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## Newsletter November 2018 - Issue 2

Geraldine Gallagher  
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

St. Michael's is always a hub of busy activity before, during and after the school day, at the weekends and during the holidays.

At the end of last half term we celebrated harvest and this culminated in an evening of musical performances. Thank you to Mr. Holt our Music Leader and the Year 6 pupils, it was a relaxing and very entertaining evening. Over the half term holiday we hosted a holiday camp and had some remedial works throughout the school.

We started this half term with our Parents Evenings which are always a great opportunity for us all to share our knowledge of the pupils and celebrate their achievements. The first week back Year 5 children buddied up with Reception children so that they could support them in their transition to the playground at lunchtimes. We had another fantastic fireworks evening which was enjoyed by many of our families and neighbours. Thank you to all of the volunteers involved.

During our first week back, when everyone went home, the Year One pupil's 'Bog Babies' created all sorts of mayhem which included a party in the pavilion at the weekend. You can read some of the children's letters on page 6. The standard of their writing is very high. I also received a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb (p8) congratulating us on our fantastic phonics result- 100% achieved the standard. This is the third consecutive year that he has written to congratulate us. We are very pleased with this achievement and that our children develop a love of reading and writing through our fun curriculum.

On Friday, Year 6 Ball Class put on a very touching assembly where they recited and portrayed 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae and the Christmas truce. On Sunday, I attended the moving service in Highgate Chapel Quad. I was very privileged and proud to lay a wreath on behalf of all of our school community.

The new office procedures are starting to bed in. Thank you for your support, we have noted improvements and appreciate parents' acknowledgement of the great work that our office staff perform. We will continue to monitor the new procedures and inform you of any necessary further adjustments.

Next Thursday we are taking over Lauderdale House for the day with our own Great Exhibition of 2018. Each of our classes from Early Years right up to Year Six has produced Art work and interactive displays inspired by Unicef Rights of the Child. I hope many of you will be able to attend and view the children's excellent work.

Best wishes,

Geraldine Gallagher  
**Headteacher**



## Dates

### Thursday 14th November

Individual class and Sibling photos

### Friday 16th November

BBC Children in Need—children can come to school in their pyjamas

### Tuesday 20th November

All day— Y6 Capital Kids Indoor Cricket Event, Tottenham Green Leisure Centre

### Wednesday 21st November

NSPCC Workshops Year 5&6

### Thursday 22nd November

St Michael's take over Lauderdale House

### Tuesday 27th November

Year 4 trumpet / clarinet concert TBC

### Friday 30th November

9am Y6 Clark class family assembly and coffee morning

### Saturday 1st December

9-11am Y5&6 Highgate Football Festival

### Monday 3rd December

All day Year 4 Egyptians workshop

1.30-3.30 Y3,4,5&6 Tag Rugby house tournament

2.30pm EYFS Nativity for parents

### Tuesday 4th December

9.30am EYFS Nativity for parents

### Thursday 6th December

10am Nursery & Reception Jackson's Lane

Trip 1pm Year 1 Jackson's Lane Trip

### Friday 7th December

All day Workshop KS1 hall Ancient Greeks year 5

2.30pm EYFS Nativity for parents

### Monday 10th December

2.15pm KS1 Nativity for parents

### Tuesday 11th December

9-12 Castle Climbing Trip - Year 6 Ball

9.30am KS1 Nativity

### Wednesday 12th December

9.30am KS1 Nativity

### Thursday 13th December

9-12 Castle Climbing Trip - Year 6 Clark

2.30 Recorder Concert to parents

### Friday 14th December

Save the Children—Christmas jumper day

### Monday 17th December

AM Year 2 Jackson's Lane Trip

### Tuesday 18th December

PM Christmas parties

### Wednesday 19th December

Year 6 cabaret show to local senior citizens

### Thursday 20th December

9.30am Christmas church service, led by Year 5 at St Michael's Church  
Christmas lunch

**Last day of term—finish at 2pm**

**Holidays 21st December —6th January**

### Monday 7th January 2018

Children return to school

## Friday 16<sup>TH</sup> November

Children will be able to come to school in their Pyjamas. Please bring in a donation.



