

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg

This newsletter is a celebration of all of your efforts at home and at school. It is jam packed full of amazing examples of work and you should all feel proud of your achievements!

This week, I have enjoyed visiting the year 3 bubble and celebrating their achievements with maths. I am sure that you were successful at home too, well done. The snow has also been a welcome surprise and for many of you an opportunity to move away from your screens and build a snowman or just to have fun in the snow. The children at school have been playing in the snow on the field and we have had fun drawing snowmen in the snow and building them! I have a feeling that it wont last much longer though as the sun is shining as I write this!

I hope you all have an amazing, relaxing, safe half term.

Important dates for your diary SpringTerm:

15 th - 19th February	Half term
22 nd February	Inset day – no children in school

Please note that the Inset Day is a staff training day so the school will not be providing Lockdown Learning.

Our Website

Remember that you can access lots of important information on our website which you may find useful during this period of home learning. Please take a look on <http://st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/> .

Safeguarding:

The '2' Johns

Thank you to those of you who have fed back to me how useful you found the virtual session with the '2' Johns. They certainly are experts in their field. As soon as we have further dates for sessions we will advertise them in the newsletter.

I attended and among the several new things I discovered was an introduction to the chat app '**Discord**'. This has become the preferred chat 'add on' for many of the online games children are playing including '**Among Us**'. The problem is it avoids the parental controls of the game itself and is enabling strangers to contact, chat with and befriend our children, which in worst case scenarios is leading to child sexual exploitation and enticing children into drugs.

Coincidentally – I had a phone call from a parent this week asking for advice as they were shocked to discover their child had downloaded the **Discord** app independently and was now in group chats with countless strangers. The content of the chat, including the subject matter and language being used, was extremely upsetting.

The '2' Johns website has lots of information for parents on how to keep their child safe online. It's worth a look:

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

Have an enjoyable half term. We hope we see you and your children soon. Mrs Cullen

TTRS Results Tables for last week:

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 5th Feb

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Bradán R	Isabel-Rose C	Ronni A
Year 3 most correct answers	Radinu W	Tommy G	Riley W
Year 4 most improved	Amelia C	Lily-May P	Mia S
Year 4 most correct answers	Louis S	Joseph N	Caleb O
Year 5 most improved	Kelsey-Ann T	Eva M	Frankey A
Year 5 most correct answers	Tyler V	Isaac M	Max J
Year 6 most improved	James JL	Aimee S	Molly S
Year 6 most correct answers	Jack H	Blake M	Finn R

