



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a busy half term with lots of events and exciting news. Thank you for your thoughts and questions regarding the school brand. As I mentioned in my letter work on the new uniform is underway. Currently, uniform suppliers are refining the embroidery for the logo. The next step is to work with a larger focus group and consider cost, quality and effectiveness – which items will be generic and which will have the school logo. Concerns raised about colour choice will also be considered. I will keep you fully updated on this work and once completed will confirm the arrangements for the uniform and the timetable for implementation.

The iPads have been delivered and training in best practice is underway. We will all receive ongoing training and Teachers are planning to start utilising them in lessons after half term. We look forward to the children sharing their work and experiences with you.

We rely heavily on the work of volunteers during and after school hours. Thank you to all of the volunteers - much of what we do would not be possible without your support.

As always there are lots of exciting activities planned for next half term which are listed in the date's section.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful half term.

Best Wishes,

Geraldine Gallagher  
**Head Teacher**

## 2016 Artful Physics Competition

A huge congratulations to Theo, Adrian, Yonas, Jack, Jay and Eden in Year 6. They recently attended the award ceremony for the 2016 Artful Physics competition which, (drum roll.....) THEY WON. Out of thousands of entries in the 9-13 year old category their wind tunnel entry, which demonstrates the aerodynamics of objects in different conditions, was judged to be the best artful representation of a concept within Physics. As part of their prize, the boys received a tour of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, where they experienced the Science behind 3D printing and their entry will shortly be displayed as part of a national digital exhibition.



Throughout this process all of them have worked extremely hard in their own time and shown creativity and dedication to the project. Progress is driven by people's ideas and this idea has certainly shown that these boys have an unbelievable amount of potential. You are the Scientists of the future.

A huge well done to all of you. Mr Fowler would also like to say a huge thank you to those parents who drove to the competition and made the visit possible.



## Orchestra concert

On Thursday May 4th, the St Michael's orchestra performed their first full concert of the year with a fantastic performance of Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. They have been rehearsing each season as the seasons have changed outside and have spent a lot of time concentrating on giving character to the music. For those who were there, I think you'll agree that it really paid off. Mr Holt hasn't stopped smiling since.

## Dates

### Thursday 25th May 2017

All Day Year 1 at V&A Museum of Childhood  
10-2pm Y5&6 Haringey Tag Rugby Tournament -  
New River Fields

### Friday 26th May 2017

10am Year 4 to attend Highgate School for  
Friendly Cricket Event

**Last day of half term—finish at 3.30pm**

### HALF TERM 29th May - 2nd June

### Monday 5-9th June 2017

Y6 Residential PGL trip

### Tuesday 6th June 2017

All day Y5 Boys Kwik Cricket Event  
7pm Y4 & 5 Secondary Transfer meeting

### Wednesday 7th June 2017

All day Girls Kwik Cricket Y5

### Thursday 8th June 2017

**Polling Station—School Closed**

### Sunday 11th June

**SMSA Fun Run**

### Monday 12th June

12-3pm Y5&6 Netball Tournament at Highgate

### Wednesday 14th June

All day Football Community League Y5-6

### Thursday 15th June 2017

Y6 Leavers service at St Pauls School (school  
only attendance)

### Friday 16th June 2017

9.00-9.30 Y6 PGL family assembly

### Tuesday 20th June 2017

KS1 Sports Day (weather permitting)

### Thursday 22nd June 2017

KS2 Sports Day (weather permitting)

### Monday 26th June 2017

All day Year 4 at the British Museum

### Friday 30th June 2017

9-12 Y5&6 Quiz at St Pauls School Wood Green  
9.00 Y2 Cholmeley Family Assembly and coffee  
morning

### Saturday 1st July 2017

12-4pm SMSA Summer Fair

### Tuesday 4th July 2017

9.30-10am Y3-5 Wider Ops concert  
International Evening in KS2 Hall

### Wednesday 5th July 2017

7pm Anita's piano concert

### Friday 7th July 2017

9.00 KS2 Recorder concert and parents  
All day Year 5 Football Tournament for Boys and  
Girls at Thomas More School

If you are in the area, please pop  
into Lauderdale House to see the  
exhibition photographs of Year 6  
attending a history/art workshop  
they took part in last term.