## Y6 Harvest Concert

Just before half term, year 6 performed the first music concert of the year. It was a fantastic evening completely run by the Year 6 with some of the performers also working as stage management and the technical team.

We never fail to be surprised by the talent that we have at St Michael's and, if the Harvest Concert was anything to go by, we can expect to hear big things from this year's Year 6 in the future.

A huge congratulations to all involved.



## Library opening times

Tuesdays  
8.30-8.50

Wednesdays  
15.30-15.40





**POETRY****CORNER****Flea by George Year 3**

In France there lived Derick the flea  
Who somehow found a magical tree.

Once inside

It started to glide.

He travelled to the future

Over a city called Cuture.

Suddenly the flea fell out

At the bottom he had a wander about.

With the corner of his eye he noticed an awesome band

Behind it was a dog stand.

Derrick hired a hover car

And parked outside the closest spa.

Quickly he followed the scent,

Then he discovered all his money was spent.

Derrick was walking back to the car feeling upset

And though "Maybe I should get a baguette."

Back in the tree.

He needed a wee.

Back in the present,

The flea felt very pleasant.

Finally back at home!

Then he headed off to see his garden gnome.

**Pete and the bee by Saskia Year 3**

Sloths are dreamy creatures who like to sleep.

Just like the one you're about to meet.

His name is Pete,

He is terribly sweet,

He hangs by his feet

And doesn't eat meat.

He was hanging by his feet when suddenly he heard a bee.

It was a strange looking bee, it had five stripes not three.

And it sounded like waves on the sea.

As you all know,

Sloth are slow,

And Pete was just like the others.

He reached out his hand

But wasn't glad, so he bussed off out of the land.

So after that he went to sleep and that is the end of the

story of Pete!





## **Could you or someone you know be a governor at St Michael's?**

We voluntarily subscribe to the notion of fixed terms for our governors. So no one person can be a governor for more than two terms of four years each. This is to ensure that fresh insights, ideas and energy are brought into the school.

One of our governors, who is nominated by the West of Haringey Deanery, is coming to the end of his second term. Please see the advert they have issued (p 13) and do get in touch with Revd Philip Sudell who is the Area Dean if you or someone you know is interested.

Thank you

Together stronger!

Adam Garfunkel

Chair of Governor

## **Bonfire & Firework Night 2018**

Another amazing display, thank you to all the volunteers involved.





## Year 6 Remembrance Poems

In Flanders Fields the poppies rise and  
the men fall.

The groans and the sight of death made it look like the sky was  
Breaking into tiny pieces of glass.

Soldiers scream with fear and pain while the guns roar.

We the poppies feel pain and sorrow, with fear in our hearts.

