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Newsletter December 2018 - Issue 3

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Merry Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers,

The month of December has been a very busy and enjoyable time of preparation for Christmas. The children and staff have produced work and performances of a very high standard.

The season began with the Christmas fair, a big thank you to the SMSA and all of the volunteers involved in transforming the school and ensuring there were fun activities, delicious food and refreshments for all to enjoy. The trees in both halls were beautifully decorated and compliment the children's excellent festive work displayed throughout the school.

We pride ourselves on the quality of our dramatic performances. Throughout the year each class presents at least two performances to the school community. This is an opportunity to showcase talents and achievements and to develop the children's skills. We had two very successful Nativity plays led by Early years and Key stage 1. The children's singing, dancing, acting and costumes were fantastic. It was a pleasure to see them all gaining confidence and making progress each time they performed. Well done to all of the children for three excellent performances you make us very proud.

In addition to our Music lessons a vast number of our pupils are learning to play a musical instrument and have the opportunity to display their abilities through performances and concerts. *Last week children from Reception to Year 6 held a recorder concert.* Thank you to all the children for sharing their talents and to Nancy and Elspeth for their nurturing tuition. It was a truly creative and social afternoon enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday, Year 6 will host our Community party. This is a very special annual event which is very much appreciated by those who attend. Guests requiring assistance are collected by our parents. Pupils and parents prepare the hall for the party and throughout the afternoon the pupils provide table service for the guests. Once again, the pupils have prepared an excellent cabaret show which will entertain the guests throughout the afternoon. We are very pleased to be able to offer this to our community. It is an essential aspect of Year 6. Thank you to Anita for the many rehearsals and being the resident pianist on the day. Thank you to all of the parents for your generous donations of refreshments, presents and your time.

Each year group in Key Stage 2 plans and leads a whole school church service which all of the community is invited to attend. Year 5 will lead our end of term Christmas service at St Michael's Church at 9:30am on Thursday. This is a special occasion celebrated with all of the children from Reception to Year 6 and we warmly welcome all families.

Thank you to Mr Fletcher for all of his work at St. Michael's. We are sad to see him leave but wish him the very best of luck in his promotion. We look forward to welcoming Mr Yeoman as the new Franklin Class teacher in January.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your support to the school. On behalf of the children, staff and governors, *I wish you a happy Christmas and hope you have a joyful and restful time with your family.*

Best wishes,

Geraldine Gallagher

Headteacher

Dates

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

Half term break

18th-22nd February—finish 3.30pm

Monday 25th February

Children return to school

End of term

5th April - finish at 2pm

Monday 23rd April

Children return to school



In the NEWS



St Michael's Primary School pupils having fun at Lauderdale House.

Picture: LAUDERDALE HOUSE

Kids from St Michael's Primary School turned curators for the day during a takeover event at Lauderdale House.

Takeover Day is a national event organised by charity Kids in Museums to celebrate children's contributions to museums, galleries, arts organisations, archives and heritage

sites.

The children ran their own Great Exhibition of 2018 in the lower gallery, with each class having produced wonderful artwork and fun interactive displays inspired by the Unicef Rights of the Child.

Year 5 pupils helped run the event by welcoming guests at reception and lending a

hand in the office, even taking over the House's Twitter account.

There were true or false guessing games and creative displays addressing topics such as identity, pollution and fake news.

Each class visited the house to see the displays created by other students, with 350 children visiting over the day.

Jackson's Lane Theatre Trip

All of the children from Nursery to Year 2 visited Jackson's Lane Theatre to watch a fantastic production of the Gingerbread Man. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed acting out the story back at school as well as making their own edible Gingerbread Man!



Library opening times

Everybody is welcome to visit the school library and exchange books.

We are open:

Tuesdays 8.30-8.50

Wednesdays 15.30-15.40



NATIVITY

We had two performances of the Nativity. Reception and Nursery performed on the KS1 hall stage.



Year 1 and 2 performed on the KS2 hall stage.



St Michael's take over Lauderdale House



This year's contribution to the national Take Over a Museum day at Lauderdale House in November 2018 was another great success.

A parent in Year Three emailed the school to say "I went by Lauderdale House this afternoon and was impressed by the level of display by the School, well done! The children have produced beautiful work and have told a convincing, creative and fun story about their rights as the UNICEF Articles stipulate. It's nice that we as parents see what they are learning at school & are now more informed to reinforce it at home." It was so good we even made it into the Ham and High.