## Wrap Around Childcare / Out of School Childcare at St Michael's

We have been looking into what we are able  
to offer parents in the way of wrap around  
childcare at the school and have been in  
discussion with several companies with  
regards to running a Saturday Morning Club  
and After School Club (from 3.30-6pm).

Many thanks to those parents who have  
completed the survey sent out last week in  
order to gauge the demand for a Saturday  
Morning Club at the school. If you haven't  
done so already please can you complete the  
survey if you are interested in a Saturday  
morning club.

We will be sending out a **second** survey this  
week to gauge demand for an After School  
Club from 3.30-6pm. Please look out for this  
email: we have been in discussion with  
'Energy Kidz' who would run this club on site  
from September if there is enough demand.  
This would replace the current After School  
Club offered by Night Owls. If it is something  
which would be of use to your family please  
take the time to complete this online survey  
next week.





## Dates cont...

**8-9th July 2017**

[SMSA Overnight camp out for families](#)

**13th July 2017**

10-12pm Y3-5 Swimming Gala at Highgate

**Friday 21st July 2017**

**All Summer Term Clubs finish**

**Tuesday 25th July 2017**

9.30 End of Year Church Service at St Michael's

**Last day of school year—finish 2pm**

Y6 end of year disco

**New School Year 2017-2018**

**Monday 4th September 2017**

**Inset Day—School closed—no children**

**Tuesday 5th September 2017**

Children return to school

**\*\*All Summer Term Clubs\*\***

**\*\* Finish - Friday 21st July 2017\*\***

## Waterlow Class Assembly

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May it was Waterlow's class assembly. We showed Key Stage One and our parents all of our hard work about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children delivered their lines with confidence and some of the children re-enacted the story. We showed our letters from Goldilocks to the three bears and art work of our favourite bears.



## Kirima Whole School Assembly

A huge thank you to Ms Hutchinson and Jess from Highgate school who came in to talk to St Michael's about their experiences travelling to our partnership school Kirima out in Uganda. It was really interesting to hear about the children's way of life including the food and different school routines! Once again thank you so much to everyone for their continued support raising money for this charity.



## Ancient Greek workshop

On Wednesday 19th April, there was an exciting Ancient Greek workshop for Year Five. An Ancient Greek man came in and explained that we (Athens) were about to go to war with the Persian army! While we waited for word of the war the children of Athens made lots of arts and crafts, such as oil lamps, soap sculptures, and more. After lunch the children rehearsed dances and Ancient Greek plays for an exciting performance at the banquet. The children were then served a banquet of feta cheese, olives, bread rolls and wine (ribena). After the banquet the messenger Pheidippides came to Athens from Marathon (26 miles!) to tell us that the Greeks had been victorious against the Persian army.



Overall it was an incredibly well organised, fun and informative day. The children (and adults!) had a brilliant time. Many thanks to the parents who helped on the day.



## Attendance - Congratulations

Whole school attendance is 97% and the class with the best attendance is Marx Class.

Please remember to sign your child in at the office if they are late where they will be included in the register, if they go straight to class they will not be marked in.

## Active Kids

The 30th June is the last opportunity to hand vouchers in. Please bring them into the office before this date.



