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Newsletter October 2018 - Issue 1

Geraldine Gallagher
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are settling well into their new classes and routines. We have been very impressed with all of the children's readiness for this new academic year, particularly Nursery and Reception. It is also very pleasing to hear that our previous Year 6, now in Year 7, are settling well into their new schools.

We celebrated our new academic year and Michaelmas at St. Michael's Church. Year 4 led the service with excellent performances, singing and poetry. Copies of a selection of the poems are on page 5.

Last week we held a Saturday open morning for prospective parents. We are all very proud of our school, of the fantastic resources, staff and community. Most of all we are very proud of our pupils and what they achieve at St. Michael's and what they go on to achieve. A huge thank you to all of our fantastic children in particular those who came in to represent the school. The feedback from the guests was extremely positive.

In recent years there has been a surplus of Reception places available across Haringey. This year, across the borough, there is a surplus equivalent to 13 Reception classes and the prediction for next year is the same. The whole admissions process can be daunting but the important message is that if parents want their child to come to St. Michael's they need to put us as their first preference.

Before the Summer I wrote to inform you of the numerous internal and external works occurring across the school during the holidays. I am very pleased that these were all completed on time and to a high standard. The paintings in the Key Stage 1 playground and the new curtains in the Key Stage 2 Hall were funded by the SMSA. All of the other projects were funded through our school's dedicated grant, the London Diocesan Board for Schools or the Governors fund. I have included photos and some details within this newsletter on page 9.

We are very fortunate and proud of our school and grateful for all of the support in its upkeep and drive for improvement.

Best wishes,

Geraldine Gallagher
Headteacher

Dates

8-12 October

Book week, with Book Fair in KS1 Hall

Monday 15th October

Harvest collection

Flu Vaccination Reception - Y5

Tuesday 16th October

1pm Y5/6 Haringey Hi 5 Netball Event

7.30pm New parent welcome

Thursday 18th October

Harvest Festival

Half-term 22nd October—26th October

INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED 29th October

Tuesday 30th October

3:45-6:30pm Parents Evening

Thursday 1st November

3:45-6:30pm Parents Evening

Monday 12th November

Anti-bullying week / UK Parliament week

Wednesday 14th November

NSPCC Assembly

Monday 19th November

NSPCC Workshops Year 5&6

Thursday 22nd November

Take over Lauderdale House

Friday 30th November

9am Y6 Clark class family assembly and coffee morning

Monday 3rd December

2.30pm EYFS Nativity for parents

Tuesday 4th December

9.30am EYFA Nativity for parents

Thursday 6th December

1pm EYFS Jackson's Lane Trip

Friday 7th December

2.30pm EYFS Nativity for parents

Monday 10th December

2.15pm KS1 Nativity for parents

Tuesday 11th December

9.30am KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 12th December

9.30am KS1 Nativity

Monday 17th December

2pm Jackson's Lane Trip

Tuesday 18th December

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

STEVE MCQUEEN YEAR 3 PROJECT

Turner Prize-winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen will unveil one of his most ambitious contemporary art projects to date "There's an urgency to reflect on who we are and our future and to have a visual reflection on the people who make this city work. I think it's important and in some ways urgent." Steve McQueen

Running in parallel to the exhibition at Tate Britain, Artangel will stage an outdoor exhibition spanning London's 33 boroughs, giving the public a glimpse of the future of their city.

St Michael's have registered and will take part in May.

Library opening times

Tuesdays 8.30-8.50
Wednesdays 15.30-15.40



Mary Seacole Workshop with Year Two

Class teachers have already planned some exciting visits. Year Two had a workshop exploring the life and times of Mary Seacole linking to their class name and history topic.



Attendance

Attendance has got off to an excellent start at 98 % which exceeds our target of 97 % of children attending every day, making every moment count.

Year 4 Church Service

The Michaelmas service conducted by Year 4 Frankin and Krafft classes, left a beautiful impression on the congregation, despite technical problems arising from a couple of temperamental microphones.

They performed the story of St Michael, led prayers, recited autumn poems and sung like the angels that they are. I think we can all agree that it was a delightful service.



Reception and Nursery Settling in

The children in Nursery and Reception have settled well this year. They are forming lovely friendships with each other and enjoying the learning opportunities inside and outside the classroom. The children have been learning about the topic of 'Ourselves' this half term. We have been painting self portraits, talking about when we were babies and making family pictures.



Autumn Haiku Poems by Year 4

Tom

Leaves twirling from trees
Coming towards the bare floor
Swiftly hits the ground.

Poppy

Jump in tawny leaves
Running on emerald green grass
Blossom butterflies.

Hannah

Frost like marshmallow
Rust and fire leaves around
And ink skies up there.

William

Leaves fall from the trees
Trees turn bare of lime bright leaves
Leaves swirl in the wind.

Medical

Children returning to school with a broken bone, crutches, a sling or **anything which impairs their normal movement around the school - MUST come into school with a parent and meet with Mrs Sorapure or Mrs Parker to carry out a risk assessment before going to class.**

Children will not be permitted to go to class without this being done to ensure their safety.



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.