Year 3	552
Year 4	545
Year 5	321
Year 6	219

HOME LEARNING - PHOTO GALLERY

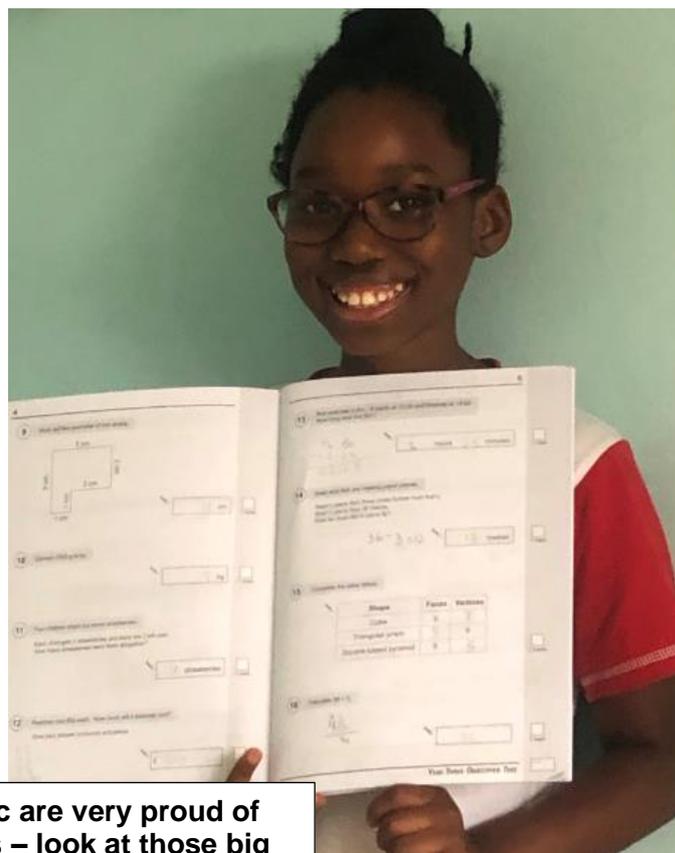
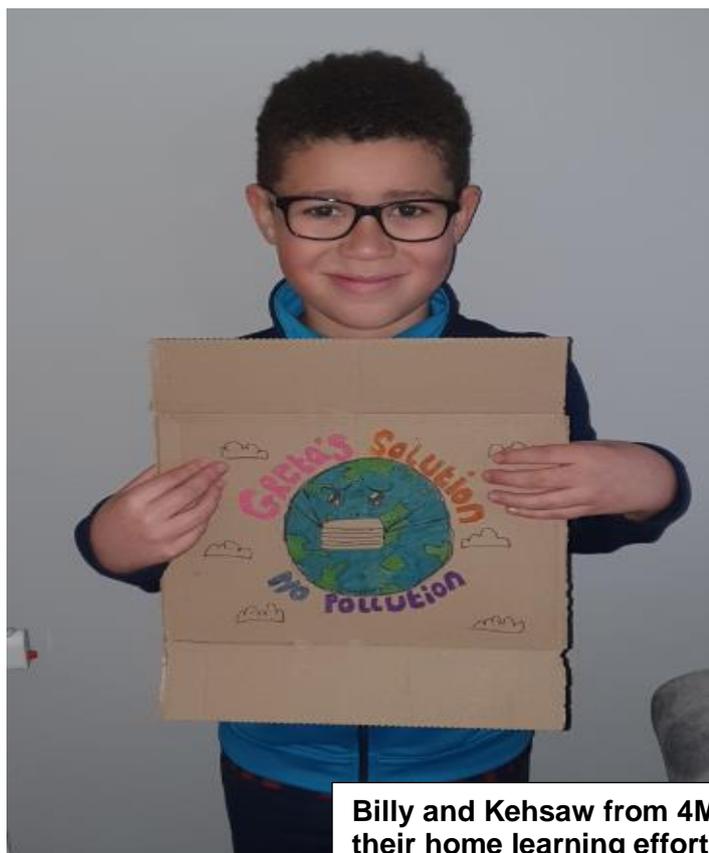


In 3W, Lilly-Rose enjoyed playing Phonics Pong to learn those tricky words! Benjamin enjoyed adding speech bubbles to pictures of suffragettes for his English work.



Year 4 bubble holding their own Climate Change March and Dylan, Cassie and Dion's Climate Change posters. Great to see you using your voice, Year 4!

HOME LEARNING - PHOTO GALLERY



Billy and Kehsaw from 4Mc are very proud of their home learning efforts – look at those big smiles!



Sophia S in 4Mc and Riley in 5O both drew pictures of Captain Sir Tom in tribute to him.

HOME LEARNING - PHOTO GALLERY

Another eye witness Bob Twitter told us, "The get-away van accelerated away through the crowded streets leaving the scene of the crime."

The police pursued the suspects by car. During the chase, damage to vehicles was caused however no serious injuries.

Bystander, Images Hornsby had this to say, "The noise was so loud it woke my baby, I was so scared." Persecutor George Green ~~to this to say~~ also commented "The noise was so tough loud it was like a bomb that was war."

In Year 6, Jack H and Nathaniel have produced some great journalistic writing based on 'Spiderman' and Ava has worked hard on this piece of work based on Hinduism.

At 18:25 sightings of Spiderman came flooding in. I was gobbergasted to see Spiderman swinging from his web." Said Oscar car Car. "I was totally speechless."

By 18:30 it was reported that police had arrested the suspects after rescuing them from a giant web. The two suspects have been identified as Tom Pine (age 28) and Leon Blue (aged 32).

The two spent the night in police custody a waiting trial. Oxford Circus remained closed due to the major clean up which is currently under way.