A big thank you to everyone, children, staff and parents who were involved.



Recorder Concert

The children performed a lovely Christmas concert to parents and family.



From the Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

Reflections on a first year

A little over a year ago, I had the great privilege of being appointed Vicar of St. Michael's Church, Highgate. My appointment makes me only the twelfth Vicar St Michael's has had since it opened for worship in 1832.

There are historic links between St Michael's Church and St Michael's School and as part of my role as Vicar, I am an ex-officio Governor at the school.

My first year has flown by. One thing I have discovered on arrival in Highgate is the strong community spirit that exists here. From my vantage position as parish priest and school governor, I have been able to see and experience this community spirit first hand.

Highlights of my first year include the Music Marathon, where the church doors were opened all day for budding musicians, many of them pupils at St Michael's, to showcase their musical gifts.

I have enjoyed the school community joining me here at Church for school services. I look forward to our end of term service on Thursday

The Remembrance Day Service organised by St Michael's Church, in conjunction with Highgate School, was another highlight. It was an event that brought together the whole Highgate Community in an act of Remembrance. Mrs Gallagher laid a wreath on behalf of the school and many parents have since told me how moved they were by the service.

I have also enjoyed taking school assemblies at St Michael's. The children show a such depth of knowledge and responsiveness at assemblies that I always leave impressed and encouraged by their spiritual understanding and growth. Beyond assemblies, a particular joy for me are the many schoolchildren who say 'hello' to me on the streets even when I am not wearing a collar!

If I have learnt anything in my first year, it is that my role as a school governor goes beyond ensuring that the school continues to meet the high standards it has set for itself. My role is also to ensure that the strong sense of community that is essential and beneficial to both church and school continues. I have enjoyed working closely with the school this past year and look forward to continuing the work of strengthening our community in the years ahead.

Merry Christmas!

Revd Kunle Ayodeji

Ancient Egyptian Day by Poppy and Haya (Franklin Class)



Year 4 have been studying the ancient Egyptians and enjoyed a day dressing up and experienced the life in a day as an ancient Egyptian.

Here is what people said about the day;

The morning:

'I thought it was excellent. My favourite activity was painting.' (Christina)

'It was amazing! I enjoyed everything! I found writing my name in a different language hard.' (Hannah)

'I enjoyed the soap carving and making clay charms.' (Julia)

'I enjoyed being a slave and making a tiny mummy.' (Georgina)

'I enjoyed everything but the thing I liked the most was the bread bit. I found it kind of easy.' (Sean)

'I liked EVERYTHING!!!' (Arthur)



The Afternoon:

We had a feast and some people were dancing and other people were acting. Some people were slaves or the royal family. There were two thieves who stole a bag of barley grain. We learnt that they were only allowed to believe in one God called Aten until the Pharaoh of that time died.

It was a fun day!



Christmas Jumper Day

We had some very festive children at St Michael's on Friday. Thank you all for taking the time and effort to come to school in your fabulous Christmas jumpers. Together we have raised £606.95.

This contribution will make a huge difference to the lives of the children at Kirima. Work is already underway building a new school hall along with new roads benefiting members of the community. Thank you, so much for helping our Charity school in Uganda.



Year 5 Trip to the RAF Museum



This term Year 5 have been studying the Forces and as a fun way to finish off the topic, we took the children on a trip to the RAF Museum, Hendon. They explored the different hangars of the museum looking at the history and science behind aviation.

They had a great time and even got to dress up in RAF uniforms. Darcy said "There was an amazing yellow plane (Bleriot) built in 1907, it won a race from London to Manchester and £10,000, which must be a lot of money nowadays!" Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered, your help is very much appreciated.



NSPCC



We raised £1343.72 in total for NSPCC.

Children in Need

Thank you parents for your donations and thank you children for coming to school wearing your Pyjamas, you all looked very cosy and warm!

Your generous contributions at St Michael's have raised an impressive £875.64!

Your contributions will make a difference helping children and young people facing a range of disadvantages such as living in poverty, being disabled or ill, or experiencing distress, neglect or trauma. The money raised will support projects working with disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. Thank you all for your participation, donations and overall enthusiasm.