Thanks for collecting Active Kids vouchers

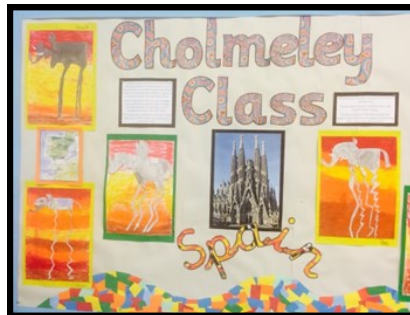
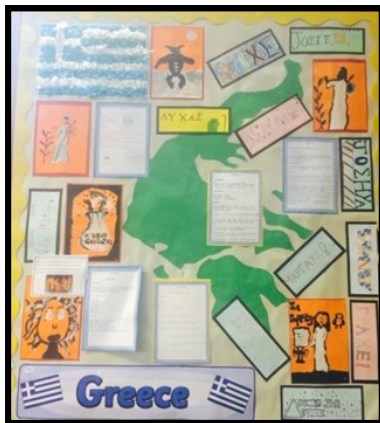
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## International Evening

We will be hosting an international evening on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. Each class is studying a country and their work is displayed throughout the school.



On the day children can come to school dressed in traditional clothes or the colours of the flag from the country they are studying or their family come from. On the evening you can enjoy excellent food and entertainment. Nearer the time we will send more specific details.

### Year 3—Romans Workshop

On Thursday 4th May, Year 3 took part in a workshop run by History off the Page as an introduction to their new topic on the Romans. Pupils were transported back in time to the year 60AD where they became members of a Roman village under threat from the Boudican revolt. They took on roles of Roman citizens working in the village and participated in a number of activities including making wax tablets, clay pots and mosaics, haggling at a merchants stall and working in a Roman bath house. Children also took part in a Roman style feast where they took on various roles in performing for and serving their guests and took part in acting out a play, marching as Roman soldiers and performing a Roman dance. This was an exciting and extremely immersive day for the children who thoroughly enjoyed the introduction to their new topic. Thank you to all our parent volunteers for helping on the day.





### Year 6 pupils

Miss Austin, Miss Batham and all of the staff working with Year Sixes would like to give a special mention to all the children who worked extremely hard for their SATs. We are very proud of them all.

On Friday 12th as a treat for finishing, we had a very fun day; the children were challenged to make their own marble runs and then crazy golf courses. They spent the afternoon sewing and making clay objects.



### Year 3 Studying Plants



This half term Year 3 have been studying plants in Science and as a fun way to immerse them in the topic, Dickens class had a Science day in the School garden. They took part in various activities including acting as parts of a plant, dissecting seeds and investigating

the life cycles of plants. The children also did some garden maintenance, watering and weeding so these new found skills should be put to good use at home! In the afternoon the children ventured to Waterlow Park's kitchen garden where they learnt about plant reproduction and sketched some of the flowers which they observed. Thank you to our gardeners Tom and Ciara as well as the parents who volunteered to accompany us.





## *From the Governors*

### **A new brand for St Michael's**

As governors we have to take the long view and see that the school remains fit for purpose. We have to ensure that the operating environment including buildings and grounds is maintained and from time to time modernized. Part of that is the branding and overall presentation of the school, which needs to be revisited.

Our current logo makes us look old-fashioned when in fact we are modern and progressive. Our website makes us look chaotic when we are organized and diligent. Our uniform is unremarkable, when we are special and distinctive. It is time for a change. And difficult though change can be, it is an opportunity to improve. That is our intention here.

We have invested modestly in this process. For less than £3,000 we hired a branding agency who have talked to pupils, parents, teachers and governors. They have made recommendations and prepared a refreshed visual identity, including the new logo. While there are of course competing priorities for school funds, the governors feel this has been a worthwhile and valuable investment in our future.

We appreciate there are some concerns about making changes, particularly to the uniform. Discussions and research about various options continue. For more on that, see the head teacher's message.

We do believe the school will be in a better place when current shortcomings are addressed. Our new identity is fresh and more faithful to who we are. Our new website will be easier to use and you will find information more quickly. Our uniform will be a visible sign of our new identity, helping us to present a more consistent and smarter image. I think current parents, guardians and carers will appreciate the school more when this is rolled out. And it will also appeal to future parents and potential partners as our newly launched Fundraising Working Group begins to raise much-needed funds for the school.