Police are ~~appearing~~ appealing

1st Feb. Spiderman newspaper report

By Nathaniel Beere 65

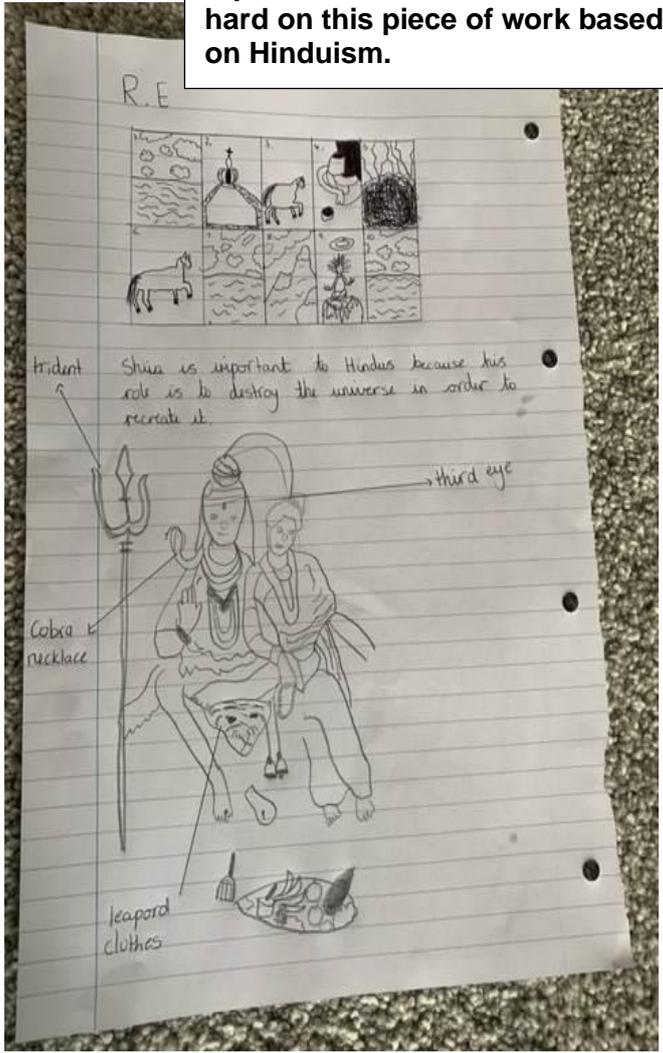
It is believed that the primary report was made by ~~phonecall~~ at 17:20 from Malibu Coffee Shop, which was packed with commuters (who were on their way home from work). Startled bystanders described a chaotic and worrying scene involving a giant robot, with screams of terror erupting from the coffee shop. They reported their shock at the robot's sudden appearance on an otherwise ordinary day, with one woman, who didn't want to be named, claiming, "Its eyes glowed like magma!"

About 25 minutes after the initial ~~phonecall~~, police arrived on scene and swarmed like angry bees around the metallic goliath, which had smashed its way through the coffee shop walls, several apartments and the bank. Chunks of concrete, shards of glass and metal bars rained down like meteorites as the police scrambled towards their cars. Emergency services were flooded with ~~phonecalls~~ as the metal monster's rampage continued towards the monument of London: Big Ben. At this time, reports began to emerge of a second curious figure (clad in red and blue) swinging from building to building, along Oxford Street. "He came from nowhere!" stated Eddie Brock, 26, of Essex. Minutes later, bystanders realised the robot was a distraction, as a silver Mercedes whizzed past with money flying out of its open windows, which was believed to be the suspects' vehicle. It was reported that at 6pm that the police gave chase, as the suspects fired gunshots (using automatic rifles) from the car windows. However, investigators believe it was the mystery man who apprehended the criminals, after a crash involving the silver Mercedes. They were discovered tied up with something the detective described as "sticky stuff, a bit like a spider's web!"

The suspects were later found out by the police and from the PDD (Private Detective Department) that they were Bobby Bopple (aged 24) and Liam Thompson (aged 26). The criminals had been involved in several robberies and attempted car theft. They also had been avoiding arrest from the police for 5 years. "Currently, these two are being interviewed to see how they got the robot." said the chief detective.

