



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



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## A message from Mrs Prigg

With World Book Day yesterday, the school was filled with colour and excitement and the children had clearly been very creative especially in disguising their book with very cryptic clues!!! I really enjoyed trying to guess many of them, as did the children. I look forward to seeing photos from those children at home in their cloaks. We also hope that you enjoyed the Masked Reader challenge, how many did you guess correctly?

I have also enjoyed reading messages from some children on Purple Mash as well as seeing all the photos of the work that has been completed at home. As Lockdown Learning comes to an end, I would just like to say a big thank you to all the families for supporting their children to engage so well in their work at home. Staff have been so impressed with how positive, resilient and resourceful the children have been and we are really proud of all of your efforts. I would also like to praise all of the St Michael's staff for their hard work and resourcefulness.

## Important dates for your diary SpringTerm:

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Return to school
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of term

### Our Website

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

## Safeguarding:

### Disney Plus Star or Disney Plus\*

Disney Plus has been great source of entertainment for adults and children alike during our three lockdowns. It has kept us busy and amused. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Feb, Disney launched a new platform Disney Plus Star or Disney Plus\*. This part of the streaming site contains material not suitable for Under 18's. To learn more visit Disney Plus parental controls.

### School website

Our school website has a specific section on Wellbeing and Safety which includes safeguarding and emotional wellbeing. Following the links below will take you straight there:

<https://st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/>

<https://st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/mental-health-emotional-wellbeing/>

<https://st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/e-safety/>

## TTRS Results Tables for last week:

### Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 26.02.21

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 most improved</b>	Archie D	Oliver I	Isabel-Rose
<b>Year 3 most correct answers</b>	Radinu W	Isaac H	Tommy G
<b>Year 4 most improved</b>	Kaiden W	Nehzii T	Niamh M
<b>Year 4 most correct answers</b>	Louis S	Caleb O	Lucy W
<b>Year 5 most improved</b>	Maisie N	Harry N	Marley C
<b>Year 5 most correct answers</b>	Tyler V	Isaac M	Marney K
<b>Year 6 most improved</b>	Oliver W		
<b>Year 6 most correct answers</b>	Jack H	Finn R	Oliver W

# HOME LEARNING - PHOTO GALLERY



Pearl in 4MC relaxing in the River Chelmer and then doing a spot of litter picking too!