- by Beau Y6

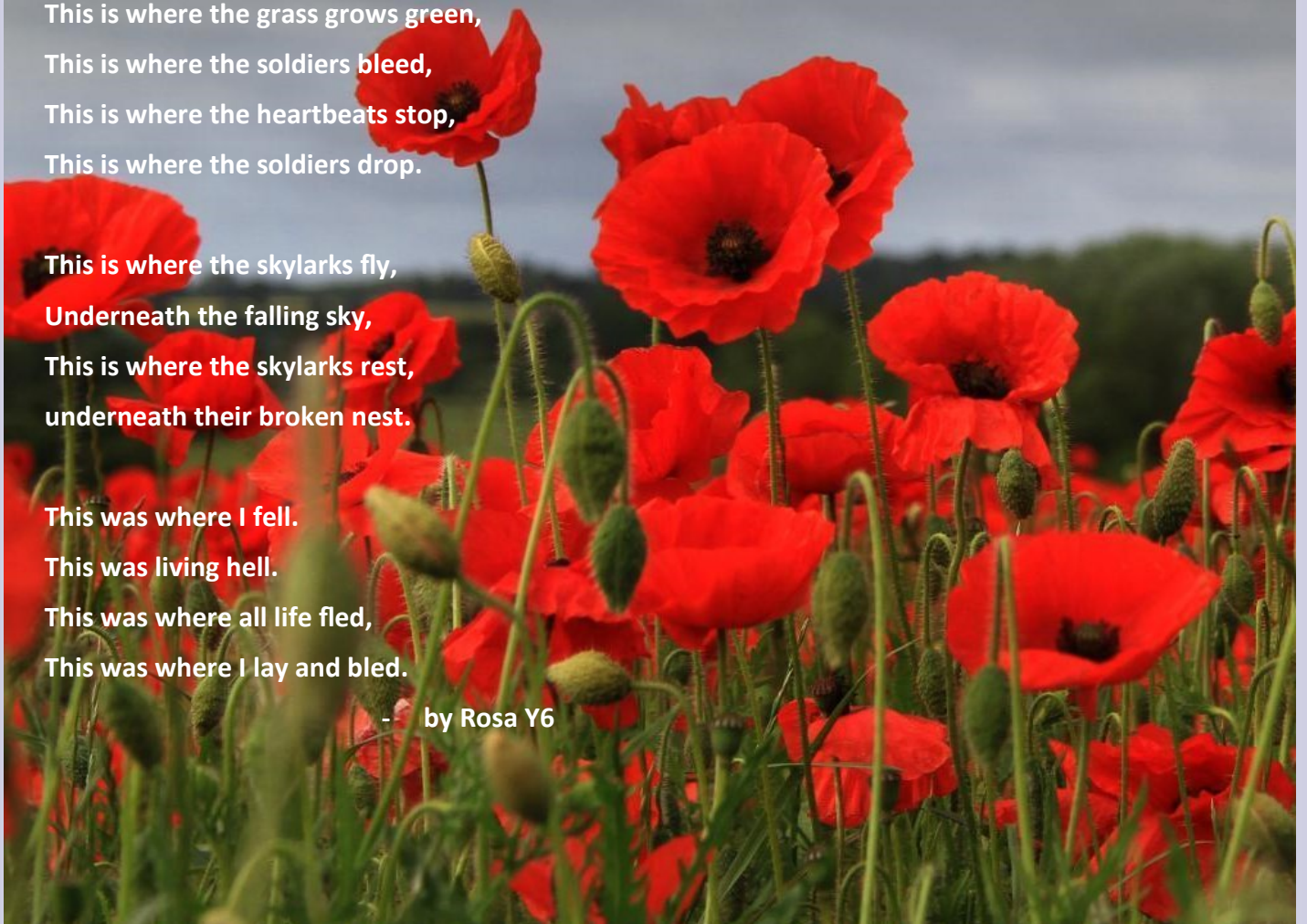
This is where the poppies grow,  
Underneath the pounding snow,  
This is where the poppies cry,  
Underneath the greying sky.

This is where the grass grows green,  
This is where the soldiers bleed,  
This is where the heartbeats stop,  
This is where the soldiers drop.

This is where the skylarks fly,  
Underneath the falling sky,  
This is where the skylarks rest,  
underneath their broken nest.

This was where I fell.  
This was living hell.  
This was where all life fled,  
This was where I lay and bled.

