term: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Half term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Term ends: Wednesday 5th April 2023

## **Summer Term 2023**

Term: Monday 17th April to Thursday 20th July 2023

Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Term Ends: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

May Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

## **Staff Development Days (School closed for pupils)**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Two extended twilight sessions







