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Newsletter March 2019 - Issue 5

Geraldine Gallagher
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very proud of our children's achievements in all areas of their learning. This term many were noted and celebrated in our Ofsted Inspection and NACE award accreditation. Others are witnessed at events such as the school pantomime, class assemblies, trips, art displays, tournaments and music concerts. Visitors and members of the general public attending these events always comment on our pupil's excellent attitude.

Next week, Year 4 will visit Flatford Mill centre. This is the first time that the children will experience a school residential trip. It provides opportunities for the children to develop independence, build new and existing friendships and learn to overcome challenges. This trip supports our learning across the curriculum from exploring contrasting locations in geography to John Constable in art and living things in science. The centre has students of all ages residing throughout the year and they always comment that their staff look forward to St. Michael's arrival as our children are so remarkable and great to work with.

We will end this term with a joyous celebration of Easter led by pupils and staff from Year 3 at St. Michael's Church, 9:30am on Friday 5th April. The children will parade to and from Church in their Easter bonnets and everyone is welcome to attend.

I hope you enjoy reading about this month's events and the upcoming opportunities for the children and your families.

Best wishes,

Geraldine Gallagher
Headteacher



Dates

Monday 1st April

School disco—see below

Tuesday 2nd April

Parents Governor Election results announced

Wednesday 3rd April

9am & 6pm KS1 SATS Parent information sessions, Science room (Year 1 & 2 parents).

All day Year 6 trip to Bentley Priory

PM Y5 attending the Buggy Malone show

Wednesday 3rd

AM Year 4 leave for Flatford Residential Trip

Nursery Children's Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 5th April

9am End of term Church Service - Led by Year 3 and Easter Bonnet Parade

2pm Year 4 children return from Flatford

End of term- finish at 2pm

Tuesday 23rd April

Children return to school



3:45-4:45 – Reception, Y1 and Y 2

5:15-6:15 Year 3 and 4

6:30-7:30 Year 5 and 6

£3 entry fee, children will get a drink, a packet of crisps and a hotdog/veggie option



The Year 6 children are producing their own termly newsletter called Active Life.

They can be found on our website under News or by clicking on this link

<https://stmichaelsn6.com/active-life-newsletter/>

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

Please note: Next term the library opening times will be:

Tuesdays 8.30-8.50

Thursdays 15.30-15.40

KS1 SATS

Parent Information Sessions

Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm in the Science Room





School Procedures

Just a note from the office to thank everyone for your support with the recent changes in our school procedures. The school office is open from 8.30–9.30am and from 3.30–4pm.

Late children: School starts at 8:50. Please try to ensure your child arrives at school in good time to start the day. If you are unavoidably delayed and arrive after 8.50am an appointed member of staff will collect your child at the pedestrian gate in the top playground and take them directly to their classes or assembly. They no longer come to the school office to be registered as late.

Sickness: Parents need to call or email the school in the morning to advise if their child/ren is off sick from school, stating their name, class name and reason. Please note if children have been off with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they must remain off school for 48hrs after the last episode. This is to aid their recovery and reduce the transmission of the virus.

Forgotten items: Forgotten items can be dropped into the office until it closes at 9.30am. Unfortunately we can no longer accept forgotten items after this time, this includes musical instruments and packed lunches. If a child's packed lunch has been forgotten the child will receive a school dinner and your Scopay account will be charged accordingly. Water is available in all classrooms and playgrounds.

Collecting/dropping off children during the school day: Please can you notify your child's teacher by letter **AND** email the school office if you need to pick up or drop off your child during the school day. Please remember that all non-emergency medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours or during holiday time but if this is not possible, please provide the office with a letter or appointment card for the absence.

Changes to pick up at home time: If your child is being collected by somebody other than the usual adult please give a note to the class teacher or TA in the morning. Please do not email the office, the office will only pass on messages in an **absolute emergency**.