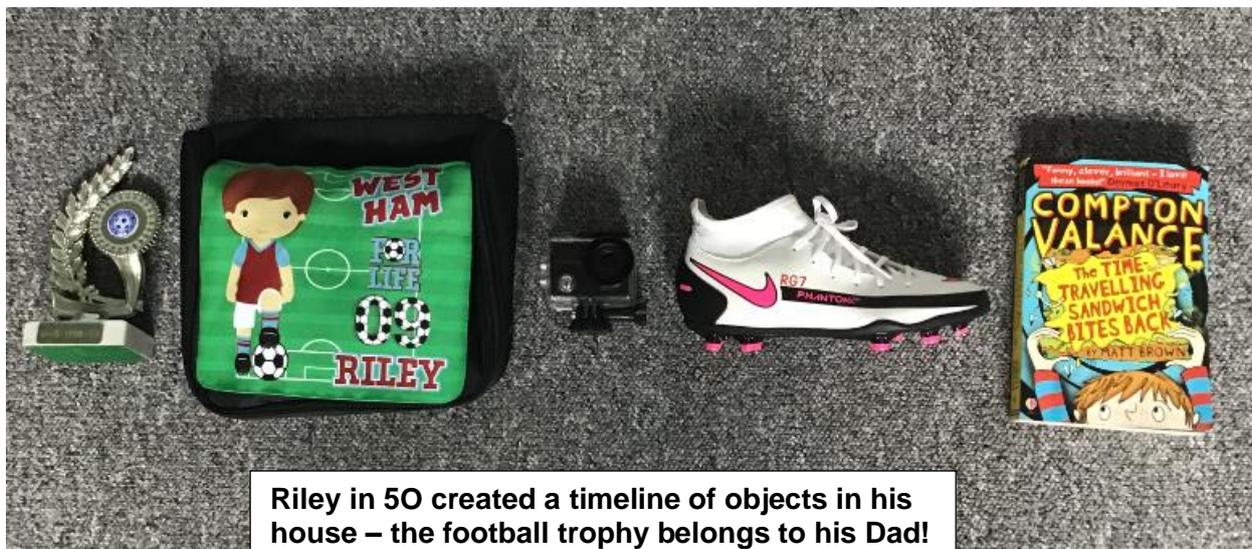


Lily P in 4M created a wonderful sketch map of Galleywood.



5O were set the challenge of giving something at home a new function or purpose. Finn decided that his tortoise, Arnie, should become a dinosaur! Apparently, he fitted into the carnivorous dinosaur category nicely and happily spent the day in role!

# HOME LEARNING - PHOTO GALLERY



Riley in 5O created a timeline of objects in his house – the football trophy belongs to his Dad!

dog food

Food 🍦 🍌 🍌

either pet food working dog food

Megan in 5O chose to produce a database for different types of dog food while Georgie in 5L opted for far yummiier looking food!

# HOME LEARNING - PHOTO GALLERY

## The London Scene

### MYSTERIOUS SPIDER WEB CATCHES POLICE CAR

Late last night, an epic car chase occurred, when police had to hunt down the infamous diner bandits (who rob restaurants for cash) through the bustling streets of Oxford Circus in London.

At 11.30pm last night, police answered an emergency call to Derek's Diner in Oxford Circus. The well-known diner bandits, burst into the restaurant, aimed a shotgun at the staff and demanded the cash from all the tills. Restaurant manager Rob (a local man aged 34) told us that although he was terrified, he knew he had to hand it all over ASAP. Despite being upset at giving away all of the earnings, he said "I was gutted but I knew it had to be done and at least no one was harmed and we survived."

The city soon became flooded with armed police vehicles, as they chased the criminals through the packed streets of Oxford Circus.

Crowds of terrified people scrambled to safety, scared for their lives. John Felix said "I was on my way home from work when suddenly I witnessed a high speed chase between the diner bandits and the police." Clearly flabbergasted he continued "I have never seen anything like this before, it was mayhem and I was dumbstruck."

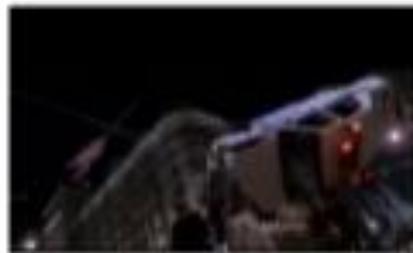


Two police cars spin out of control during the high speed chase.

After 15 long minutes, the diner bandits suddenly drove recklessly towards the police. The officers tried turning right round to avoid a head on collision but it was too late.

Just when everyone thought that the police were doomed, a spider like man came swooping in and saved the police. Eye-witnesses stated that a mysterious web caught the car in mid air.

Sergeant Jeff Pots (head of the investigation) explained "We were about to hit the ground when a mysterious spider man appeared and shot out an enormous web which saved our lives."



Strange web and figure save the police at the last moment.

Shortly after this, the criminals were apprehended and taken to the nearest police station to be questioned and charged.

The police and public are all left wondering who this mysterious spider man is. Everyone agrees that they would like to thank him but the question is...Who is he?