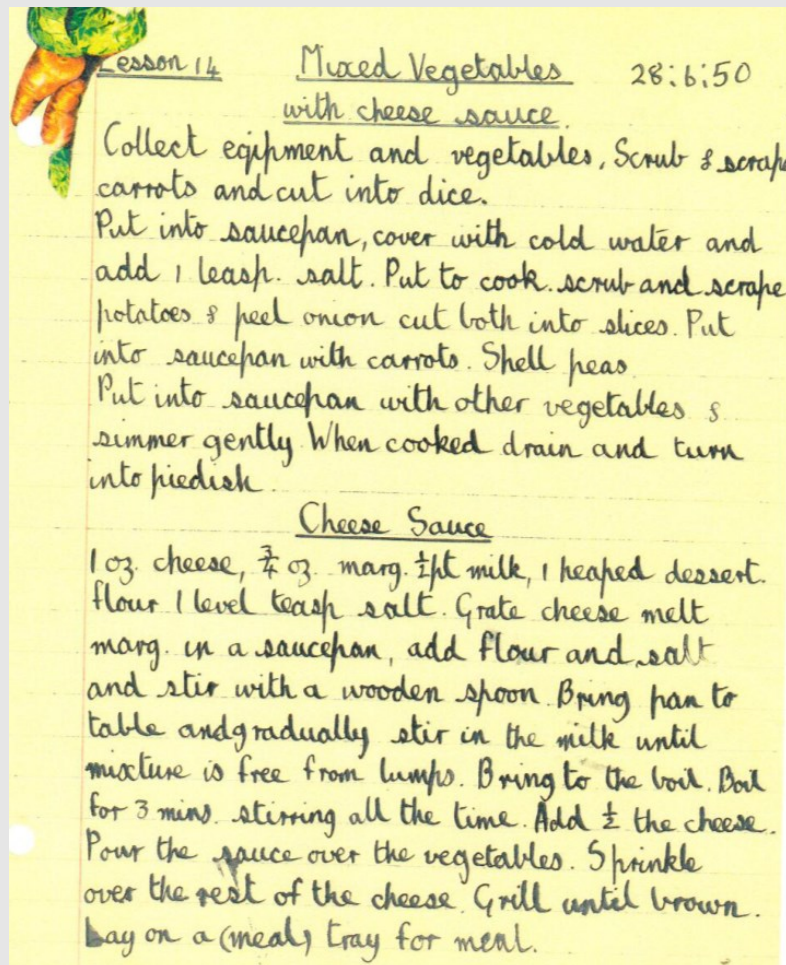
There is plenty that is wonderful about St Michaels and we want this to be expressed as fully as possible in the way we appear to the world.

Together stronger!

Adam Garfunkel  
Chair of governors

### Former pupil

In the main, our volunteers are from the parent body but we also have past pupils including Sylvia McGinnis who attended St. Michael's in the 1950's. She shares her love of reading and supports pupils develop their reading skills. Sylvia has shared her school photo and home economics book with us. The book contains many recipes and instructions on keeping clean and healthy. You might like to try making her recipe below for mixed vegetables with cheese sauce.



### Treasurer for Governor's Fund

Are you an accountant? Can you help the Governors' Fund?

The St Michael's Governors' Fund needs a new treasurer. The role is not onerous but it is important. Reconciling bank statements, producing and filing accounts, submitting for Gift Aid etc.

If you are interested, please email: [governors@stmichaelsn6.com](mailto:governors@stmichaelsn6.com)

It is a great way to put your skills to use in service of the school.



## Optional Sponsorship Week

Thank you to everyone who raised money during the Optional Sponsorship Week in Spring Term. Tennyson and Ellen in Year 6 have been busy researching different options of what we can spend for the £370 raised. School Council shared 4 bundles with the school during assembly time and organised a vote to find out which was most popular. Bundle 3 won -

### BUNDLE 3



### Return to School with an Injury—

#### Eg Crutches / Cast



If your child has been injured and is using crutches or has restricted mobility for any reason, please contact the school office **before** bringing your child to school. This is to ensure we have carried out the necessary assessments to ensure your child's safety.



