

Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



A message from Mrs Prigg

Years 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trips this week and it was really nice to be able to provide these opportunities for the children, who haven't had the opportunity to go on trips over the last few years. Some of the children participated in the Spellcasters competition at GBHS (see below) and 'Singing for the Brain' was held once again in the Cathedral (see below). We are really proud of all the children that have represented the school this week.

The Gardening club are busy growing rhubarb and sprouts! and planted wild flowers and courgettes too!

Important dates for your diary

Summer Term:

27 th May	INSET day
30 th May	Half-term
6 th June	INSET day
22 nd June	Parent Voice 3
29 th June	Year 5 taster day at GBHS (9am – 2.45pm)
1 st July	Reports out to parents
5 th July	Year 6 evening production performance (7pm)
5 th July	GBHS transition (more details to follow)
6 th July	GBHS transition (more details to follow)
6 th July	Year 4 residential
7 th July	GBHS transition (more details to follow)
7 th July	Year 6 evening production performance (7pm)
8 th July	Year 6 Sandon induction
8 th July	Year 4 back from residential
13 th July	Sports day
15 th July	Year 6 Leaving Festival (organised by parents)
16 th July	SMASH Summer Fayre
18 th July	Open afternoon/meet the teacher (3:30pm-4:30pm) (more details to follow)
20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' service at the church
21 st July	Last day of term.

Dinner Menu

Next week's menu will be week 3.

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/>.

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/iIEmThI>.

Safeguarding

Online Grooming

There have been several cases this week reported by Essex Police regarding primary school age girls being groomed online and persuaded to pose provocatively and/or perform sexual acts on themselves which are recorded and shared by the perpetrator via platforms such as Facetime & TikTok. Online grooming is real and happens to boys as well! Use the link below to find out more to help you protect your children

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-grooming/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI1q2UmKyn9wIVlWDmCh3L5g2SEAAAYASAAEgliMvD_BwE

TikTok – Fake Accounts

It is extremely easy to set up a TikTok account using anyone's name therefore very easy to set up a Fake Account. This is one of the reasons that the minimum age to have an account is 13.

We have added links below that parents can use to gain information on the app itself, but also general advice on keeping their children safe online. Can I please request that you talk to your children about this issue.

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

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok#How%20safe%20is%20TikTok>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/#is-tiktok-safe>

Intergenerational Work – St Michael's as the hub for Galleywood's Dementia Friendly Community

Singing for the Brain

Some of our children sang at the Singing for the Brain concert on the 19th and our Intergenerational Club addressed the audience about why being part of a Dementia Friendly Community is so important to them. Singing 'Mister Blue Sky' in Chelmsford Cathedral to a huge audience, our upper school choir members did us more than proud. I think their favourite bit was leading us all in the YMCA at the end too! Cassie, Kadi and Amelia from Year 5 spoke on behalf of all of our pupils about our Dementia Friendly Community, pre, during and post Covid. They were confident, articulate and made perfect ambassadors for our school. Very well done to all involved and special thanks to Mrs Maxwell for preparing our choristers so well and Mrs Scott and Mrs Gannicott for accompanying us there.



Denim for Dementia Day – Monday 16th May

We dressed in denim to mark Dementia Action Week on Monday this week, raising over £170 for the Alzheimer's Society. Thank you to all who supported this event. Here we all are looking fabulous in forget-me-not blue!



Paint Pals

As part of our ongoing partnership with Manor Lodge Care Home, pupils from 5O produced forget-me-not themed artwork to send in the post to our friends there. I would be delighted to receive post like this! We are looking forward to seeing what they send back to us.



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

- CRISPS
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- CUPPA SOUPS
- POWDERED CUSTARD SACHETS
- TEA BAGS (40 PACKS)
- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- LONG LIFE MILK (FULL/SEMI)
- SACHETS POWDERED POTATO

Running for Mr Jonathan

We completed the 10km Colchester Zoo Stampede last Sunday! Raising almost £640 in sponsorship money, we braved the humid weather and the many hills and completed the race in very respectable times. This means that our memorial bench for Mr Jonathan is now completely paid for and we hope to have it in situ shortly after half term. Thank you so much to all who have contributed to this and supported us – we are appreciative beyond words.



Mrs Orton and Mrs Rodwell

Rounders Competition



On Monday 16th May, 14 children from Year 6 travelled to Great Baddow High School to take part in a rounders competition.

We arrived, were reminded of the rules and were allowed to practice beforehand. First we played Perryfield School. We batted first and unfortunately lost the match but did get everyone on their team out when fielding. We lost 8 – 4 to them. Continuing on, we played Bishops. Once again, we batted first and scored lots of rounders. We won that match 7 ½ - 6. Our final match was the hardest. They were quite skillful and very good at bowling. At the end, we sadly lost. In the end, we came 3rd which didn't get us through but we had a great time. Nathan and Alessandro got lots of people out. We scored lots of rounders and we kept going even when things got difficult.

Report written by Zach and Mia

Bowls Competition



On Tuesday 17th May, 8 children from Year 6 went to a bowls competition at Falcon Bowls Club. It was most of our first times. It was hard at first but it got easier as we got used to it. It was a lot of fun and we all enjoyed it. Team A came 14th and Team B came 8th.

