

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



A message from Mrs Prigg

After so long, not being able to run themed days we are certainly making up for it! Both the World Book Day and the Science Day last week were fantastic!

The children certainly enjoyed all the Science activities, and we must thank our guest speakers for coming in – the x-rays from the vet were weird and wonderful!

Another busy week next week with the Shakespeare touring company and celebrating the festival of Holi. We hope the children enjoy these activities as much.

Important dates for your diary

Spring Term:

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| March 14 th | Shakespeare group 'Find the Will' to visit Years 3 and 4 |
| March 15 th | Shakespeare group 'Find the Will' to visit Years 5 and 6 |
| March 16 th | Holi Day |
| March 18 th | Red Nose Day |
| March 24 th | Wear a Hat Day |
| March 31 st | Easter service at the Church |
| April 1 st | Spring term ends |
| April 4 th | Easter holidays |
| April 19 th | Children return - summer term |
| May 9 th | SATs week |
| May 18 th | Year 6 to Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple (8.30am - 2.30pm) - details to follow |
| May 27 th | Inset day - teacher training day |
| May 30 th | Half Term |
| June 6 th | Inset day - teacher training day |
| June 7 th | Children return to school |

Our website

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

Dinner Menu

Next week's menu will be week 2.

Amazon Wish List

If you would like to help the school, have a look at our Amazon wish-list – no gift is too small and every gift is important to us.

You can use the following link in your browser to access our wish list and then log in <http://amzn.eu/ilEmThI> .

Safeguarding

The world is a scary place for children and the current situation in Ukraine is on many children's minds. Parents know their children best and need to make judgements on how much their children need to know, but we need to be mindful that many children have access to the internet and are aware of more than we know. The 2 Johns have made a video for parents to help guide them with supporting their children at this time. Please follow the link below:

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

CBBC Newsround is another useful resource that can help explain things (not just about Ukraine) in very child friendly ways.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Links discussed at the Parent Voice will be sent separately.

Remembering Mr Jonathan – the fundraising begins!

Fundraising now begins to raise the money for the commemorative bench for Mr Jonathan. A letter has been sent out this week about 'Wear a Hat Day' on the 24th March – this will kick-start our fundraising efforts.

Thank you to our Governing Body and SMASH who have both made generous donations towards the cost of the bespoke bench – these have been very gratefully received and appreciated.

If you would like to make a personal donation towards the cost of the bench or have a whizzy idea for fundraising, please see me (Mrs Orton) or the office. All contributions – financial and otherwise – will be very gratefully received.

Charity Events

RED NOSE DAY

On the 18th March, we will be asking all of the children to wear a red outfit – and a red nose, if they have one!

UNICEF

We are donating £100 to Unicef in light of the Ukrainian crisis. The money has been raised from the last two Saint Day cake sales – thank you for your support with the cake sales, they have been a roaring success!

World Book Day 2022

A great day was had by all last Thursday, as St Michael's celebrated World Book Day in style!



TTRS results for the fortnight:

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 25.02.22

| | First | Second | Third |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Year 3 most improved | Harry S | Robert M | Harper C |
| Year 3 most correct answers | Peony G | Grace C | Rhea P |
| Year 4 most improved | Thomas G | Leo H | Marleigh B |
| Year 4 most correct answers | Radinu W | Riley W | Giselle B |
| Year 5 most improved | Scarlet WN | Alice B | Finley N |
| Year 5 most correct answers | Scarlet WN | Caleb O | Joseph N |
| Year 6 most improved | Oscar L | | |
| Year 6 most correct answers | Isaac M | Maisie N | Oscar L |

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| Year 4 | 117 |
| Year 3 | 69 |
| Year 5 | 63 |
| Year 6 | 33 |

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 04.03.22

| | First | Second | Third |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Year 3 most improved | Robert M | David B | Zoe I |
| Year 3 most correct answers | Bertie C & Peony G | Edie D | Zoe I |
| Year 4 most improved | <u>Bradán R</u> | Freya S | Alfie LS |
| Year 4 most correct answers | Giselle B | Finley S | <u>Radinu W</u> |
| Year 5 most improved | <u>Somah L</u> | Finley N | Charlie F |
| Year 5 most correct answers | Lucy W | Joseph N | Scarlet WN |
| Year 6 most improved | Tamara H | Sophie S | Alessandro E |
| Year 6 most correct answers | Oliver B | Tommy W | Alessandro E |



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| Year 4 | 668 |
| Year 3 | 116 |
| Year 6 | 107 |
| Year 5 | 61 |

Science Day



Food Bank Donations

Thank you for all of your food bank donations to date. We are continuing to collect via our boxes in the front foyer and the following items are currently required:

FOOD ITEMS

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FRUIT SQUASH

TINNED RICE PUDDING

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

POWDERED POTATO SACHETS

POWDERED CUSTARD SACHETS

NON-FOOD ITEMS

MENS DEODORANT

MENS SHAMPOO

TOILET ROLLS

Our Values Champions



Congratulations to the following children for receiving a St. Michael's Value Award during the last fortnight:

These children have received a 'Love' Value Award:

Sophie, Georgie, Advik, Ella S (6S)

These children have received a 'Faith' Value Award:

Kelsey-Ann (6S)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award:

George T(4R), Ronni-Mae (3J), Max, Nathan, Mia (6S)

These children have received a 'Respect' Value Award:

Kayce-Lee, Georgie x 2, Ruby, Ella S (6S)

There is so much going on in school – we're busy, busy, busy! Children and staff alike are very much looking forward to the Shakespeare workshops scheduled for next week – it's great to be able to welcome visitors into our school again.

Have a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Orton