



St Michael's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 7

Friday 11th November 2022

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Diary Dates

Thursday 17th November

Own Clothes Day (Bright/Children in need)

Friday 18th November

Whole School Photos



If your child is in Year 6 and is due to start in Year 7

in September 2023

You can apply online until 31st October 2022 [here](#)

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Open Night and Pupil Progress Meetings yesterday afternoon and early evening.

It was so lovely to see you all and hear about the positive feedback your child/children had received from their teacher/teachers. We also had many positive comments about the school too!

Thank you also to those who popped into the junior hall to for the 'Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)' Consultation workshops for parents and carers.

Message from the Headteacher

Pupil School Attendance and Punctuality

At St Michael's we encourage the highest possible levels of attendance and punctuality for all our children. To gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that all pupils attend regularly and on time. There is a clear link between the attendance and attainment of pupils.



Children are defined as persistent absentees by the Department of education (DfE) if their attendance falls below 90%.

90% attendance is the equivalent to a pupil missing **one half day per week** or approximately **118** lessons per year!

It is our responsibility as a school to intervene and where we can, provide support.

Staff and I will continue to meet with parents/carers of children who are poor attenders regularly to discuss how we can together improve daily attendance.

Also, we will send a morning text message to the parents/carers of children who are persistent absentees to encourage daily attendance.

As a school we define regular attendance as 97% or above.

Thank you for your support.

Our School 150th Anniversary 1872-2022

St. Michael's 150 Year Celebrations

This year marks the 150th Year of St. Michael's Catholic Primary School! As this is such an amazing achievement we will be celebrating throughout the week beginning 21st November. Here is a timetable of the events that we have planned. It is going to be a fantastic week!

Monday 21 st November	Tuesday 22 nd November	Wednesday 23 rd November	Thursday 24 th November	Friday 25 th November
<p>Each class will celebrate a different decade. This will include looking at the music, clothing, food, artwork, games etc. and lots of fun activities.</p> 	<p>Each class will celebrate a different decade. This will continue on from Monday.</p> 	<p>Back to school in 1872! We would like the children to dress up as Victorian children. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawls/scarves • Trousers rolled up or inside long socks • Hair in a bun • Flat caps • Waistcoats • Aprons 	<p>Celebration Assemblies for parents:</p> <p>9.15 am Years 3 and 4</p> <p>10.00 am Years 1 and 2</p> <p>2.00 pm Years 5 and 6</p> <p>Please come along!</p>	<p>Party day! The Children of Today! The children can wear their own clothes and there will be a special party lunch and a party in each class!</p> 

We are marking this important school milestone in the week beginning 21st November. The table above details the planned activities. Please note the times of assemblies that we are doing on **Thursday 24th November for all parents and carers.**

School Photographer –Friday 18th November.

We have booked the school photographer to come in to school on Friday 18th November. This will be for individual and family sibling photos.

Children In Need 2022 – We will take part in this charity event on **Thursday 17th November** in light we have the school photographer in school on Friday 18th November.

The children can come to school in bright colours and or Children in Need clothes. We will have a **'decorate a biscuit'** activity in every class – **50p** per child or **£1** per family as a donation please. All money raised will be given to this children's charity.

Liverpool Football Club – ‘Don’t Lose your Bottle Campaign’ Video

You may remember last April we took part in an exciting campaign led by Liverpool Football Club sponsored by SC Johnson about looking after our environment by reusing, refilling and recycling water bottles. All the junior children were presented with a Liverpool refillable water bottle. During the special assembly we had a visit from John Barnes, an ex Liverpool football player.



During the assembly a special prize was presented to Kayden now in year 4 – he has a star role in the video. Here is the link <https://youtu.be/w10jSmYZ7kg>

We will also put the video on our school website too.

Socks! Socks! Socks!

Today in our Friday assembly we presented our amazing collection of donated socks to the Whitechapel charity workers who came along to collect the socks and say a big thank you to the children. They also shared with the children the kind of work the charity does to help people without a home. They were delighted with the children and the terrific number of socks and asked me to pass on their thanks to all our very kind families.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend

Alyson Rigby





AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Monday: ☺ Running Club Yr 5 & 6 KMC ☺ Maths Tuition Yr5

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 ☺ Dance Club Yr4 ☺ Drama Club Yr5&6

☺ Guitar Club ☺ Reading Tuition Yr2 ☺ Maths Tuition Yr3

☺ Writing Tuition Yr4 ☺ Maths Tuition Yr4 ☺ Makaton Club



This week, our Prayer time theme has been **Tolerance & Diversity** linked to our RE work learning about Islam and Hinduism. The children have reflected on what makes them special and how important tolerance is for peace in our world. On Friday, we reflected on Remembrance Day.

Gather

Let's prepare for ourselves for Collective Worship with a with some music



Tolerance & Diversity



We begin by making the Sign of the Cross



Church Visits: This week Year 3 have visited St Michael's church as part of their RE curriculum. Next week, Year 2 will visit church.'

Loving God, you are known by many different names, by many different peoples.

Help us to be slow to argue and quick to listen.

And help us to live and learn and love together in harmony.

Amen



Read the

Parish of St Michael

& Sacred Heart Newsletters and

The Wednesday Word



Fr Fitz visited the Heroes in Year 3 this week, next week he will visit Golden Wonders

Next week is **ROAD SAFETY WEEK**. We will be talking about road safety in school and the children will be designing posters. We will be having a competition for best poster where the winner will be chosen by our



What Is Road Safety Week?

Road Safety Week happens every year in November and is the UK's biggest road safety event, organised by the charity 'Brake'.