Clubs: Any changes to collection details, please contact the club leaders directly. These can be found on the clubs timetable on our website.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Kind regards,

School Office



Panto: Beauty & the Beast



Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's pantomime Beauty and the Beast. It was great to see so many children, staff and parents make this year's show a sell-out triumph. Not only does it raise funds for the school, it shows our children's talents off too.

50 children from year six sang "This is Me" from the Greatest Showman, year four were so cute as woodland animals with their own DJ and Year five danced in fluorescent lighting and threw some cool disco shapes!

Parents and teachers were great role models to our children, working together making something so special. Ex pupils always come back to help with lighting, props and costumes and this year we had even more.



Year 3 trip—Go Ape

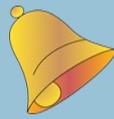


On Friday 1st March, Year 3 went on a fabulous trip to Go Ape in Ally Pally. The day was an opportunity for the children to engage in team-building and problem solving exercises as well as having the chance to test their nerve on the Junior Trail.

It was really nice seeing both classes supporting each other in all aspects of the day, especially when giving each other encouragement when they felt scared on the high ropes which were a whopping 11 meters above the ground!

Seeing the children working so closely in such a different environment was so inspiring that even the teachers couldn't resist going up on the trail themselves.





Attendance

We are delighted to see that we have met our target of 97% for attendance. Year Three Easley Class having the highest attendance of 97.6% - well done to everyone.

If you wish for your child to be absent from school, please fill in the absence request form which is available from our website stmichaelsn6.com/attendance. The Headteacher may authorise absence only for exceptional circumstances, not for holidays e.g.

- illness or accident
- death or serious illness of a close family member
- religious observance

If your child is absent for a period of time due to illness our aim is to support your family by providing work they may do at home. For minor illnesses, please send your child to school and we will do our best to look after them.

Attendance during one school year	Days Absent...	Weeks Absent...	Lessons Missed...
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	40 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	80 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	120 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	160 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	200 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	230 Lessons
60%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	270 Lessons

Please note: This table does not include playtimes where children learn and make relationships

Local authorities measure persistent absence as below 91%.

Road Safety

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



Year 5 Trip—Ragged School Museum

Friday 1st February, Year 5 stepped back 130 years into the slums of Victorian London. They spent the day in The Ragged School, founded by Dr Barnardo. They were taught by 'the strictest of the strict', Mrs Perkins. Both classes also squeezed into a tiny bedroom and learnt how hard it was for a whole family to clean their clothes and themselves. Here's what the children thought:

Simone - I realised how important it is to behave at school.

Mia - I liked being taught by Miss Perkins. It was a bit too strict. I don't think I could spend all my days like that.

Sonny - The teacher was so strict. She wasn't afraid to make you sad.

Luca and Peter - It was interesting, all the strange things and punishments that they did at school. I wouldn't have liked to have gone to a Victorian school because it was so strict and horrible.

On Friday 1st February, Year 5 went on a trip to the Ragged School museum.

I thought it was a great experience to know what it was like in the Victorian times. The most interesting fact I learnt was that children did most of the work, for example: they had to boil the water for clothes washing, grate carbolic soap into the boiled water, chop the buttons off for when the clothes went through the mangle and then sew them back on again.

The most exciting bit of the trip was that we got to dress up as Victorian children. It was a great day out and I would definitely recommend it!

By Bella Y5





We welcome and are very grateful to all of our volunteers. Volunteers at our school bring with them a range of skills and experience that make the events special and enhances the children's learning opportunities.

We have regular volunteers who support with classroom activities like reading and at other key times and events in the school year such as class trips and parties. We also have volunteers that support us with one off events and services by offering their profession/specialist skills for example during STEM week or advising the school on specific matters.

