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## Newsletter January 2019 - Issue 4

Geraldine Gallagher  
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new year. The school has been a hive of activity during the day, night and at weekends. The children and staff have been very busy taking every opportunity for fantastic learning here at school and on trips. Staff, pupils and parents are busy rehearsing for the Panto which will be performed at school on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March, be sure to get your tickets.

Last week, Anning Class confidently presented their learning to the school and their families. The assembly was a real celebration of the children's proud achievements. Each class presents at least two performances in a year. As our children get older, when preparing their assembly and other events they take on more leadership responsibilities so that when they reach Year 6 their end of year play is on a par to a West End production.

We are very fortunate to have a close working relationship with three local Churches – St. Michael's, All Saints and St. Augustine's. They support us in planning and delivering our weekly collective worship. This is when we gather as a school for assembly each day. We focus on one of our school values (endurance, forgiveness, koinonia, creation and friendship) relating them to stories from the Bible and our daily lives and often to the rights of the child. Going forward, I will send a note of the weeks focus in my Monday weekly message to parents.

This week we said goodbye to Mauricio Rodriguez. Maurice has assisted at the school for a significant number of years. He has been a great support to the school and community. Maurice will be dearly missed by past and current governors, parents, pupils and staff. We wish him well as he returns to Colombia.

Best wishes,

Geraldine Gallagher



## Dates

**Friday 8th February**

9am Family Assembly & coffee morning—Year 5 Zhenyi Class

**Tuesday 12th February**

Violin & Cello concert - time to be confirmed

**Friday 15th February**

9am Family Assembly & coffee morning—Year 2 Curie

**School finishes at 3.30pm**

**Half term break**

18th-22nd February

**Monday 25th February**

Children return to school

**Thursday 28th February**

Coffee morning with Mrs Gallagher

**Friday 1st March**

9am Family Assembly & coffee morning—Year 4 Krafft

**Thursday 7th March**

World Book Day

Panto performance

**Friday 8th March**

Panto performance

**Saturday 9th March**

Panto performance

**Monday 11th March**

Yr 4 Anglo Saxons workshop

**Friday 15th March**

9am Family Assembly & coffee morning—Year 3 Shirley

3.30-6.30pm Y6 Sportshall Athletics Event

**End of term**

5th April - finish at 2pm

**Monday 23rd April**

Children return to school

## 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



## Road Safety

**Just a reminder of the importance of driving slowly and to only park in marked parking bays outside the school**



### Life in Roman Britain Day

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January Year 3 lived as the ancient Romans did in 60 AD and spent a day in Duriloponte (near Cambridge) in a fictional villa of Vadum. The day focused on the effects of the Boudican revolt on everyday lives. The children were involved in a large variety of activities including making oil from olives for Roman lamps; using traditional herbs and ingredients to create authentic medicinal herbs, ink making and writing. They were also involved in providing a range of entertainment for the wonderful feast.

Here are some of the things Year 3 had to say about the day (reported by Samuel Maynard in Easley Class).

'My favourite part was painting.' (Matteo)

'I liked everything because it was exciting!' (Harry)

'I enjoyed making the brooch.' (Holly, Molly)

'My favourite part was making the mosaics, wax tablets and brooches.' (Sam, Isla, Elton, Jonny, Jack, Ezra, Nye, Amelie)

'I liked the smelling salts.' (C.J)

'My favourite part was the party!' (Aylin, Panagiota)

'I loved making the lucky charms, and wax tablets.' (Annabel, Farrah, Julian, Louis, )

Thank you to the 'Mistress' from History off the page and to all the parents who came and helped make it such an enjoyable day. We couldn't have done it without you.





## Ancient Greece Day

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January Year 5 flew back in time to 490BC and spent a day in Ancient Athens, living as the Athenians did, skilfully guided by our mistress from History Off The Page. The children crafted, painted, healed, acted, danced and feasted merrily. Here is what the children said about their day;

'I really like how through the day we learned more and more about the Athenians.' (Trixie)

'It was really fun. I learned a lot about what people actually did in the Greek times.' (Milo)

'I really enjoyed having my toe chopped off\*! (Laila)

'I thought the activities were amazing! I wish they had gone on for longer.' (Simone)

'It is interesting how sick people were treated using herbs for their medicine.' (Salma)

'It was exciting and realistic.' (Rosa)

\*During the feast one of the slaves attempted to escape. She was caught and punished.

Thank you to all the parents who came and helped out. We couldn't have done it without you. It was a fun day!



# Respect Workshop

The children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 took part in a workshop.

Isabelle Capper came into our classroom and said that her circus groups were fighting and that their latest show had been terrible.

After that she asked us to help her and the circus. She assigned us into groups. When we started the act we all thought that we were better than the others.

Soon after, we made freeze frames of how we would sabotage each other's acts.

Finally, we helped Isabelle to decide the order in which her circus should be in.

The first letter of all the acts spelt 'RESPECT'.

Thinking about what we had learnt we designed our own respect sock. You will see a selection of the socks displayed in different areas of the school.

*By Luke Y6*





We're delighted to announce that we have been awarded Bronze Accreditation by Transport for London for our work towards making sure pupils travel actively to and from school where possible! We'll be continuing this hard work into the Spring and Summer terms.



This is to certify that

*St Michael's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School*

has been awarded a Bronze award in recognition of  
achievement in active and safer travel initiatives

September 2018

Date

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Will Norman", is written over a horizontal line.

