

# St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School Newsletter

by Mrs Rumsey



Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019



## Cake Sale

Kassadi and Ava in Year 4 are running a cake sale on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January**. It would be great if you could bring in cakes for them. It will be during break time in the quiet area. They want to raise the last few pounds for 4Mc's new interactive, Smart board. Please help them by bringing in cakes and biscuits to sell on the morning of the cake sale. Thank you for your support. This report was written by Kassadi and Ava in 4Mc.

## Drop In Health Sessions

Please note the new session added at Chetwood Delivery Site in South Woodham Ferrers. The session at St. Michael's Junior School is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the demountable classroom. Please come along for confidential support with your child's health issues.

## Sports News Boccia



On Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, Isobel, Eden and Max B went to play Boccia. We played against 5 other schools, but there were 16 other schools and we won 4 games and lost 1. We came 11<sup>th</sup> and we qualified as winners of the Chelmsford district and competed against other areas of Essex; Robert Drake from Braintree won the finals. Thank you to Mr. Sturton and Mr. Leeding for organising this event. Report written by Eden, Isobel and Max B. in Year 5.



## 4-19 Health Drop In Sessions

Drop in sessions across Chelmsford to gain support and advice for your 4-19 year old around a number of topics/ issues which may be concerning you, including;

- Day and night wetting
- Hearing and vision tests
- Weight and dietary issues
- General physical and emotional health problems
- Sleep/behavioural concerns
- Parenting concerns

**Location:** Chelmsford West Delivery Site, Dixon Avenue, CM1 2AQ

**Time:** 3.15pm- 4.30pm

**Dates:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month

**Location:** Chetwood Delivery Site, Shirebourn Vale, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5ZX

**Time:** 3.15pm- 4.30pm

**Dates:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month

**Location:** The School House (opposite Moulsham Junior School), Princes Road, CM2 9DG

**Time:** 3.15pm- 4.15pm

**Dates:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month

**Location:** St Michaels Junior School, Galleywood, CM2 8RR

**Time:** 2.00pm – 3.00pm

**Dates:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

For further information call: 01245 283396

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We also had the privilege to meet with the Boccia Olympic Gold medalist from Beijing 2008 and Bronze medalist in London 2012.

### Sports Ambassador Training

On Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January me and Olly went to Great Baddow High School to do a sports ambassador training. It was lots of fun. We taught the teachers lots of different activities. Thank you to Mr. Sturton and Mrs. Scott for taking us. Report written by Ruby and Olly in Year 6.



### Visit to West Ham

On Sunday a group of 7 girls visited West Ham training ground to watch West Ham v Manchester City ladies play in the top league of women's football. A great experience for the children who had a great time watching the game and meeting the players after the game to receive photos and autographs from all the players including the England captain who played for Manchester City. The game finished 3-1 to Manchester City. Many thanks to all the parents who drove and helped with the trip in order to give the children this opportunity.

### West Ham v. Manchester City ladies

On Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, seven girls went to watch West ham Ladies play against Manchester City Ladies. It was a very well played match. Both teams tried really hard, but Manchester City won 3-1. At the end of the match, we all got signatures as they were on their way to the changing rooms. Thanks to Mr. Sturton for organising this trip and all the parents that helped transport us there. Report written by Sophie in Year 6 and Caitlin in Year 5.

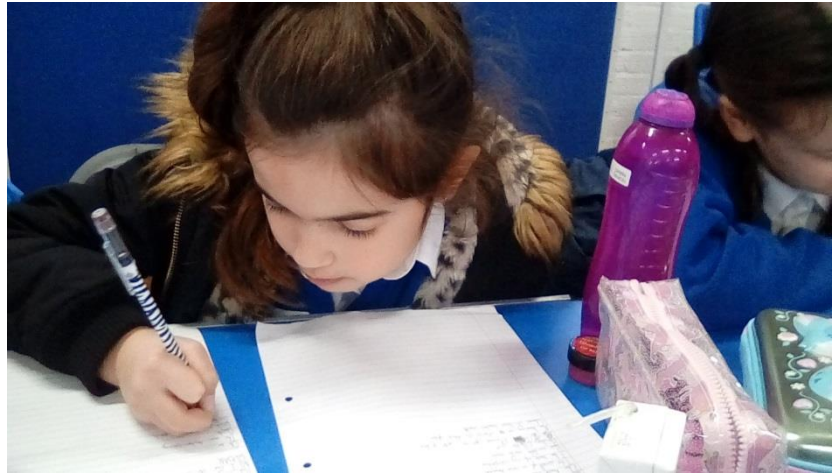
### Girls' Football

On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, some girls went to play a football match against St. Cedd's School. It was great fun but very cold! The score was 1-0 to St. Cedd's. Thank you to Mr. Sturton, Mrs. Cullen and Mrs. Rumsey for driving us there and back.