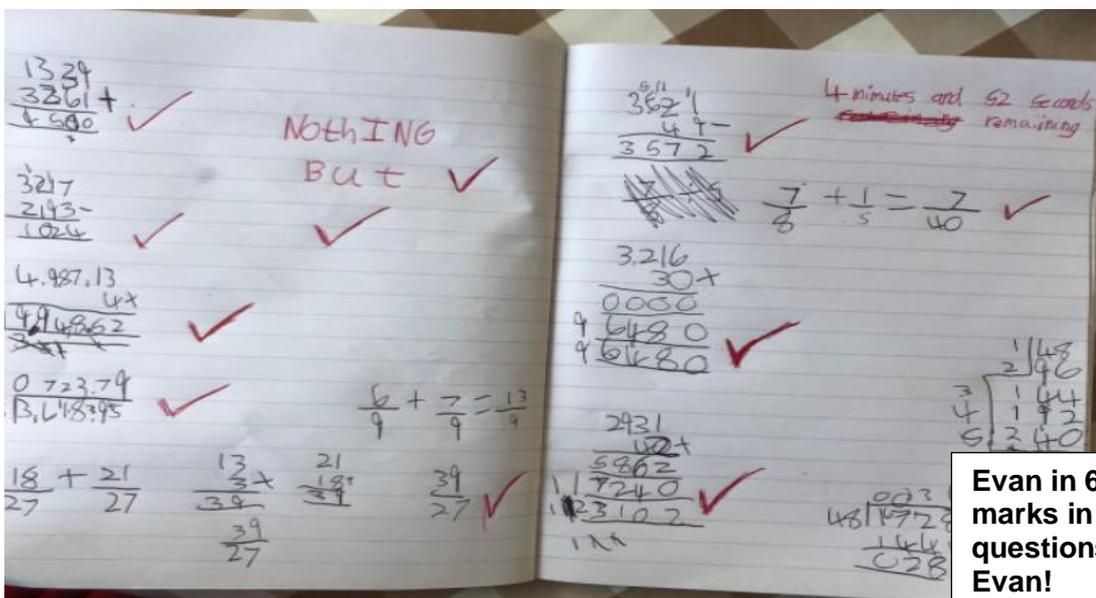
A finished newspaper report based on a Spiderman unit of writing by Charlie J in 6D.

# HOME LEARNING - PHOTO GALLERY

A setting description of a Victorian London street by Trinity in 6D. I feel like I'm right there!

## A description of a Victorian London street – by Trinity (6D)

From a birds eye view, London seemed encapsulated by a pillow of smog. Along the city's skyline, boats were seen winding their way through the River Thames. Along the cobbled streets, the overcast shadowed over the people creating an atmosphere of gloom, dread and a fearful ambience. On the streets of London, the atmosphere was filled with chaos as market vendors manically set their stall out. In the midst, of the chaotic street stood a dilapidated shabby house. Up the ancient concrete steps was gas lamps and iron railings with big windows inviting sunshine through.



Evan in 6D regularly scores full marks in his arithmetic questions – super working, Evan!



Charlotte S in 3J made 50 cookies to celebrate completing 100 days of school.

### **Welcome to the world, baby Arthur!**

Just before half term, Mr Leeding and his wife were blessed with a gorgeous addition to their family: baby Arthur. Staff in school have been cooing over baby photos as Mr Leeding adapts to being a daddy of two. We are delighted for Mr Leeding, his wife, Steff, and big sister Freya and send them our best wishes at this joyous time.



### **Staff past and present**

At the end of last half term, Mrs Lack moved on from St Michael's to begin a new venture. We thank her for all that she has done for the school and wish her luck for the future. Over the past year and a half, we have also wished Miss Mackintosh good luck in her new venture.

So, Monday is the day that our home learning becomes school learning again! We cannot wait to greet your children next week and are SO excited to get back to all being safely together again in school. On behalf of all of our staff here at St Michael's, I would just like to say thank you to you, your children and other family members who have helped out along the way, for what has been a very productive time at home and in school. You have shown resilience, creativity, motivation, perseverance, positivity and so the list could go on! We are so appreciative.

Have a lovely weekend – I am doing a sunshine dance for us all now!

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Orton*