

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School Newsletter by Mrs Rumsey



Friday, 25th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,



THIS WEEK'S LEADERBOARD:

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 Most improved	Marney K	Georgie C	Elizabeth R
Year 3 Correct Answers	Alessandro E	Tommy W	Isaac M
Year 4 Most improved	Zanib Z	Millie C	Zach C
Year 4 Correct Answers	Oliver W	Samuel H	Harry L
Year 5 Most improved	Zak M	James D	Hannah L
Year 5 Correct Answers	Megan B	Ethan R	James E
Year 6 Most improved	Ruhayla A	Erin M	N/A
Year 6 Correct Answers	Leo G	Yousef E	Jessica B

National Survey on Special Educational Needs Support

Essex is part of a nationwide survey, called the Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool, or 'POET' for short. The POET survey gives children, young people, parents, carers and practitioners the chance to share their views on Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and Special Educational Needs (SEN) support and the impact it has had on their lives. The survey can be completed once a year and helps to build a picture of what is working and what could be better. If you would like your views to be included, please complete the questionnaire on the Essex Local Offer website. www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/poet.

Painted Stones

Year 3 have been learning about the Trinity and how the Holy Spirit can be seen all around if you look carefully. We thought about ways in which we can remind others that He is with us so we designed and created our own painted rocks with words of wisdom such as peace, joy and love. Next time you are in school, if you look carefully enough, you might spot one of our stones. Please feel free to admire - that is what they're there for, however, we do ask that you do not touch these as they are there to make others happy and we would be very upset if any got lost or damaged - Mrs Bowcher.

Sportshall Athletics

On Tuesday afternoon, the children in Year 6 attended the finals of the Sportshall Athletics at Melbourne Park. The children performed magnificently and were a delight to take out. Out of 28 schools, we came a brilliant 3rd place! Well done children you were magnificent.

On Tuesday, 22nd January 18 children from Year 6 went off to the athletics final at Melbourne Park Sports Centre. We competed in several field and track events, including chest push, long jump, vertical jump, under and over, obstacle race and lots more. In total, we got 220 points and came 3rd out of 28 schools. Thank you to Mr. Sturton, Miss Taverner, Mr. Leeding and Mrs. Rumsey. Report written by Leo, Oliver and Hollie in 6S.

Amazon Wish List for St Michaels

Some parents have asked whether there is a way that they can support the School with small purchases such as stationery. Although we provide all pupils with such resources in the School, in these times of tightening budgets and decreased funding we welcome any support offered.

An Amazon Wish List has been set up which currently includes items from coloured dots for books to a full anatomical skeleton! Please note there is absolutely no obligation to take part in this project but it is available for those who wish to do so.

To access our Wish List:

1. Log in to your own Amazon account
2. Click on "Your Lists and Find a List"
3. Type "St Michael's Galleywood" into the search box
4. Select the default St Michael's Galleywood list
5. Review items on the list and select anything you would like to purchase – no item is too small
6. Add the selection to your basket
7. Tick "This is a gift"
8. View Shopping Basket
9. Proceed to checkout
10. Under the St Michael's School address select "Deliver to this address"
11. In the box "Enjoy your gift..." make sure you include your name if you would like a "thank you for making a gift" in our newsletter (don't worry no gift is too small we will not mention what it was) or delete to make your gift anonymous.
12. Save gift options
13. Continue
14. Pay for your items in the usual way and the gift will be delivered to St Michael's.

Alternatively you can use the following link in your browser and then log in <http://amzn.eu/iIEmThI> .

A big thank you in advance to all those who support this initiative. Please note that any items purchased for the School will be distributed on a needs basis, not on the basis of the contributor's connection to a particular child or child's class.

Photographing children

If you take photographs or videos of your child at a school event, please could I remind you that this should not be shared on any social media platforms if it contains pictures of any other children. Thank you for your understanding.

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 saying they would like to join Fun Strings. The next rehearsal is in Felsted on 27th 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 2 menu.

Please note that the lunch next Thursday will be chicken curry (this has replaced the chicken and sweet potato curry). The vegetarian option remains unchanged.

Diary Dates

Friday, 15th February 2019 – School closes for the half-term holiday

Monday, 25th February – Staff and children return to school

Wednesday, 27th and Thursday, 28th February @ 3:40 pm – 7:00 pm – Learning Review

Meetings/Parent Consultation meetings

Thursday 14th March – Year 6 'Wild West' Day

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

Friday, 5th April – School closes for the Easter holiday

Tuesday, 23rd April – School reopens for staff and children

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

Friday, 24th May – Break up for the Whitsun half-term holiday

Monday, 3rd June – Staff and children return to school

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

Friday, 19th July – school closes for the summer holidays

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher