



Dates for your Diary:

Wed 22nd March :
Y6 Book breakfast

Wed 5th April:
End of Term
1:30pm finish

Message from the headteacher

Friday 17th March

Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Dear Parents and Carers Friday 17th March 2023



We are now in week three of LENT. During Lent we always raise money to support a local, national or global charity. This Lent we will be supporting the work of CAFOD, (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). CAFOD are an international development charity who reach out to all people living in poverty with practical help.

This year to help raise some money for this charity we will be taking part in the 'Big Lent Walk'.

The children over the next two weeks will complete some laps of the playground. The children have a record chart to tick each day they complete their walk. We ask you as a family to sponsor your child £1 for completion at the end of two weeks.



St Michael's
March 2023

NAME:

**£1 sponsor
when
complete**

Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 23rd	Thursday 24th	Friday 25th

Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday 30th	Friday 31st



A successful and fun filled Year 5 Residential Trip to Barnstondale, Wirral.



Our year 5 children travelled on Monday morning to Barnstondale Adventure and Activity Centre. As soon as they arrived they started to take part in a range of activities –primarily outside in the center grounds and surrounding woodlands. The children took part in: Archery, Abseiling, Rock Climbing, Orienteering, Tent Building and Campfire starting to just name a few! The children also enjoyed a disco, movie night with hot chocolate, football, basketball, access to a games room and sensory garden.



I cannot praise our children enough – our school staff who went with the children expressed what a great pleasure and joy it was to spend time with the them. The outstanding behaviour of all the children was commented on by the centre staff. Well done –we are super proud of you all.

Thank you also to Mr Ferry who was the lead for this trip and also to Ms Gibney, Ms Gordon, Ms Birch, Ms Cornett and Ms Haynes. It was great also that Ms Duncan and Ms Briggs were also able to join the group for a day. We could not have such trips which give our children lots of wonderful memorable experiences without the generous commitment of our staff. I applaud you all.



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Book and Breakfast Events (Ks1 and KS2)

Over the next few weeks we will be hosting several 'Book and Breakfast' events in school for parents/carers to come into school with their child/children before the school day starts to enjoy a book and some breakfast.

These will be hosted in the junior hall – 8.10am -8.40am.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

Year groups	Date	Time
Year 1 and Year 2	Wednesday 8 th March 2023	8.10am -8.40am.
Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	8.10am -8.40am.
Year 3 and 4	Tuesday 4 th April 2023	8.10am -8.40am.

We look forward to welcoming yr5 and 6 with parents/carers on Wednesday 22nd March.

Mother's day and Easter Assemblies and Activities

Date	Assembly or Activity	Class	Time
Friday 17 th March 23	Mother's Day Celebration	Reception	9.15am Complete
Monday 27 th March	Palm Sunday Assembly	Year 3	9.15am
Thursday 30 th March	Last Supper Assembly	Year 4	9.15am
Friday 31 st March	Stations of the Cross	Year 5	9.15am
Monday 3 rd April	Easter 'Alive' Assembly	Year 1 and 2	9.15am
Wednesday 28 th March	Decorating EASTER Eggs Workshop	KS2 (YR3/YR4/YR5/YR6)	2pm Junior Hall
Wednesday 29 th March	Infant Easter Hat making workshop (parents and children)	Year Reception/year1/ year2	2pm Infant Hall
Tuesday 4 th April	Easter Hat Parade	Reception and Infants	2.45pm Infant playground

Any details and reminders will be shared through school App/Newsletter nearer event.

Happy Mother's Day to all on Sunday – have a special day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Alyson Rigby.





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Year 5 Barnstondale Residential

This week, Year Five together with Mr Ferry, Mrs Gibney, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Haynes, Miss Cornett and Mrs Birch embarked on a thrilling adventure. They went on a three-day residential school trip to Barnstondale, an outdoor education and activity centre on the Wirral. It was an exciting and educational experience that allowed the High Flyers and High Achievers to learn beyond the confines of their normal classroom environment. During this time, they participated in a range of activities, such as archery, orienteering, shooting, rock climbing, abseiling, campfire building and wildlife survival, as well as other great team building experiences. It was a wonderful trip that gave the children chance to explore new environments and develop their independence. They had a chance to improve important life skills such as communication, problem-solving, and decision-making. I am so proud of all the children, every single one of them behaved impeccably. Many staff at Barnstondale commented on the high standard of listening and the enthusiasm shown by the children. There were occasions when children found the activity challenging but they managed to conquer their fears. Spending several days away from home and in each other's company was an invaluable experience for all involved, allowing them to build strong bonds and make memories that will last a lifetime.





Play Buddies Meeting



This week, Mr Smith had a meeting with some of the Y6 Play Buddies to catch up with the children's thoughts on their role. Children from Year 6 go over to the Infants at Lunch time and help teach the children to play games, learn how to be good friends, and show them how to be a responsible member of our school community. The children were rewarded with biscuits and had some lovely things to say about their very important work.