Will Norman  
Walking and Cycling Commissioner  
Transport for London



MAYOR OF LONDON

Transport for London



**Volunteering as a governor (and other ways to get involved)**

Dear Parents and Carers

This week I started rehearsals for the Dancing Dads routine at this year's panto! Without giving away too many secrets, we could all do with improving our flexibility before we get on stage in early March!

The St Michael's panto is a huge undertaking – led by you, the parents and Carers of the children here at the school in the shape of the SMSA.

The SMSA runs all the fabulous events that are vital for stitching together the social fabric of the school and raising much-needed funds for those 'nice-to-haves'. For example, the SMSA is currently funding more than 100 iPads that are used by the children across the school.

So, if you think you can contribute to any of that, please get involved by contacting the SMSA's tireless chair Rachel Maynard at [smsa-highgate@gmail.com](mailto:smsa-highgate@gmail.com).

**Be a governor**

If that isn't for you, what about being a governor?

You get to set the strategic vision and direction, approve the budget and hold the senior leadership team to account for the educational performance of the school. And people who are governors regularly report they feel they have made a contribution to the life of the school as well as developing professional skills in areas such as strategic planning, financial management, chairing – all of which are valued by employers.

**Opportunities now!**

If you think this might be for you, please get ready to apply for one of the parent governor positions that school parents choose in elections which we will be holding in March this year.

There are two parent governor positions open for election.

**Looking ahead**

As governors and parents we all want the same thing: the best possible experience and outcomes for our children. For them to 'be the best they can be'.

If you can make a contribution to the wider school community, either by supporting the work of the SMSA or being a governor, that would be great.

Please write to me if you would like to know more about being a governor. You can help us make St Michael's even better. I'm at [governors@stmichaelsn6.com](mailto:governors@stmichaelsn6.com)

Together stronger!

Adam Garfunkel

## Football & Multi-Sports Camp



-Week: 18th Feb to 22nd Feb

-Drop off between:

**8.30am to 10am**

Pick up between:

**3.30pm to 5pm**

-Reception to Year 6  
@St Michael's Primary

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Rose Sports Academy's February half term camp will be fun-filled and action packed with many activities and games. Choose between multi-sports or football each day!

**Daily bookings are also available through our website.**



**Interested in something else?**

We offer exciting birthday parties, 1-to-1 football coaching, experienced PPA/lunchtime/motor skills provision in schools and Saturday football camps! If you are interested in any of these, please get in touch!



Some children from Year 3 & 6 helped to plant trees in the school grounds with volunteers from the Railway Fields Nature Reserve



## 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 11<sup>th</sup>
- Fun run - 9th June
- Summer fair - 29th June
- Camp out - 13th July
- Year 6 leaver's disco – 19th July

### SMSA Meetings

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

### Cake Sale

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



### PCUBED TAG RUGBY CHALLENGE 2019



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2019, 13 children from Year 5 and 6: Francesca, Bruno, Victor, Noe, Ellen, Rosie, Harry, Emily, Fred, Orlando, Oscar, Luke P and Jasper went with Mr Whiting, Mr Kolman and Jasper's dad to HAC Moorgate to compete in the PCUBED Schools' Challenge Tag Rugby Tournament. A select group of high performing schools were invited to compete.

The team played a series of 12 minute games. St Michael's first match was against Keble, an all-boys

school. The team won 5-2. Their next match was against Crowlands and again they won. The score was 3-1 to St Michael's. They then went on to play South Haringey and beat them 3-0. Everyone was tired by this point but the next match was against Rhodes Avenue and everyone wanted to beat them because they were the toughest team to beat.

The match was tense but finally after an exhausting 12 minutes, St Michael's won 2 -1 because they worked very well together and tried very hard.

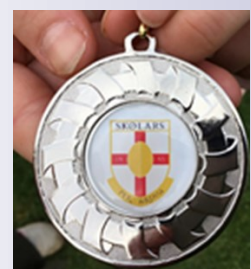
After this tough match St Michael's went on to play Alexandra Park School and won 2-0. As St Michael's had won all their matches, this qualified them for the final. Rhodes Avenue were runners-up.

Even though most of the final was at St Michael's end of the pitch, Rhodes Avenue broke away through our defence and scored the winning try. The final score was 1 -0.

During the rest of the day, St. Michael's met rugby players and watched a match between London Skolars and the mighty Wigan Warriors.

Mr Whiting was very pleased with everyone who participated in this amazing event. Well done everyone!

*By Ellen M*







## **HIGHGATE FOOTBALL FRIENDLY MATCH**

On the 14th January, Year 6 pupils at St. Michael's were invited to Highgate School to compete in football friendlies. Children of all abilities competed in a fun afternoon.

Each team played one long match that spanned the whole afternoon. St Michael's won every match and showed great sportsmanship. Well done to the Year 6s that played.

*By Ellen and Alex Year 6*



## **St Michael's Sporting Calendar**

<b>SPRING TERM 2019</b>				
<b>January</b>				
Thurs 10/17/24 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-6pm	Sportshall Athletics	Heartlands High School	<b>Y5-6</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.15-3pm	Year 5 football friendlies	Highgate School	<b>Y5</b>
<b>February</b>				
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30-10.30am	Year 5-6 Football	Highgate School	<b>Y5/6</b>
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	4-5pm	Haringey Cross Country	New River Stadium	<b>Y5/6</b>