## Campaign Action

Three of our parents have taken on a key role of keeping parents informed and organising events in the campaign against pending funding cuts.

On Friday 19th May St. Michael's children were invited to draw what they like most about the school. About 30 children took part and drew in surprising detail different aspects of their school life. With the pending cuts in school funding the drawings reveal a lot of positive aspects of St. Michaels and what is in danger of being lost. All children put a big letter on the paper to give the drawing a specific purpose.



Here are a few examples: A for Art, B for Books, C for climbing frame, C for cello lessons., D for debating, F for friends, G for gardening leaves—this drawing was inspired by the school garden, L for Lunch, P for playpod, P for playing with their best friend, S for singing, T for Trumpet lesson.



The majority of the drawings focus on play, space and music. Through providing creative play equipment children can learn in different ways. The climbing frame, play pod and the new i-Pads were partially or fully funded by the SMSA.

This Friday, in support of the Campaign's National Day of Action, Family Picnics have been arranged at three Parks in the Borough. St. Michael's School is invited to picnic at Highgate Woods.





## SMSA Footy Fun day



On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May we thought summer had arrived it was a lovely day for football. Thank you to all involved including the parents who spent three hours on Saturday erecting the marquee. All of the children played very well. On Monday, Laurence presented the winning teams with their trophies. Burdett – Coutts got a special award for their excellent attitude and for keeping the 'fun' in the day.



The marquee looks great and will remain in situ until the end of term. As well as being used for SMSA events it is another place for the children to use during lunchtime play.

## Netball

St. Michael's sent two netball teams to Weston Park School on Thursday 20th April. Both competed with high levels of skill against a very good Weston Park squad. Despite the fact that many of the girls has just returned from a day of tag rugby, they fought with great determination and energy in some very close contests.

Outstanding sportsmanship was demonstrated throughout. Many thanks to Helen Franks and Mr. Whiting for making it happen.



## Huskies U11 Ice Hockey International Cup

Three boys in Marx class (Aksel, Lennart and Jonathan), represented the Haringey Hounds U11 Ice Hockey team in an International Ice Hockey Competition (The Huskies International Cup) last weekend. The team did fantastically well, winning the qualifying competition on day 1 and winning through to the final on day 2. They narrowly lost 3-2 to HC Strelci from the Czech Republic in the final, but they gave their all and showed great sportsmanship in defeat.







### Total Control Football

*St. Michael's continues to compete at the Total Control football event at Whitefield School twice a month. Pupils of all abilities can take part and represent the school.*



*Well done to the boys pictured for coming away undefeated recently.*

SUMMER TERM 2017					
May					
Thurs	10-2pm	Haringey Tag Rugby Tournament	New River Fields	Open to all Haringey Schools. Separate boys and girls teams of 7 (squads of 10).	Y 5-6
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30a.m	Highgate Year 4 Cricket Friendly	Highgate School	All Year 4s to head to Highgate with Year 4 staff.	Y 4
June					
5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	PGL Activity Week	Little Canada Isle of Wight	Residential Activity Week	Y 6
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 – 3p.m	Super 7 Tag Rugby Event	St. Michael's N6	Super 7 ( 1 of 7) (Parents invited) Tag Rugby Event	Y 3
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-3pm	Kwik Cricket Festival (Best team)	North Middlesex Cricket Club	Open to all Haringey Schools. Eight a side with squads of 10.	Y 5
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-3pm	Girls' Kwik Cricket Festival	North London Cricket Club	Open to all Haringey Schools. Eight a side with squads of 10.	Y 5
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	4-5p.m	Total Control Football	Whitefield School	5 a side football boys Leave 3.20p.m.	Y 5-6
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	12-3pm	Girls 7 a-side Netball Festival	Highgate School	Open to all Haringey Schools. Squads of 10	Y 5-6
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	10-3pm	Community Football Festival	Power League Friern Barnet	Open to all Haringey Schools. Squads of 10.	Y 5-6
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	a.m	Infant Sports Day	St. Michael's	Reception to Year 2 annual event	R – Y2