"I love seeing how the kids play and playing with them. I love how positive they are and their energy. They're so fun and smiley."

"I like when someone's left out and they just come over to me and ask me if we want to play as a group and they're all really funny."

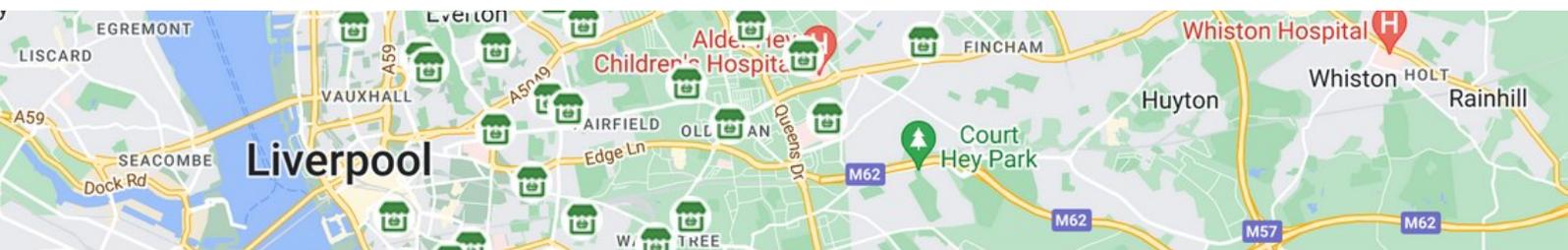
"I like the way that when two people are having a disagreement and I solve it, I put a smile on the two people's faces."



Community Food Spaces are places where local people come together around good food.

- They are commonly led by local community members and local community organisations.
- They have good food at the heart of what they do, with many also connecting with activities or services beyond food.
- They play a part in tackling local food waste, often using surplus food that would otherwise have gone to landfill.

If you are interested in making new friends, saving money on your food bills, volunteering in your local community or tackling local food waste, use this map to find Community Food Spaces in your local area.





SEN PROVISION

St. Michael's have an extensive provision tailored to suit the needs of our current pupils. Pupil access to these provisions are provided based on assessment of needs.

To find out more, why not attend our SEN Provisions Coffee Morning: Monday 20th @9.00-9.30



We support all the primary areas of needs:

Social, Emotional & Mental Health	Sensory and/or Physical Need	Cognition & Learning	Communication & Interaction
Socially Speaking Therapy	Sensory Circuits	Morph Mastery	Talk Boost from Nursery -KS2
Time to Talk	Occupational Therapy Programme	Plus 1	Bucket Therapy
Ginger Bear Therapy	Write from the Start	Power of 2	Augmented and Alternative Communication Strategies
Sand/Bereavement Therapy	Specialist equipment e.g. Fidget Toys/busy legs	RWI 1:1 Tutoring	Visual Timetables
Lego Therapy	Fizzy Programme	Specialised Subject Tutoring	Nursery Music Programme
Drawing and Talking	Brain/Movement Breaks	Tinted Text books	Communication Play Boards
Learning Bays	Writing slopes and Pencil grips	Coloured Overlays	Use of Communication Sabotage Techniques
Therapy Putty	Ear defenders	Back Chaining Strategies	Specialist ICT equipment
Calm Corners		Fresh Start	
SEEDLINGS YPAS Emotional Mental Health Practitioner	Occupational Therapist Sleep Therapy Hearing Team	SENISS Educational Psychologist	Speech and Language Therapist Language Base

EHAT: Early Help Assessment Tool

EHCP: Education Health Care Plan



After School Clubs



Mon	Talking it Through	Y6	Mrs. Whittaker
	Running Club	Y5/6	Mrs Gordon
	Athletics Club	KS2	Sam KMC
	Phonics Club	Y1	Mrs West
	Reading Club	Y5	Ms. Briggs
Tue	Choir	KS2	Rosie
	Clarinet Club	Y5/6	Resonate

Wed	Lego Club	Y3/4	Miss Cornett & Mr Smith
	Games Club	Y1	Mrs Miller
	Yoga Club	Y1	Mrs West
Thu	Lego Club	KS1	Ms. Collins
	LFC Football	Y5/6	LFC Coaches
	Drama Club	Y5/6	Miss Cornet
	Guitar Club	Y6	Mr Smith
	Science Club	Y5	Ms. Gibney

PE DAYS:

Reception: Monday & Thursday

Y1: Monday & Friday

Y2: Thursday

Y3: Wednesday & Thursday

Y4: Tuesday & Friday

Y5: Friday

Y6: Wednesday

All clubs finish at 4:15. Collection for Infant clubs is Infant gate. Junior clubs is Junior gate.