Report written by Elizabeth, Advika and Kelsey-Ann

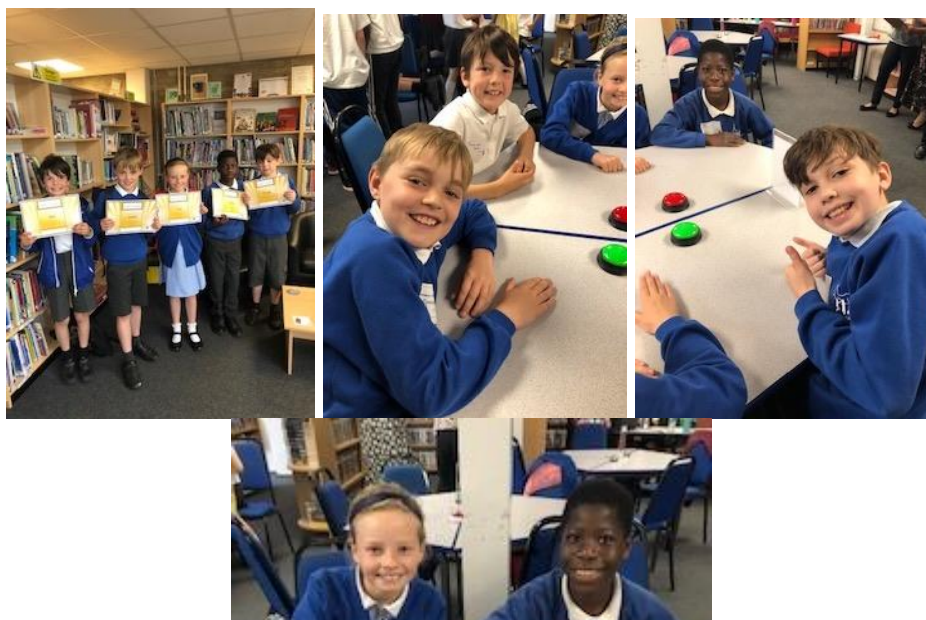
Bhaktivedanta Manor – Year 6's School Trip



The Science Museum – Year 5's School Trip



'Spellcasters' at Great Baddow High School – Well done to the five year 5 children who spelt some really tricky words during this spelling competition, held at GBHS. They all did really well, super proud!



All Things Reading!

Year 6 Recommends...

'Northern Lights' by Philip Pullman,

The book review was written by Sophie Sadler and Kelsey-Ann Toner.....

'Northern Lights is a fantasy novel that follows a young girl, called Lyra in a place called Jordan College.'

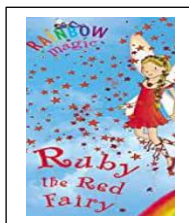
Both girls liked the book and found it interesting because of the mention of demons! There were not many plot twists either, which both girls liked but there was betrayal!



Plans for a new library area in school!

- Watch this space as plans get underway for a new library space at the front of our school hall.
- We will be asking the children for their input into this and it promises to be a lovely area for reading for pleasure.

Book Review:



Story Telling Event

There is a storytelling event for families at Twitten Green on the 2nd June at 2pm. It is a special reading hour for families.

Families are encouraged to take a picnic and get lost in the magic of storytelling!

Please look out for the poster pinned on the noticeboard on the front playground.

Our Values Champions

Value Award

Name _____

Class _____



Value Award

Name _____

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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: Belle (4M)

These children have received a 'Respect' Value Award: Ethan (4M), Harry F (4R)

These children have received a 'Faith' Value Award: Marleigh (4M)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award: Mia (4M) James (3W), Alya-Su (6D), Elizabeth (6S), Ruby (6S), Ella M (6S), Chloe N (6D), Amelie (6D).

Times Table Rockstar Results

Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 06.05.22

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Isabella S	Zoe I	Joshua S
Year 3 most correct answers	Isabella S	Florence K	Zoe I
Year 4 most improved	Emma W	Charlotte S	Radinu W
Year 4 most correct answers	Radinu W	Analia G	David O
Year 5 most improved	Joseph N		
Year 5 most correct answers	Joseph N	Caleb O	Keira S
Year 6 most improved	Alessandro E	Nathan E	
Year 6 most correct answers	Alessandro E	Nathan E	Marley C

Year 4	106
Year 3	60
Year 5	24
Year 6	3

Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 13.05.22

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Harper C	Edie D	Robert M
Year 3 most correct answers	Florence K	Ennis C	Amelie Q
Year 4 most improved	Jacob S	George T	Dayana M
Year 4 most correct answers	Radinu W	Giselle B	Analia G
Year 5 most improved	Sadie R	Amelia C	Freya T
Year 5 most correct answers	Joseph N	Scarlet WN	Caleb O
Year 6 most improved	Tommy W		
Year 6 most correct answers	Tommy W		

Year 5	165
Year 4	149
Year 3	54
Year 6	1

So much to tell you this fortnight – it must be the summer term!

I hope that you enjoy a leisurely weekend in the sunshine.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Orton