- by Rosa Y6





# Year 1 letters to Mrs Gallagher

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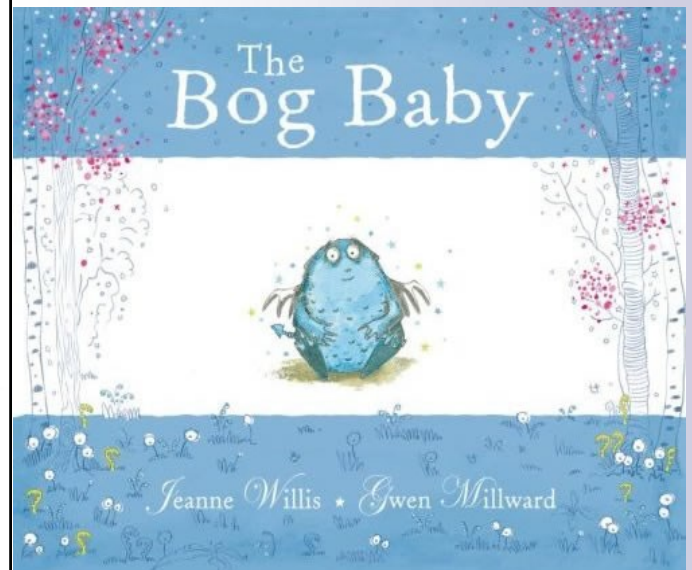
Dear Mrs Gallagher

My bog baby  
was jumping  
on taylor like  
a tramp.

I promise that  
I will never let them  
be again.

Yours Sincerely,

Kaia



Dear Mrs Gallagher

My bobabee woos  
plain with the  
purple poppers. My bobee  
woos plain from zech.

Yours Sincerely,

Zach

8/11/18

Dear Mrs Gallagher

I am very sorry  
that my bog  
baby was break-  
ing the school  
rules.

he will never do it again  
GWB L Jm

Yours Sincerely,



## Medical

Parents/Carers of children returning to school with a broken bone, crutches, a sling or **anything which impairs their normal movement around the school** - **Please book an appointment and meet with Mrs Sorapure or Mrs Parker to carry out a risk assessment before going to class.**

This is to ensure the safety of your child during the school day.



## Cake Sale

Each class gets 2 cake sales per year except nursery who have 3.

Year 6 also get an extra sale to share-at Easter which gives them a chance to raise extra funds for their yearbook and party.

We also have a red nose day sale and children in need sale which are school wide cake sales.

16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Easley Yr 3

30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Seacole Yr 2

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Curie Yr 2

## SMSA dates for your diary

- Christmas fair - 2nd Dec
- Panto - 7th, 8th, 9th March
- Quiz night - 28th March
- School disco - TBC
- Footie funday - 12th May – possibly to be moved to Sat 11<sup>th</sup>
- Fun run - 9th June
- Summer fair - 29th June
- Camp out - 13th July

## SMSA Meetings

- 22nd Nov \* 17th Jan
- 21st March \* 25th April
- 23rd May \* AGM 11th July

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Children will be able to wear a Christmas Jumper to school



Children are asked to bring in a donation for charity.

## A reminder





# Letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BT  
tel. 0370 000 2258 [www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus](http://www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus)

Mrs Geraldine Gallagher  
St Michael's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School  
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30 October 2018

Dear Mrs Gallagher,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2018 phonics screening check.

Achieving early fluency in decoding is a necessary first step in acquiring the key skill of reading.

There is a significant body of evidence, which demonstrates that systematic phonics is the most effective method for teaching early reading. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 100 per cent of pupils at St Michael's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 3 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 89 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in reading, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