### THIS WEEK'S LEADERBOARD:

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 Most improved</b>	Reuben W	Casey S	Poppy B
<b>Year 3 Correct Answers</b>	Alessandro E	Tommy W	Isaac M
<b>Year 4 Most improved</b>	Blake M	Mac G	Jessica S
<b>Year 4 Correct Answers</b>	Samuel H	Kimberley W	Harry L
<b>Year 5 Most improved</b>	Robin P	Jasmine P	Leon O
<b>Year 5 Correct Answers</b>	James E	Isabella D	Ethan R
<b>Year 6 Most improved</b>	Ruhayla A	Tijan J	India-Mae M



Year 6 Correct Answers	Yousef E	Jessica B	Oliver L
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**Poetry Writing Day at St. Cedd's School**

On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, Olivia Me, Isabella D., Alfie M and Alexandra B went to St. Cedd's School for a poetry day. We met a poet named Coral Rumble, who shared some of her poems with us and gave us an action packed day of poetry activities, including writing our own poetry. Thanks to Mrs. Orton for making this day possible and Mrs. Rumsey for driving the minibus.

**Rights Respecting Award**



As you may already know, last year we began our journey to become a Rights Respecting School and earned our bronze award. This year we are aiming to achieve silver.

Each month we will be focusing on a particular Article. This month's article is Article 42: You have the right to know your rights. Adults should know about these rights and help you learn about them too.



You may hear your child talking about their rights linked to assemblies or school life. We would love for you to discuss these rights with your children at home; therefore, we have attached a child friendly version of Children's Rights.

If you wish to do any work around this at home, Mrs Bowcher would love to see it!

### **School Clubs**

School clubs will start on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January. You will receive your letters tonight with your allocation on. Thank you.

### **Sugar Smart World Packs**

Your child will be bringing home a Sugar Smart World pack today. The packs include fun games and stickers to help children learn about how much sugar is in their food and drink with their whole family. Please have a look at the information with your child. Thank you.

### **Attendance Update- Learning Hours Lost**

When a child does not attend school they miss out on significant hours of learning opportunities (broadly calculated, 5 hours for every two sessions missed) which are unlikely to be covered again. This places a child at significant risk of falling behind their peers and therefore not reaching their potential. Please find below a table indicating how many hours may be lost due to absence.

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

### **Punctuality**

When a child is late for school, they also miss out a huge amount of education. For example, missing 5 minutes each day adds up to 3 days lost per year, missing 15 minutes each day adds up to 2 weeks lost per year and being 30 minutes late each day adds up to 19 days per year. Arriving on time is as important as being in school every day. Parents often voice concern when their child is not reaching their potential and particularly if they are not meeting age related expectations. Poor attendance and punctuality is a core reason for poor achievement at school.

### **Fun Strings**

Would your child like to join an ensemble for the violin?

Fun Strings is an ensemble open to complete beginners (just on open strings) to grade 2. In rehearsals members sing songs and play games as well as learning a variety of music. They are currently working on a piece written just for Fun Strings by an Essex composer, John Chilingworth.

If you are interested in your child joining the ensemble please email [Jenni.thompson@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Jenni.thompson@essex.gov.uk) saying they would like to join Fun Strings. The next rehearsal is in Felsted on 27<sup>th</sup> January from 9:30am until 12:30pm. Cost is £7.50 per child. Your child will need to come with their violin.

### **Dinner Menu**

Next week will be week 1 menu.

### **Diary Dates**

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – School closes for the half-term holiday

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February – Staff and children return to school

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February @ 3:40 pm – 7:00 pm – Learning Review Meetings/Parent Consultation meetings

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 'Wild West' Day

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 10:00 am – Easter service at St. Michael's Church

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for the Easter holiday

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April – School reopens for staff and children

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May- Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – SATs week for children in Year 6 only

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for the Whitsun half-term holiday

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Staff and children return to school

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July @ 10:00 am – Leavers' Service at St. Michael's Church

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July – school closes for the summer holidays

Yours sincerely,



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