Clubs:

Booking for Spring Term clubs opened at 11am on Wednesday 12th December and places were taken up extremely quickly. There are still places available on the following clubs which can be booked via Scopay.com for next term:

- Choir
- Dance
- Debating
- Drawing
- Dig it! (Tuesday before school)
- Fencing
- Film
- Gary's Monday Football
- LAMDA Drama
- Sewing (Years 4-6)
- Show me Spanish
- Tennis



If you have missed out on booking a club **through Scopay** for next term please email Hannah directly

(hprior@stmichaelsn6.com) telling her the name of your child and which club you were wanting so that she can make a note of their name should a place come up.

Please **contact all clubs not booked via Scopay directly** to enquire about places still available and to book for next term. Contact details at the bottom of the Spring Term clubs timetable on the school website.



Trips:

This term there have been some fantastic school trips to enrich the curriculum

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and **Year 2** went to see the Gingerbread Man at Jackson's Lane

Year 4 took part in an Ancient Egypt workshop

Year 5 are going to the Cinema and the RAF Museum in Hendon

Year 6 are going Climbing and also to the Cinema

Teachers are already beginning to plan their trips for Spring and Summer Terms. We look forward to letting everyone know what they have planned. Whilst contributions for school trips are voluntary, if insufficient contributions are raised then trips may have to be cancelled. We rely on parent contributions to enrich the curriculum with these school trips.

We are asking for one amount to cover the cost of all your child's trips for this year:

- Nursery: £15
- Reception: £36
- Year 1: £36
- Year 2: £36
- Year 3: £45
- Year 4: £45
- Year 5: £50
- Year 6: £60

Payment should be made online via www.scopay.com Please contact the School Finance Team if you need any support or have any questions. finance@stmichaelsn6.com



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.



SMSA dates for your diary

- Panto - 7th, 8th, 9th March
- Quiz night - 28th March
- School disco - TBC
- Footie funday - 12th May – possibly to be moved to Sat 11th
- Fun run - 9th June
- Summer fair - 29th June
- Camp out - 13th July
- Year 6 leaver's disco– 19th July

SMSA Meetings

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

Cake Sale

20th Dec	Nursery
11 th Jan	Earle Yr 1
18 th Jan	Johnson reception
25 th Jan	Earhart Reception
1st Feb	Ball yr 6
8 th Feb	Clark Yr 6
15th Feb	Zhenyi Yr 5
1st March	Tereshkova Yr 5
8 th March	Franklin Yr 4
15 th March	Red nose
22 nd March	Krafft Yr 4
29 th March	Shirley Yr 3
5 th April	Joint Year 6
26 th April	Easley yr 3
3rd May	Curie Yr 2
10 th May	Seacole Yr 2
17 th May	Anning Yr 1
24 th May	Earle Yr 1
7 th June	Nursery
14 th June	Johnson Reception
21 st June	Earhart Reception
12 th July	Nursery
19 th July	last day school

Rose Football Academy

Saturday Football

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When:

- 19th January to 6th April
- Reception & year 1 from 10am to 11am
- Years 2 to 6 & Girls Only group from 10am to 12noon

Where:

- St Michael's Primary school, Highgate, N6 4BG

Price:

- Full term bookings:
12 Saturdays:
Reception and year 1- £80
Years 2 to 6 - £120
- Siblings at £100 per child
- You can pay per session. Email or call Adam for more details

Haringey Indoor Cricket Tournament 2018



On the 20th November the St Michael's cricket team competed in the Haringey Indoor Cricket Tournament at the Tottenham Leisure Centre. We finished 3rd, winning our group but losing the semi-final and winning the 3rd place playoffs. We had great team spirit throughout, had a few close games but pulled through. In fact we collaborated well and everyone contributed. It was a huge accomplishment for the St Michael's cricket team and they hope for many more great performances in the future. By Alex B (Year 6 Cricket Ambassador)



Daily Mile



The Daily Mile has many benefits and is a regular part of our morning timetable. It promotes social, emotional and mental health and well-being, as well as fitness. Our children are happier, better behaved, sleep better, improve concentration, and develop greater confidence and self-esteem. Teachers and pupils are building up their performance and endurance in the aim to run a mile as fast as possible without stopping by the end of junior school.

St Michael's Sporting Calendar

SPRING TERM 2019				
January				
Thurs 10/17/24 th	3.30 - 6pm	Sportshall Athletics	Heartlands High School	Y6
Mon 14 th	2.15 – 3.00pm	Year 6 football friendlies	Highgate School	Y6
Mon 28 th	2.15 – 3.00pm	Year 5 football friendlies	Highgate School	Y5
Date tbc	All day	Tag Rugby Event	HAC Moorgate	Y5/6



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