## Healthy Snacks

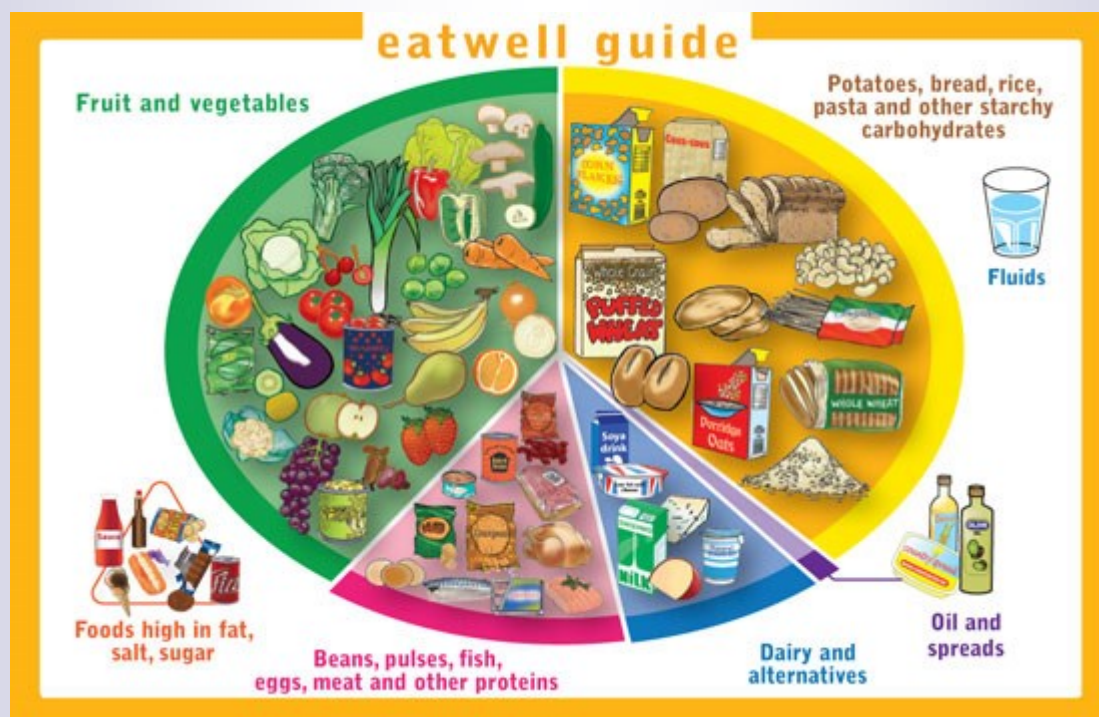
As an active school St Michael's promotes healthy living, which includes healthy food and exercise.

Children come to school with their own food for break-time and afterschool snacks as well as packed lunches. These snacks need to be healthy snacks. Restricting the amount of fatty and sugary foods has positive health benefits including: slow release of energy to sustain children for longer; improved concentration and mood; and it helps improve their immune system.

Therefore, we ask that children do not come into school with crisps, sugared popcorn, biscuits, cakes and chocolate and no items containing nuts as we are a nut free school.

Here are some healthy snack ideas:

- Malt loaf slice
- Lower-fat, lower-sugar fromage frais (some flavours include strawberry, raspberry, banana, apricot)
- Fresh fruit salad, or piece of fruit
- Chopped vegetables and lower-fat hummus
- Plain rice cakes or crackers with lower-fat cheese
- Sugar-free jelly
- One crumpet
- One scotch pancake





## Reception Buddies

At the start of the new half-term, Year 5 have supported the Reception classes in the transition to their new playground. Each Year 5 child had a Reception buddy and they had lunch together and then went to play in the Key Stage 1 playground together. Year 5 helped the children get used to the new surrounding of the big playground. All the Year 5 and Reception teachers have been really impressed with how mature and responsible the children have been in their new role. Here are some quotes from Year 5's on the experience.



*"It makes Reception less scared and they know where everything is." Sonny.*



*"I really liked helping them fit in and being responsible for them." Laila*



*"It's been good to have a bit more responsibility." Jasper*



*"It was interesting to see how different children react when you talk to them. Some are shy and some are confident." Eva*

*"It was lovely to know someone from a younger year. It's good for them to know someone from an older year to say hello to." Heidi*

*"I think it's a good idea because it encourages them to be more confident." Phoebe*

*"This is a great idea because it allowed Year 5 and Reception to make a good team." Fergus*



## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the children and parents for contributing a wide array of food. Your generosity was, as always, phenomenal. We had one thousand, eight hundred and seventy two donations. These were sent to the Haringey food bank and will benefit many families in need.

The children celebrated harvest in special assemblies throughout the week.

Thank you to Mrs Parker for organising the collection and to the pupils and parents for counting and packing up the items.