- 12th Oct - Zhenyi Yr 5
- 19th Oct - Franklin Yr 4
- 2nd Nov - Krafft Yr 4
- 9th Nov - Shirley Yr 3
- 16th Nov - Children in Need
- 23rd Nov - Easley Yr 3
- 30th Nov - Seacole Yr 2
- 7th Dec - Curie Yr 2
- 14th Dec - Anning Yr 1

SMSA dates for your diary

- Bonfire night - 3rd Nov
- Christmas fair - 2nd Dec
- Old folks show - 19th Dec
- Panto - 7th, 8th, 9th March
- Quiz night - 28th March
- School disco - TBC
- Footie funday - 12th May – possibly to be moved to Sat 11th (will decide this week)
- Fun run - 9th June
- Summer fair - 9th June
- Camp out - 13th July
- Year 6 leaver's disco- 19th July

SMSA Meetings

- 20th Sept * 11th Oct
- 22nd Nov * 17th Jan
- 21st March * 25th April
- 23rd May * AGM 11th July

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 snacks and packed lunches, however, we do ask that children come into school with healthy snacks which will sustain them longer giving them the vital energy they need.

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 ideas healthy snack ideas:

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



High Expectations

St Michael's consistently outperforms other schools. We are in the top 1% of school nationally.

As a state Nursery and Primary school we teach the national curriculum. It covers the standards children should reach.

The results below demonstrate our excellent achievements.

	St Michael's	Haringey	National
Phonics screening check pass rate	100%	87%	86%

Year 2 (6-7 year olds) working at **expected standard** in

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Science
St Michael's	95%	89%	90%	100%
National	75%	70%	76%	83%

Year 2 (6-7 year olds) working **above the expected standard** in

	Reading	Writing	Maths
St Michael's	44%	29%	47%
National	26%	16%	22%

Year 6 (10-11 year olds) working at **expected standard** in

	Reading	GPS	Writing	Maths	Combined	Science
St Michael's	95%	95%	97%	91%	86%	97%
Haringey	73%	78%	84%	75%	67%	83%
National	75%	78%	78%	76%	64%	83%

Year 6 (10-11 year olds) working **above the expected standard** in

	Reading	GPS	Writing	Maths	Combined
St Michael's	65%	65%	49%	51%	33%
Haringey	30%	37%	32%	26%	14%
National	28%	34%	-%	24%	10%

School Improvements

Over the summer we moved out and the school was refurbished, we replaced our outdated whiteboards and projectors with interactive boards. These are a fantastic teaching and learning resource. All of the KS2 classrooms were decorated and we had some external decoration and the lighting was upgraded as well as improvements to the KS1 and KS2 play areas. Smart new curtains were fitted in the KS2 Hall. It was a huge amount of works carried out over the summer break, thank you to Ms Purvis and Mr Bunbury who were on-site to oversee the programme of improvements.



Resurfaced KS2 sports pitch, with new netball and basketball posts coming soon



Fantastic interactive screens in each class



KS1 playground - new football pitch and globe



Decorating



Security lighting and KS1 internal lighting upgrade

SING! SING! SING!

COME AND JOIN THE NEW

HIGHGATE COMMUNITY CHOIR



HIGHGATE COMMUNITY CHOIR WELCOMES ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SING IN A FUN, RELAXED AND INFORMAL ENVIRONMENT.

- **WHEN:** EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING DURING TERM TIME FROM 7.30pm - 9pm
- **WHERE:** ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, NORTH ROAD N6, in the Infant Hall.
- **CHOIR LEADER:** ELISA JEFFERY
- **COST:** £100 for 10 sessions to cover cost of hall and Choir Leader.

CONTACT: highgatecommunitychoir@gmail.com

NO AUDITIONS OR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

DID YOU KNOW, SINGING IN A CHOIR IMPROVES YOUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING!

JOIN US FOR A FREE TASTER SESSION ANY WEDNESDAY 7.30pm- 9pm TERM TIME.

COMING SOON! HIGHGATE YOUTH CHOIR for 12+. Register your interest with Elisa at: highgateyouthchoir@gmail.com

Reception - Year 6

Boys & Girls

8-30AM - 5-00PM

(£100 if booked before the 15th October)



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Improving the way governors guide the school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the school year at St Michael's!

One of the key tasks of being a governor is to ensure the vision and strategy of the school is being delivered. To make sure we stay focused on 'the bigger picture'.

Over the past year, the governors have been working on a multi-year strategy that will guide us in this task.

We recently held our 'in-school' development day, where we reviewed the draft strategy and prioritized some actions for this school year.

We have also made changes to the way we organise ourselves to make decisions, which I think will help us to stay focused on this bigger picture.

New ways of working

As you know, we have amazing grounds – which do need a lot of attention and upkeep. And of course we are indebted to our school caretaker Troy Bunbury for his dedication to the task of looking after them so well.

To guide that work, for a long time we have had a Premises sub-committee. For the last four years, that has been the only sub-committee we had.

From this term, we have made a couple of significant changes. We have changed this to the 'Finance and Premises' Committee and we have also created a Children's Committee.