Courage: 1 Samuel 1:26-28

Women of the Old Testament - Hannah

²⁶ Hannah said to him, "Excuse me, sir. Do you remember me? I am the woman you saw standing here, praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I asked him for this child, and he gave me what I asked for. ²⁸ So I am dedicating him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he will belong to the LORD."

Then they worshiped the LORD there.

God answered Hannah's prayer.

Hannah kept her promise to God.



God of life,
 Help us to listen to your Son
 Jesus
 Give us the courage to live
 our lives as He asks us,
 Making a real change to
 ourselves and the lives of all
 we meet.
 Amen

Read the
**Parish of St Michael & Sacred Heart News-
 letters'** and



Jamie Cranham Our Family Support Worker

Jamie is available to talk privately about any questions, concerns or issues you may have. Come along for a private chat.

Drop in sessions every Tuesday at 9:00am

Jamie Cranham 07712235803

jamie.cranham@liverpool.gov.uk

or see Mrs Birch

Ask at Reception for further details

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Missy

Ainshiyen

Marco

David

Georgia

Kai

Olivia

Pavlo

Mike

Kirubel

Lorena

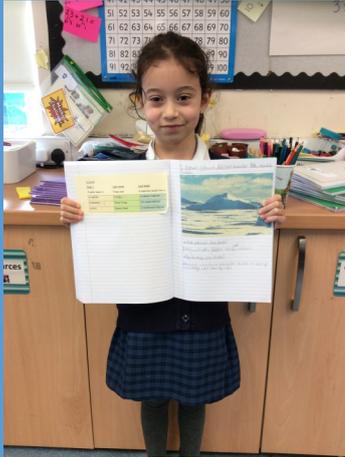
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Celebration

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



This week's Scientist of the week is from World Beaters. She has been chosen for her wonderful work investigating why different animals live in different habitats.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



This week's 'Mathematician of the Week' comes from the Whizz Kids. As we continue to prepare for our SATs tests, this Whizz Kid has shown so much dedication and commitment to her learning, taking home extra homework and WOWing us all with her impressive scores. This mathematician is striving to achieve greater depth in her end of Key Stage

tests, We couldn't be prouder!

Miss Sillitoe & Miss Ghazali

ABOVE AND BEYOND



These Children have gone Above and Beyond this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot chocolate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits. Well done! Not pictured, is the whole of Year 5, who were selected by their teachers for going Above and Beyond all week at Barnstondale! They had treats in class to celebrate. Well done Year 5!

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Kathleen	Gabrielle
Year 2	Olivia	Alveena
Year 3	Ofure	Marin
Year 4	Sipara	Abbie



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help@nspcc.org.uk



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If a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect please report it to:

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If things are getting to you

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The number is FREE to call from the UK
jo@samaritans.org
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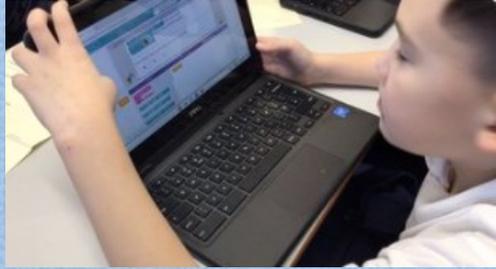
Class Focus: Olympians



Olympians

English:

This week we have been innovating the build up part of our story 'The Secret of Black Rock' creating tension by using repetition of words, ellipses, short sentences, onomatopoeic words, powerful and ambitious verbs and adverbs.



Science:

We have been learning all about shadows and how they are formed. We now know shadows are formed when an opaque object blocks the light from the light source. We then investigated what would happen to the size of shadows if we changed the distance between the light source and the object. We discovered the closer the object is to the light source the larger the shadow and the further away the object is to the light source the smaller the shadow is.

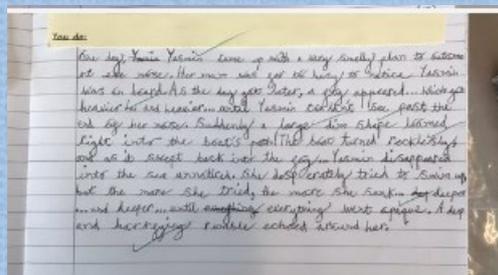
Maths:

We have been learning all about what perimeter is. We measured the lengths of the edges of 2 D shapes and calculated the total perimeter.



Come and See:

We began our new topic this week on 'Giving All'. We talked about what makes some people give everything for others and we had an excellent discussion and responses. We said people follow their heart to do the right thing, they help others so they can help more people and people put others needs before their own. Nikyle said "people would rather be a shield than a sword."



