

# St. Michael's Newsletter



Friday, 29th January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Poetry Competition**

Revd. Andy at St. Michael's Church, asked if our children would write a poem about the positive roles our older generation play in our children's lives. On Monday night, the staff judged the entries and I am delighted to announce the winners, who wrote some exceptional poetry, which was both moving and funny to read. The winners were:-

- Lola Flack – 3M – Winner in Lower Key Stage 2
- James Preist – 6W – Winner in Upper Key Stage 2
- Charlie Gray – 4L – Winner of the most original poem.

Well done to all our children who took part; there were some beautiful poems written. The children are attending Church on Sunday to receive their prizes and to read out their compositions. Well done to all our children, who are clearly budding writers!

## **Brilliant Football Tournament!**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January there was a football tournament in Colchester; it was at one of their training grounds called Shrub End. When we got there, we had our own changing room to put all drinks and packed lunches and then we walked out into the soggy mud and rain. Our first game came and it was St. Michael's v St. Joseph's. Suddenly St. Joseph's scored to make it 1-0 but I had a strike myself from the halfway line and hit the crossbar. After that, Alfie scored a really good GOAL to make it 1-1 and I set up the Clark and he scored and then at the end it was 2-1 to St. Michael's at the end of 7 minutes. After that we had to then wait for 2 matches and then we were on the pitch again and the next game started. Overall, we won 3, drew 2 and lost 2. However, we got to the quarter final and won 2-0! I scored a volley and Clark scored another goal from far out and at a difficult angle! We won because we were working brilliantly as a team and we played really well. We were thrilled to reach the semi-final. Sadly we lost 1-0 but it was a great achievement to come third out of 30 schools. My man of the match was Alfie Gilbey because he demonstrated good sportsmanship and always encouraged us. Report by Mishary Said – Year 5





**The Swimming Gala**

At 12:30 on Wednesday afternoon, we set off to Boswells High School for our first ever swimming gala! We got there swiftly, changed and went to sit by the poolside for rules and regulations. The first race was girls Year 5 backstroke and the last was Year 5/6 boys relay. By the end of the gala, there were brilliant performances all round and we finished with smiles.

Even though in the end, we unfortunately came last, everyone tried their best and had fun. Afterwards, we all left Boswells with high spirits and broad grins on our faces.  
Report by Sierra Kargbo – Year 6

**Cinderella**

A spectacular event took place in Galleywood last weekend. Galleywood Theatre Group put on three performances of Cinderella at the Keene Hall and eight of St. Michael’s children were involved. All three performances were a great success and the feedback we received from the audiences was fantastic. I directed the show this year and it was a joy to hear all the children sing as a group.

All eight children loved being involved and taking part in something for the local community. The children involved were:- Archie Anthony, Daniel Selden, Ollie Sweeting, Owen Stevens, Ruby Hatcher, Ruhayla Abdullah, Ruth Selden and Sophie Shead.

Report by Graham Anthony

Well done children, the school is immensely proud of your achievements and for all the hard work that you have put in to make this pantomime such a success.



### **Safeguarding Issue**

We are delighted that so many of our children have taken up the opportunities to join our school clubs. As a matter of safeguarding our children, would parents kindly remember that they must wait for their children on the front playground and not walk onto the back playground. They must not stand and watch the children over the blue fence in the car park either. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

### **Lark in the Park!**

Advance notice! On **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May** in Jubilee Park, there is going to be a sports/fun day and family picnic. It will be held in Jubilee Park starting in the morning and ending about 2:30 pm, in time for people who wish to, to get home and watch the FA Cup Final! This is an early date for parents to put in their diaries. It is a local community event and St. Michael's Junior School will be supporting this Lark in the Park. Please join us!

### **Netball Matches**

On Monday, we travelled with 2 teams to Baddow Hall Junior School for netball matches. The results were a 6-1 and 8-2 defeat, but the girls played some excellent netball and enjoyed playing matches against another school. I would like to thank our netball coaches for their time and everyone who was able to help with transport and support the teams.



### **School Tracksuits and Kit**

Please can you make sure that if your child has a sports shirt or tracksuit that it is washed and returned to the office or Mr Sturton as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct number for our next group. Thanks.

**Menu week 3 next week winter menus – on website.**

**Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Consultation Learning Reviews 4:00 - 7:00 pm - Years 3 and 4**

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Consultation Learning Reviews 8:30 am - 12:30 pm - Years 3 and 4**

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February @ 2:15 pm - Second meeting of the Packed Lunch Working Party

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February @ play time – Cake Sale run by children in Year 3

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for the half term holiday

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Children return to school

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February – Thriftwood Mother’s Day Sale – 10:15 – 12:00 pm

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Consultation Learning Reviews 4:00 - 7:00 pm Years 5 and 6**

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March - Parent Consultation Learning Reviews 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Years 5 and 6**

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March @ 10:30 am - Choir to sing at St. Michael’s Church

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March - The Easter service at St. Michael’s Church @ 10:00 am

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March - Break up for the Easter holiday

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April - Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May - School closed for the May Day Bank Holiday

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May - SATs exam week – Year 6

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Break up for the half term holiday

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July - School closes for the summer holidays

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 - Non-pupil day

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 - non-pupil day

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - Children return to school after the summer break

Yours sincerely



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