Some of the Volunteers at St Michael's School

Reading
Library helpers
Helpers on trips and events
Helpers who assist in clubs
Escorting children to sport tournaments
Art projects
British values week -MP presenting to children
STEM week- DNA specialists, optometrist, dentist, Nurse, accountant
Book week – author, publisher, illustrator
Presentations for parents e.g. Social Media
Gardeners
Santa
The Year 6 – year book, community show, Play
set design and artists for Year 6 play, Junior Entrepreneur Programme
Volunteering at the many SMSA fundraising events e.g. Fairs, Panto, fireworks,
Providing advice to the school –Architects, Doctors, Web designers, Entrepreneurs, Lawyers

We have a list of parents and carers who offer their specialist expertise to the school. If you have a skill or area of expertise which you can offer, please email the office with your name, profession and area you would be happy to help with and we will keep it on file.

A big thank you to those who have already been in touch.

Digital Media Parents Meeting - Monday, March 11th 2019

We were very fortunate to have Beth Kerr (Deputy Head for Pastoral Care, Pupil Progress and Wellbeing at Immanuel College) present to parents about the effect of digital media on the developing minds of young people.



The latest findings from the field of neuroscience were shared as well as practical tools, advice and resources for parents about how to establish boundaries with their children and help them navigate a rapidly changing online world. It is vital to start this process when children are young and to ensure that parents and children have an ongoing and open conversation about their digital lives and, finally, that boundaries are negotiated and gradually adapted as children mature.

A copy of her slides have been shared by email from the School Office for those who missed the meeting.

Year 4 Anglo-Saxon Day

On Monday 11th March, Year 4 had an Anglo-Saxon day. There were lots of different Anglo-Saxon arts and crafts in the hall. It was an all day workshop where you could make pottery and write with the ink you made. There were various other activities including, candle making, painting, runes making, weaving and even a Saxon army drill.

In the afternoon, we had an archaeological dig. We took turns digging in a box and drew the dig, mapping exactly where each item was found.

We had a fantastic day.

By Anna Y4



Celebration



04 March 2019

Mrs G Gallagher, Headteacher
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Dear Mrs Gallagher

I am delighted to hear that St Michael's C of E Primary has gained the prestigious NACE Challenge Award for excellence in provision for able and talented pupils and challenge for all. I have great pleasure in enclosing your school's certificate.

The Award is gained through the hard work and contributions of all members of the school and I therefore send my congratulations to the school leadership team, staff, governors and pupils.

NACE looks forward to working with you again in the future, as Challenge Award schools have an important role to play in helping the wider school community to develop high quality provision and practice for very able learners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Riley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue Riley
Chief Executive, NACE

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From the Chair of governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

Change is hard but good

Spring brings with it the idea of renewal. As we head into the Easter holidays, we see this around us every day and of course in the story of Easter itself.

That same sense of rejuvenation and revitalization applies to our work on the governing body. A few years ago we agreed that governors could stand for a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms. This is good practice because it ensures there is that sense of renewal on a regular basis.

And because we reconstituted on 1 April 2015, we have a number of long-serving members of our governing board who are leaving us and we welcome some new members in their place.

Parents of the school will know that you are electing two parents as governors this week and they will be in place for the summer term.

We also welcome Charlotte Allen and Claire Southern as incoming nominations from the West Haringey Deanery Synod. Charlotte is a strategy director at Ogilvy, the international pr and advertising agency and Claire is a partner at law firm Hogan Lovells. We are also joined by Lisa Maguire who has been nominated by the Parish Council. Lisa is a diplomat with service in some of the world's trickiest areas.

I am delighted to welcome these three impressive women to our governing board. Their myriad skills will be of great benefit to our strategic oversight role.

There are also several governors leaving us soon or who recently have. Adam Zombory-Moldovan has served his two terms with distinction applying his professional skills as an architect to great use around the school buildings and grounds. I am delighted to say he continues as an associate governor helping us move forward on a couple of premises projects.

Jonathan Murphy is stepping down as a governor after completing two four-year terms. Jonathan is a vice-chair and a former Chair of the Governing Board and has led on safeguarding. As director of music at Highgate School he has brought ideas and insights from his senior role there as well as a passion for the performing arts.

Change is hard but good cont..