Although it seems that no one suffered serious injuries there was heavy damage to the bank and several vehicles, but luckily no one was inside so no one got any major bodily damage.

Edits shown in purple



HOME LEARNING - PHOTO GALLERY

Sophisticated city.
 Guarded by an Impeccably
 equipped Garrison.
 Shrouded high soil
 Shield of substantial rock.
 Thriving.

Launched attack.
 Splattering orange arrows over
 Citizens unsuspecting.
 Sword of riotous bursting lava,
 Shield of unstoppable destruction.
 Mercenary.

DESTRUCTION!

Like a hibernating bear,
 In a peaceful slumber,
 Overlooking its thriving habitat,
 Beautiful and majestic at rest.

Mouths agog as the bear awakens,
 Spewing lava like a furious dragon ready for war,
 Raging forwards devouring everything in its path,
 Shooting out a lethal orange glow,
 Destruction!

Like a dandelion ready to be
 blown out,
 Overlooking a bright, glowing
 city,
 Sparking at the innocent souls
 who would not know what was
 coming,
 Still,
 The tears had been let out.
 Spewing red rays over the cake,
 Forever fighting the shadows,
 Dropping upwards instead of down,
 Demon from the inside coming out
 to play.
 Rumbling

BOX IT UP!
 Recount from the perspective of: Evonne

Para-graph	Content	Key vocab/openers
1 8am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had breakfast • plotting secret • vision • Beg over MV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was • I was planning • I was • I was
2 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black smoke started coming out of the volcano • nothing normal • Bursts small 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was • I was • I was
3 3 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash spreading over the sky • A house was on fire • people around me started screaming • what was going on? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was • I was • I was
4 5 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaring parents • Escaping from death • lightning striking • Buildings on fire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was • I was • I was
5 8 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sky was eerie • Found it hard to breathe • could hear faint rattle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was • I was • I was

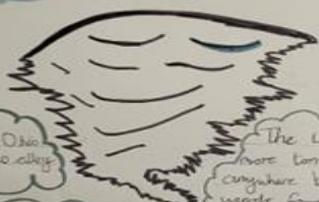
In Year 5, Reuben, Mia and Lily have written vivid poetry telling the story of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, Jess has been hard at work planning her recount of the same event and Poppy has compared tornadoes in the USA to those that occur in the UK.



USA

Texas is the deadliest killed 695 people in 1925 in T.I. Texas.

1000 a year on average



Texas is Ohio is tornado alley

59 tornadoes have been F5 rated

The US has more tornadoes than anywhere because of winds from Mexico and the Rocky Mountains create perfect conditions



UK

30-50 a year

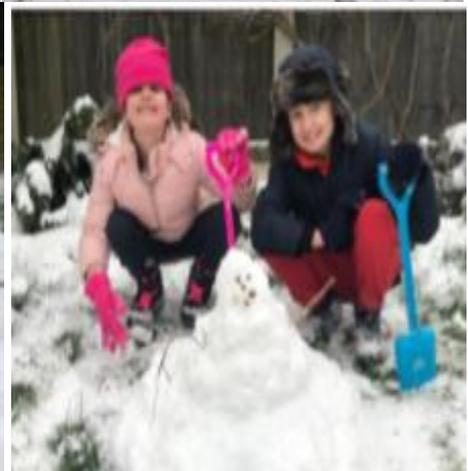
2005 Birmingham tornado was one of the worst

1 F5 strength in 1091 in London, 160 rth

78% of tornadoes are mostly in England

The area between London and Reading is known as British tornado alley

FEBRUARY IS SNOW MUCH FUN!



HOME LEARNING - PHOTO GALLERY

In 3J, Gruff made a cross cake for RE, finished off with his favourite toys depicting his hobbies and Leo made his superhero self!



It's hard to believe that another two weeks have passed by and that we have now reached the end of this half term! Six weeks of hard work, adaptability and positivity from all and we have achieved so much as a school community. Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and rejuvenating half term and we are looking forward to working with you all again after the break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Orton