Road Safety Week inspires schools, businesses and communities all around the country to get involved to learn and spread the word about road safety.

This year, the theme is **SAFE ROADS FOR ALL.**

Head Boy and Head Girl. You will be able to see the posters on Twitter by searching using the hashtag:

#stmroadsafetyweek

Happy Birthday

Rodrigo

Gyorgy

David

Cecil

Michael

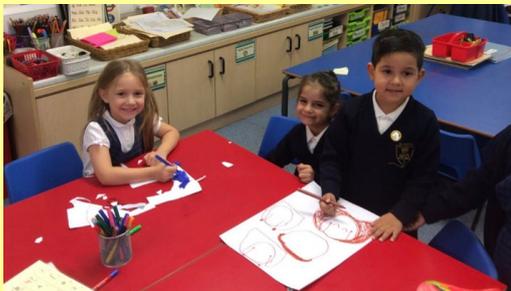
Troy

Miss Waite

We have settled in so well to life in Year 1 as the Record breakers. We have been super busy learning lots of new things and learning new skills. We are a fun, vibrant class who look after and care for each other. Check out what we have been up to below.

English

In English we have started our new story 'Peace at Last'. We learnt the actions to our story map and recited the words to our story. We answered comprehension questions on our story. We then worked really hard to re-write our story. We love the t4writing approach in our class and



Maths

In Maths we have been working super hard on fact families within 10. We are trying our best to learn our number bonds to 10 and practicing our number formation daily. We have learnt the + and = symbol and we have been us-



Science

In Science we have really enjoyed exploring our 'Seasons' topic. We explored the many changes from summer to Autumn. We explored our school grounds for signs of Autumn and documented the changes we could see. We found various items that represent Autumn including leaves, conkers, pine cones and chestnuts.



Design Technology

We have started learning about free standing structures and the properties of our designs. This week we designed our own animal enclosure to keep animals safe. We carefully planned our design and discussed what materials would be best to make our enclosure. We then used various materials in class to create our designs. Children were so enthusiastic and loved designing their own enclosure.

Learning through Play

In year 1 we have a broad and balanced play based curriculum that allows the children to transition smoothly from EYFS to KS1. We have a Year 1 shared area that allows the children access to daily continuous provision. Our play based curriculum has ensured children have settled quickly in year 1 and they are happy to come to school. In year 1 we truly embrace learning through play.



The children below have gone Above and Beyond in school this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot chocolate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits. Well done!



Anti Bullying Week

Next week is Anti Bullying week, we have an exciting week of activities planned. All classes will be doing daily activities on Anti Bullying and will have photographs and write ups in

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's come together and **reach out**
to stop bullying.

**REACH
OUT**

**Monday 14th to
Friday 18th November**
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ReachOut



next weeks newsletter. We also have a performance group coming to school on Thursday to do workshops with the children.

As part of Anti Bullying week, the children are encouraged to wear odd socks to school every day to celebrate that being different is what makes us special.



Mathematician of the Week



Here is the Shining Stars Mathematician of the Week, who is amazing at addition questions beyond 10. He can always tell us how many people are in class by solving addition calculations based on the total number of children present. What a super mathematician!

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Arthur	Daniel
Year 2	James	Peggy
Year 3	Anete	Bamlak
Year 4	Caitlin	Porsha
Year 5	Michelle	Michael
Year 6	Tara	Precious



New growth!

This week, we've had gardeners in school to plant a new hedge along the side of the playground adjoining West Derby Road. It has now been lined with beautiful laurel. Laurel is a fast growing plant and can grow up to 60cm a year. It will bond together to form a thick hedge and will make our playground even greener. The children think it looks great already.



Attendance

Group	% Attend	
KS1		
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	96.7	
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	83.3	
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	98.3	
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	92.7	
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	99.3	Best attendance winners
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	89.3	
KS2		
HEROES - YEAR 3	95.3	
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	96.0	
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	98.1	Best attendance winners
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	97.2	
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	96.6	
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	91.0	
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	96.7	
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	95.7	
Totals	95.0	

**Golden Wonders & Hotshots won this week's mini disco
for best class attendance. Well done**

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ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

As part of St Michael's Attendance initiative, all pupils who achieve 100% attendance each week will win a raffle ticket to post in our school attendance post box every Friday. This initiative will run from:

Monday 14th November ~ Wednesday 21st December

At the end of the term, pupils can win some fantastic prizes including:



- Family Cinema ticket
- Christmas Hamper
- Asda Shopping Vouchers
- Christmas Stocking

WE HAVE 6 WEEKS OF THIS TERM REMAINING. THE MORE WEEKS YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, THE MORE TICKETS YOU GET. THIS INCREASES YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING ONE OF THESE AMAZING PRIZES.

COME ON ST MICHAEL'S! LET'S SEE HOW MANY WEEKS WE CAN ACHIEVE 100 % ATTENDANCE... Ms Hayes & Mr Smith



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Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Term: Thursday 1st September to Wednesday 21st December 2022

Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Monday 5th September to Friday 21st October

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

Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 31st October to Wednesday 21st December

Terms ends: Wednesday 21st December 2022



Spring Term 2023

Term: Wednesday 4th January - Wednesday 5th April 2023

Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Wednesday 4th January to Thursday 9th February

Half term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023

Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Monday 20th February to Wednesday 5th April

Term ends: Wednesday 5th April 2023



Summer Term 2023

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

Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 9th June 2023

Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 12th June to Thursday 20th July

Term Ends: Thursday 20th July 2023

May Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023



Staff Development Days (School closed for pupils)

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

Friday 10th February 2023

Two extended twilight sessions



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