Matt Kerr is leaving having served a term as a parent governor. Thanks to his background in sports education and his focus on pastoral care in his job at City of London Boys School, Matt has helped us grapple with safety issues around new technology as well as making a number of other valuable contributions.

And in May I will be moving on as my second term comes to an end. It's been a pleasure to be involved with the school as both governor and more recently Chair. I am delighted to say that our vice-chair Mark Dailey has agreed to take over as Chair and I am sure he will continue to apply his sharp mind and good sense to the role.

So many thanks to those who are leaving and welcome to those who are just starting out. I am convinced that no one is indispensable and that though hard, change is good. Renewing our governing board is, I am convinced, both the right and natural thing to be doing and will help the school go from strength to strength.

Happy Easter!

Oh and a PS: Do give the new governors your full support and if you don't already, please do consider setting up a standing order to the Governors' Fund at Lloyds in Hampstead. Sort code 30-93-80. Account number 18691660. Thank you!

Together stronger!

Adam Garfunkel

Chair of governors





We have a staggering amount of musicians learning various instruments. Here is an impression of how many children are currently learning instruments:

Recorder	57	Guitar	33
Trumpet	16	Clarinet	21
Violin	28	Drums	10
Cello	17	Piano	60
Oboe	3		

Each week children demonstrate and appreciate each others talents as they play on entry to our daily assemblies.

Digital Images Consent

We recently sent out our current Digital Images Consent Policy to all parents.



Some families have not given permission. In these instances, it does mean we are unable to use photos of your child, including class trips and residential trips.

All parents are able to change their consent at anytime and should you wish to change your preference, please go to this link.

Link: <https://forms.gle/XJr8RgmLHAi2PaKPA>

Red Nose Day



We had an impressive turn out of **red**, funny looking, odd socks wearing children at St Michaels and all for an amazing cause.

Thank you children for arriving to school in all your fancy clothes! Thank you parents for your immensely generous donations.

This year St Michael's School raised an outstanding **£963.92**

When you donate to Comic Relief **Red Nose Day** you're supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally, so thank you all for your participation, donations and overall enthusiasm.



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

- Quiz night - 28th March
- School disco - 1st April
- 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

Cake Sale

29 th March	Shirley Yr 3
5 th April	Joint Year 6
26 th April	Easley yr 3
3 rd 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

SMSA Meetings

- 25th April
- 23rd May
- AGM 11th July

Save the Air - Walk There! St Michael's now has a Walking Zone!



Save the Air - Walk There!

We want the children and adults of Haringey to breathe clean air, live healthy, long and fulfilling lives and for Haringey to be a clean and safe borough.

Our aim is for every child and young person in Haringey to walk, cycle or use the bus safely for their everyday journeys, especially to and from school.

KEY:

- 5 minute walking zone
- 10 minute walking zone
- Waterloo Park
- Highgate Cemetery
- Hampstead Heath
- Highgate Wood
- Bus stops
- Zebra crossings
- Pedestrian Crossings

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We want our children to be happy and healthy, so in partnership with Haringey we have created a Walking Zone, which you can see on the attached map.

If you live within the Walking Zone we would like you to consider walking to school wherever possible.

If you have to drive to school, please park outside of the 5 minute walking zone and walk the last bit to school.

This reduces pollution around the school and makes a huge difference. Your child will bring home a leaflet for you to look at, and there is a banner in the top playground to look at with your child.





ROSE SPORTS ACADEMY

FOOTBALL OR MULTI-SPORT EASTER CAMP

Book online or turn up on the day



**DAILY 8:30AM TO 5PM
ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL
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We run a Football Camp & Multi Games/Sports Camp at the same venue. Perfect for football lovers & active kids!

Sports Academy Easter Holiday Camp Reception to Year 6



WEEK ONE

Dates : Mon 8th to Fri 12th April
Price : £115 per week or £30 per day

WEEK TWO

Dates : Mon 15th to Thurs 18th April (4 days)
Price : £90 per week or £30 per day

Book online or turn up on the day!

Visit our website for more information on sibling discounts and more!

