

St. Michael's Newsletter



Friday, 4th March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Clubs

Please note that school clubs finish on **Friday, 11th March**. Clubs will resume next term and a new letter will be sent out at the beginning of next term. 11+ club will continue until the end of term.

Superstars



On 1st March all of Year 4 went to a Superstars competition. We competed in events like throwing, catching, basketball and long jump. We all tried our very best and lots of us made new friends from other schools. Princess got a very special certificate and we are all very proud of her. Everyone participated and worked as a team. Year 4 are very proud of themselves!

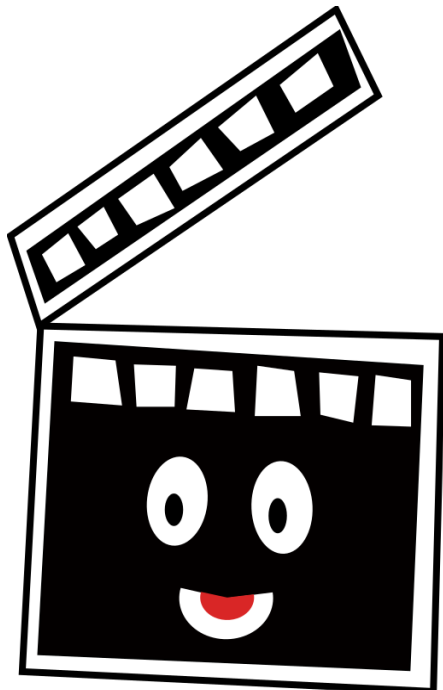
Report written by Harry Brown and Esther Franklin – Class 4L

Learning Reviews

On Monday and Tuesday, it was the turn of Years 5 and 6 to enjoy their learning reviews. There was an excellent turn out from parents, who seemed to thoroughly enjoy listening to their children talking about their learning. We also learnt that giving parents 15 minute slots seemed to be the right amount of time as there was no overrunning as there had been with the lower school. Next time we will give the lower school parents 15 minutes! There have been some excellent suggestions from parents and these will be implemented for the next learning reviews, so thank you for those thoughts. The children certainly seemed to gain an enormous amount of pride from the whole experience.

Thriftwood Sale

Thank you to all our families who supported the Thriftwood Mother's Day Sale. It was very successful and the children really enjoyed talking to the young people from Thriftwood School who were delightful. We received a thank you card from the pupils to say how much they enjoyed coming to St. Michael's. Your comments have been fed back to the staff at Thriftwood. There is no pressure to buy, but the children enjoyed choosing things for their mums.



Film Night

Don't forget Film Night tonight. The film showing is Paddington and there is Dominos Pizza to be eaten! It sounds like the perfect combination. Tickets have to be bought in advance.



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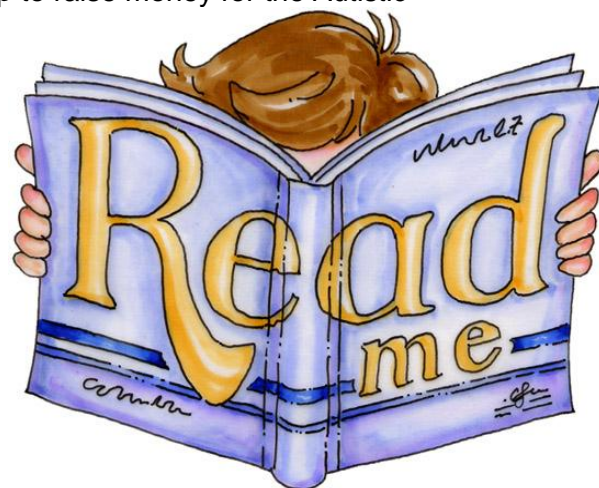
We hope that you all received your SMASH newsletter with details of all the fundraising events that are going to be held this year. Many thanks to all the parents who give up their time so willingly to help run these events and raise money for the children. It is much appreciated by us all.

Onesie Monday

Don't forget to wear a onesie on **Monday 14th March** in support of National Autism Awareness week, which we are supporting in school. There will also be a cake sale at **2:40 on Monday, 14th March** and if your child has any good second hand books that they may have grown out of, please donate them to the school so that they can be sold for 15p or 20p to raise money for the Autistic Society. All books should be taken to Mrs. Steven's room. Thank you.

World Book Day

Well done to all the children who dressed up yesterday with a prop from a story. You all looked magnificent! There will be some work shared in next week's newsletter from the interesting activities that were going on around the school yesterday. They will also be shared in Achievers' today.



Meadows Shopping Centre's Shop for Schools

Shop for Schools sees 20 local primary schools compete for a cash prize of £500 to spend on equipment of their choice, plus there's £100 for the runner and new for 2016 a 3rd prize of a book bundle worth £50.

Parents, carers, pupils, friends and family can collect a token every time they spend £10 or more in a single transaction at the Meadows. Tokens can then be placed in the collection box in the mall. The school with the most tokens wins!!

This campaign runs from Monday 14th March to Sunday 3rd July. St. Michael's have signed up for this so please support us if you shop in The Meadows in Chelmsford. Thank you.

Healthy Homes

Healthy Homes is a joint initiative provided by the British Gas Energy Trust and The Citizens Advice Bureau. It can provide advice and help to households wanting an energy efficient home and to reduce their energy costs. Please see the attached leaflets for more information or talk to Mrs Cullen in school.

Menu week 1 next week winter menus – on website.

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 14th March – Onesie Monday – All children to wear onesies or pyjamas to school to support National Autism Week

Friday, 18th March – Essex Search and Rescue to work with Year 6

Friday, 18th March – Easter Tea after school

Wednesday, 23rd March - The Easter service at St. Michael's Church @ 10:00 am NOTE DATE CHANGE

Thursday, 24th March - Break up for the Easter holiday

Monday, 11th April - Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 12th April - Children return to school

Monday, 2nd May - School closed for the May Day Bank Holiday

Week beginning 9th May – 12th May - SATs exam week – Year 6

Friday 27th May - Break up for the half term holiday

Monday, 6th June - Children return to school

Saturday and Sunday, 25th/26th June – Camp - over

Friday, 1st July – School Sports Day

Saturday, 9th July – Joint Summer Fete with GIS – 12:00 midday – 3:00 pm

Friday, 22nd July - School closes for the summer holidays

Thursday, 1st September 2016 - Non-pupil day

Friday, 2nd September 2016 - Non-pupil day

Monday, 5th September 2016 - Children return to school after the summer break

Yours sincerely



Maria Rumsey
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