As you would expect, the Children's Committee will focus on how the curriculum is delivered, the quality of teaching and assessment and the staffing needs. Finance and Premises will look at financial planning and monitoring in addition to the work on our grounds.

What difference will this make?

These committees will meet at least four times a year. Half the governors will sit on one committee and the other half on the other. We will also continue with our Fundraising & Communications working group, made up of governors, parents and others.

The committees will be able to drill down into some more of the detail and they will bring their decisions and recommendation to Full Governing Body meetings.

That, in turn creates space and time at those larger full governing body meetings for us to consider our strategy and check we are on track.

We have to balance the detailed oversight with keeping that longer-term vision in mind. And this is how we will be aiming to do that for the foreseeable future.

Get involved!

There are a number of governor positions opening up in the next year. You could be nominated by one of our Foundation bodies or stand for election as a parent governor for example.

Or perhaps you are fundraiser and could sit on our Fundraising & Communications working group.

Please write to me if you would like to know more. You can help us make St Michael's even better. I'm at governors@stmichaelsn6.com

Together stronger!

Adam Garfunkel



Highgate School year 3 Football Festival 2018

Passionate footballers from Year 3 were once again invited to participate in the annual Highgate Football festival on the morning of Saturday 22nd September 2018. All pupils from year 3 were invited to participate, regardless of ability, as the festival aims to unite teams from different schools to play for enjoyment, increase participation in the sport and to aid progression during a morning of competitive football.

St Michael's took two enthusiastic teams along to Highgate and got the year's sporting calendar off to a roaring start. Both team's performance were outstanding and managed to win the majority of the matches they played against Devonshire house, Heathside Prep, Highgate Primary and the hosts, Highgate school. All players showed tremendous sportsmanship, giving three cheers, shaking hands and congratulating other teams on their effort after every game. The teams also showed remarkable koinonia, working together seamlessly as a team; they have really done the school proud and were an absolute pleasure to coach. A very big well done to both teams for being such great ambassadors for St Michael's! I look forward to seeing the children develop their talents further as they progress through the Juniors.

Thank you to all the fantastic parents, and Ms Chrisostomou's father, who helped coach the teams and make the day enjoyable and memorable to all.



Year 5 and 6 Haringey Cross Country

An enthusiastic group of Year 5 and 6 athletes attended the Haringey Cross Country tournament at the New River Stadium in White Hart Lane on the 2nd October. A huge field of runners; some 200 boys and 200 girls from Year 5 to 9 ran a tough 2km course. Well done to all of those children who took part. All the competitors received a medal for their achievement and should feel very proud.



SCHOOL GAMES



St. Michael's CE Primary School

has achieved the **Gold School Games Mark**
award for their commitment, engagement and
delivery of competitive school sport in 2017/18

St. Michael's once
again achieved the
Gold award for its
commitment to
competitive sport for
all in



Highgate School Year 4 Football Festival 2018

Year 4 attended the football festival at Highgate School on the morning of Saturday 6th October.

The aim of these festivals is to increase participation, enjoyment and progression, where all pupils, regardless of ability are able to enjoy a morning of competitive football in an environment, which has the pupils' development as its main focus.

St. Michael's sent two enthusiastic and skilful teams to compete against several schools from the local community. Their performance was outstanding throughout with much skill and determination on show. The teams won most of their matches. Well done to all of the children who participated, you were fantastic ambassadors for the school.



Year 5 Netball Tournament with Highgate School

The year 5 girls Zhenyi and Tereshkova did a fantastic job at the netball tournament at Highgate School on Monday 1st October. They played against and alongside the year 5 and year 6 girls from Highgate. Zhenyi and Tereshkova demonstrated endurance, resilience and great teamwork. Some of the girls had never played before but still gave it their best. They should all be proud.



St Michael's Sporting Calendar

October 2018				
Tues 2 nd	4.00 – 5.15 p.m.	Haringey Cross Country Race 2	New River Stadium	Y5/6
Sat 6 th	9-11 a.m.	Year 4 football festival	Highgate School	Y4
10/11 th	3.30p.m.	Haringey 6-a-side football playoffs	Rhodes Avenue	Y5-6
Fri 12 th	10-11a.m.	Netball / Basketball	Highgate School	Y4
Tues 16 th	1.30-4p.m.	Haringey Hi 5 Netball event	Highgate School	Y5/6
November 2018				
Fri 2 nd	2.15-3.30p.m	Football friendlies	Highgate School	Y6
Tues 6 th	3.30 – 6p.m	Haringey Table Tennis for Boys	Alexandra Park	Y5/6
Tues 8 th	10.00-2p.m.	Haringey Tag Rugby Event	New River Stadium	Y5/6
Fri 9 th	2.15-3.30p.m	Football friendlies	Highgate School	Y5
Tues 13 th	3.30 – 6p.m	Haringey Table Tennis for Girls	Alexandra Park	Y5/6
Fri 16 th	2.15-3.15pm.	Football friendlies	Highgate School	Y5
December 2018				
Sat 1st	9-11a.m.	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	1.30-3.30p.m	House Tournament	St. Michael's N6	Y3/4