In History we have been learning about Darius and Cyrus who were rulers of the Persian Empire who conquered other kingdoms because they wanted to be very powerful. We have begun our new topic in Geography about agriculture and have learnt all about 3 types of farming: arble, pastoral and mixed farming. PE we have been practising our ball skills in throwing and catching which will help us for our new topic Basketball next week and in Computing we have sequencing a list of commands and blocks to produce an output whilst also finding errors to successfully debug algorithms.



Attendance

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	93.5%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	80%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	95.4%
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	98%
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	86.2%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	95.3%
HEROES - YEAR 3	96.7%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	94%
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	96.7%
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	98.1%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	100%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	94.4%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	91.7%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	94%
Totals	95%

Well done to the **RECORD BREAKERS** of the Infants, and the **HIGH ACHIEVERS**, of the Juniors, for achieving the highest attendance this week. Let's keep on pushing for 100% attendance, 100% of the time!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.



We aim for average school attendance to be 97%. There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

It is also important to arrive at school on time. If a child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. This graph shows how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time.





Easter HAF Programme



Liverpool
City Council

Date: 3 March 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 3rd April and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter break including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost to you**. There's a great range of activities across the city including **boxing, trampolining, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a make up course, trips out, Eurovision themed activities** and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link - <https://merseyplay.com/easter-haf-holiday-activities-food/> or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the Easter HAF link (available on Friday 10th March).

When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and ring the providers directly.

Liverpool City Council is working with the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Liverpool Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [LFISD](#).

Regards

Sally Dobbing

Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager

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Dates for your Diary/Upcoming Events

Please note these are subject to change or may be added to so please check these events every week!

March

- Monday 20th - SEN Coffee morning drop in @ 9:30
- Wednesday 22nd - Year 6 Crucial Crew event for Year 6
- Year 6 Book Breakfast in Junior Hall 8:10am—8:40 am
- Friday 24th - Year 3 Blue Planet Aquarium Trip
- Thursday 30th - Parents and Carers Evening

April

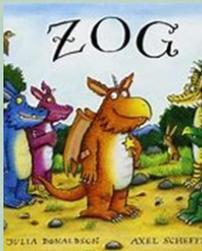
- Tuesday 4th - Year 3 and 4 Book Breakfast in Junior Hall 8:10am—8:40 am
- Wednesday 5th - Easter Holidays Commence 1:30PM finish
- Monday 17th - School commences

May

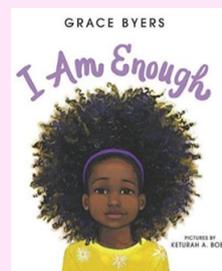
- Monday 8th—12th - KS2 SATS WEEK
- Monday 15th—19th - Aspire and Achieve Week

Storytime @ St Michael's

Scan a code, snuggle up and listen to a story!



The Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



"I am Enough."

**By Grace Byers
Illustrated by Keturah
A. Bobo**





Sparkles runs Monday-Friday from 3:30-5:30pm, costing £3 for an hour long session, or £5 for the full session. We welcome children from Reception to Year 6.

SPARKLES STAFF

Miss Sharpes: Lead staff

Miss Waite: Play/support worker

Miss Dooley: Play/support worker

ACTIVITIES

Examples of Sparkles activities:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Outdoor play
- Movie nights
- Board Games

SNACKS

Children are offered a variety of hot and cold snacks including:

- Fresh fruit
- Build your own wrap
- Homemade pitta-bread pizza
 - Pancakes
 - Toast
 - Crumpets
 - Sausage Rolls
 - Nachos

Please let us know about any dietary requirements, food intolerances or allergies

How to book via the app:

Under the 'PAYMENTS' section: select 'CLUBS' and 'SPARKLES', choose the date that you wish for your child to attend. Click the 'BASKET', you can pay by card/apple pay.

Please ensure you have completed a 'Sparkles Registration Form', which can be found on our website:

<https://stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/parents-and-carers/school-clubs/sparkles-after-school-club/>





St Michael's Catholic Primary School 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

Friday 10th February

Plus two extended twilight sessions



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Term Dates 2023 -2024

Autumn Term 2023

Term: Monday 4th September – Thursday 21st December
Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Monday 4th September to Thursday 26th October
Half term: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November
Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 6th November to Thursday 21st December
Terms ends: Thursday 21st December 2023



Spring Term 2024

Term: Monday 8th January – Thursday 28th March
Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February
Half term: Monday 12th February – Monday 19th February
Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Tuesday 20th February to Thursday 28th March
Term ends: Thursday 28th March



Summer Term 2024

Term: Monday 8th April to Friday 19th July
Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Monday 8th April to Friday 24th May
Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 7th June
Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 10th June to Friday 19th July
Term Ends: Friday 19th July
May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May



Staff Development Days – School closed for pupils

Friday 1st September 2023
Friday 27th October
Monday 19th February 2024
Four extended twilight sessions (22nd Dec & 22 July)