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As part of our **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) **week**, which is taking place between **29th April and 4th May 2019**, St Michael's is **looking for volunteers to share their love of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and their expertise with its pupils.**

The school would love to have you come and support us in making STEM week fun, interactive and as engaging as possible for our students.

If you are a practising Scientist, Mathematician, Science or Maths teacher, or working in Technology or Engineering fields we would like you to take part. If you would like to share your practice and expertise with a class or year group, or if you have a particular specialism and would be happy to run an hour workshop on a topic, we would be delighted to have you come and work with the children.

If you are interested in taking part, please email us with the following information.

Your name

Your area of interest/expertise

What you would like to do with the children/demonstrate to them

Age group the activity would be aimed at

Your availability during this period

Once we have a list of possible volunteers we will organise a rota to try and best fit your preferences and availability.

If you have any questions or require any further information please feel free to contact Mr Fowler and Mr Braune directly.



Haringey 3v3 Basketball

On Friday 22nd of March, a squad of 15 Year 5 and 6 boys and girls went to Greig Academy to compete in a 3v3 basketball event.

The competition was of a very high standard. St. Michael's started by playing three schools in their groups; the A's played St Ignatius, St Mary's and South Haringay but unfortunately did not win any of the matches. However, the B team won 2-0 against Trinity.

In the afternoon the teams were placed into different pools depending on morning results. Again the afternoon was challenging with defeats to Coleraine, and Trinity. However, the A team finished the day on a happy note with a 4-0 win against Bounds Park in our final match.

Well done everyone for trying their hardest and representing the school brilliantly. There were several stand outs performers and some great baskets scored. Mrs Crawley and Mr Kolman were very proud of the players.

By Alex B (Sports Media)



Highgate School Cross Country Tournament 2019

On the 25th March St. Michael's sent four girls and four boys from Years 3 to 6 to compete in a cross-country tournament at Highgate School. St. Michael's competed against 4 schools from the area.

The Year 3s and Year 4s ran two laps of the course which was a total length of 2km and the Year 5s and 6s ran three laps which was a total length of 3km. Bruno, from Year 6 Clark said that 'it was very hard but fun'.

Outstanding performers included Isla from Year 3 who won a gold medal, Elise from Year 3 who won a silver, and Mia from Year 5 who won bronze.

A special mention to Jasper in Year 5 who stopped to help Keifer who was injured before carrying on with the race. Well done to everyone who took part. You showed determination, friendship, courage, and above all immense endurance to succeed.

Thank you to Highgate School for organising such a great event.

By Ellen and Romilly, Year 6



INDOOR SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 17th January 2019, the Year 5-6 athletics team travelled to St Thomas More School to compete in a range of different athletic activities in Heat 2 of the Haringey Sportshall Athletics event.

The children competed in a range of activities including: speed bounce, long jump, triple long jump, vertical jump, chest push, and sprint relay races.

Francesca, who competed in long jump, said at the time 'I feel really nervous, but it's a great opportunity and I think I'll be ok when I do it.'

Everyone who competed had a great attitude and they all showed incredible endurance towards their activities.

Overall, our school came fourth out of 11 schools. This is extremely good and we were only 3 points away from getting through to the finals. An excellent Coldfall School were the overall winners on the day.

Well done to Emily P, Kiefer, Aaron, Nyomie, Harry, Victor, Noe, Francesca Rosie, Ella, Mia, Sophia, Bruno, Toby, Oscar, Louis, Reuben, Emily M, Mariam, Gaia, Orlando, and Charlie W.

By Gaia Y6

St Michael's Sporting Calendar

March 2019				
Mon 25 th	2-5p.m	Highgate School Cross Country	Highgate School	Y3-6
Thurs 28 ^h	TBC	KS2 Dance Festival	Highgate School	Y3-6
WB 1.4.19	1.30-3.30pm	House Tournament	St. Michael's N6	Y5/6
WB 1.4.19	1.30-3.30p.m	House Tournament	St. Michael's N6	Y3/4