## Year 6 Ball Class Remembrance Assembly



**In Flanders  
fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead: Short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved: and now we lie  
In Flanders fields!**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields**







West Haringey Deanery is part of the Edmonton Area of the Diocese of London and has the responsibility of appointing Foundation Governors for some of the schools in the Deanery.

## St Michael's School is looking for a Governor



Could you be a Governor at St Michael's Church of England School in Highgate?

Being a school governor is a rewarding way to contribute to your local community and make a positive difference to the lives of hundreds of children. Drawing on your skills and expertise, you will contribute to the strategic leadership of this successful and ambitious school.

As a Christian school for the community, St Michael's is looking for a governor with a strong Christian ethos and skills in one of:

- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Architecture / building management
- ✓ Digital communications.

If this is you, please contact Revd Philip Sudell (Area Dean) for more details and an application form at [philip.sudell@gracech.org.uk](mailto:philip.sudell@gracech.org.uk)

Any Board of Governors has three key functions:

- overseeing the financial performance of the school
- holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of its pupils
- ensuring clarity of vision, strategy and ethos.

As Ofsted has noted, all really good schools demonstrate strong leadership including from the Board of Governors. So, you will be making a real difference to the wellbeing of 450 schoolchildren each year.

We are looking for someone to take up the position by the end of November 2018.

For more about St Michael's C of E School – visit the school website at

<https://stmichaelsn6.com>





## **Haringey Table Tennis Tournament 2018**

St. Michael's entered the Haringey Table Tennis Championships for Year 5-6 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 for the very first time. A very well organised event at Alexandra Park School saw 10 schools compete to a very high standard. All of our 4 players were very capable indeed winning lots of points for St. Michael's despite the tough competition.

Well done to our Year 6 boys for representing the school with an excellent attitude and great sportsmanship throughout.





## **Haringey Tag Rugby Tournament 2018**

St. Michael's continued to show outstanding quality as a respected leader in the Haringey Tag Rugby Tournament on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Held at the home of London Skolars at the New River Stadium on White Hart Lane, this annual event was attended by 18 schools from around Haringey.

The team pictured from Year 6 of Bruno, Noe, Emily P, Harry, Victor, Luke P, Orlando, Ellen, Rosie, Francesca and coach Fred D were outstanding throughout. After a nervous start, which still resulted in the team winning each of their first two games 1-0, the team grew from strength to strength. Their attitude and willingness to learn and work on areas for development was excellent. This resulted in St. Michael's just missing out on the medals in equal 4<sup>th</sup> place. St. Michael's won 5, drew 3, and were very unfortunate in the one game they lost by the odd try.

Mr. Whiting would like to say how very proud he was of his team. Well done Year 6.





## School Games Gold Award 2017-18

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is rewarded to schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

St. Michael's School is very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Gold Award for our commitment to competitive sport for all pupils for 2017-18. Pictured are two of our Year 6 lead sports ambassadors with the gold shield award.



## St Michael's Sporting Calendar

AUTUMN TERM 2019				
November				
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	Year group
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 – 6pm	Haringey Table Tennis for Girls	Alexandra Park	Y5/6
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 - 3.15pm	Football friendlies	Highgate School	Y5
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 3.00pm	Capital Kids Indoor Cricket	Tottenham Leisure Centre	Y6
December				
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	9 - 11am	Football friendlies	Highgate School	Y5/6
WB 3.12.18	1.30 - 3.30pm	Tag Rugby House Tournament	St. Michael's N6	Y5/6
WB 3.12.18	1.30 - 3.30pm	House Tournament	St. Michael's N6	Y3/4
SPRING TERM 2019				
January				
Thurs 10/17/24 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 - 6pm	Sportshall Athletics	Heartlands High School	Y6
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 – 3.00pm	Year 6 football friendlies	Highgate School	Y6
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 – 3.00pm	Year 5 football friendlies	Highgate School	Y5
Date tbc	All day	Tag Rugby Event	HAC Moorgate	Y5/6