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Newsletter May 2019 - Issue 6

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Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St. Michael's we are always active in our pursuit to prepare our children and make every moment count. This month has been packed with visits, themed learning days and weeks, visitors and the opportunity to participate in an election. I am sure you will enjoy reading about all of the children's pursuits and achievements.

We are very fortunate to have fantastic children, committed staff, volunteers, parents and governors. A special thank you to all of our governors for their significant and valuable contribution to making our school the best it can be. In particular, to those who have completed their terms this academic year: Adam Zombory Moldovan, Adam Garfunkel, Lucy Clark, Jonathan Murphy, Matt Kerr and Peter Vannozi. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and skills and for the care you have given to all aspects of the school community.

Mark Dailey, former vice-chair is our new Chair of governors. We are excited and pleased to welcome our new governors Adel Burgess, Ben Nanson, Charlotte Allen, Claire Southern, Lisa Maguire and Stephen Bethel to the board.

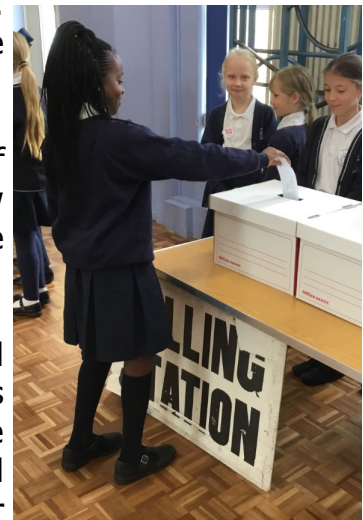
These last few months of school are a period of change and transition as we prepare each year group for their next steps and their future. The first week after half term Year 6 leave for their five day residential at Boreatton Park. This trip and all that they do during the last half term prepares them for Secondary School and beyond.

We look forward to another successful Summer Term at St Michael's and seeing you at the many exciting events starting with the fun run on Sunday 9th June.

Have a peaceful and restful half term break.

Best wishes,

Geraldine Gallagher
Headteacher



Dates

Monday 3rd June

Year 6 PGL Residential—children depart

Wednesday 5th June

All day Year 1 V&A Museum of Childhood Trip

Friday 7th June

9am Earle class assembly and coffee morning

PM Year 5 Zhenyi Trip to Houses of

Parliament

Year 6 return from PGL

Sunday 9th June

10-4pm Fun run

Tuesday 11th June

Reception & Year 6 height and weight

Wednesday 12th June

6pm E-Safety Parents meeting

Friday 14th June

9am Y6 PGL assembly & coffee morning

Saturday 15th June

Fair in the Square—children performing

Wednesday 19th June

Whole school photo

Friday 21st June

9am Seacole class assembly and coffee morning

Year 5 space camp-out overnight

Monday 24th June

National Sports week

10am Parent Meeting for new Reception 2019

Tuesday 25th June

KS2 Sports Day

Wednesday 26th June

9am Piano concert with Sarah Probert

Thursday 27th June

KS1 Sports Day

Year 6 Leavers Service at St Paul's Wood

Green (pupils and staff only)

Friday 28th June

9am Johnson class assembly and coffee morning

Year 6 return from PGL

Saturday 29th June

12-4pm School Summer Fair

Monday 1st July

AM New Parent meeting for Nursery

Tuesday 2nd July

Year 4 Strings concert

Wednesday 3rd July

Class photos

Thursday 4th July

7pm Anita's piano concert

Friday 4th July

Franklin Class assembly and coffee morning

Wednesday 10th July

Year 6 play to parents

Thursday 11th July

Year 6 play to parents

Saturday 13th July

SMSA Weekend campout

Friday 19th July

Church service led by Year 6

2pm School finishes

7pm Year 6 leavers disco

Road Safety

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



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
Thursdays 15.30-15.40



STEM

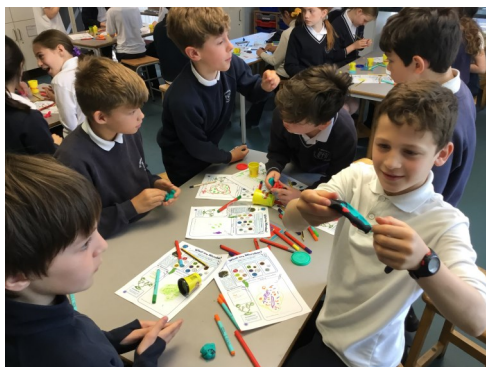
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHS



From the 29th April to the 3rd May 2019, St. Michael's celebrated a fantastic STEM (science, engineering, technology and maths) week. The week, organised by Mr Fowler and Mr Braune consisted of a number of fantastic workshops and guest speakers - many of whom were parents at the school - who came in to inspire the children into a number of different STEM fields. Children learned about various topics including the light spectrum, microbes, artificial intelligence and architecture and engineering. All of the children also took part in a maths investigation to help develop their calculation and problem solving skills.

The children also got to experience a planetarium which was assembled in the KS1 hall for a day, Grace in year 6 said "It was exciting and exhilarating because we didn't know what was in store for us before we went in."

Overall the children had an excellent week and many are now inspired to go into STEM-related fields. Mr Fowler and Mr Braune would like to thank all of the parents who volunteered and helped make STEM week a success.



St Michael's Elections

To celebrate democracy and prepare our children for their future we held our own elections. Through this experience the children gained an understanding of the process and of the importance of being an informed and active pupil of St. Michael's school. The children were voting for the category for class names in September 2019. The year Five pupils were split into four parties and delivered their manifesto for each category to the school. The Year Five pupils delivery and content was excellent and other politicians could certainly learn a lesson or two from them. Below are some

examples of their speeches. All pupils from Year One to Six used the real voting booths to place their votes.

We are speaking for the Blue Party

We think that naming our classes after artist is a good idea because it is part of our curriculum and means that we will learn even more interesting techniques and designs to apply to our artwork.

It will supply children with a wide range of knowledge about a series of different artists and may also encourage them to go into a career in Art and Design. In a lot of jobs art and drawing skills are essential, which means that it is important that we are taught a log of different techniques.

This is why we strongly believe St Michael's classes for 2019-21 should be names after artists.

This house believes that you should vote for Green Party and have inspirational people for your class name.

Musicians, artists and sportsmen and women; we cover all of them and more. There is a wider range and variety of people for your class names and more to be inspired by.

If you vote for Green Party, you will learn about what these people did and how they changed the future for the better. Not only did they endure and persevere, learning from their mistakes, but they also inspired others to follow and learn from them. Finally, we believe it would be a good, interesting and inspiring thing for your class to learn about.

This is why you should vote for Green Party.

As a speaker for the Red Party, I believe that we should name our classes after musicians. This is because people like Elvis Presley revolutionized the world with music. And, Stevie Wonder had to show endurance because he was blind. Also, in America there was a civil rights movement in which music was vital (they all sang 'We shall overcome'). And finally, some female composers, like Clara Schumann, had to write under false names; so if we name our classes after them they'll get recognition.

This is why you should vote Red. Thanks

The Yellow Party stands for sportsmen and sports-women.

This house believes that our future class names should be named after sports men and women.

This is because they show a lot of our school values. They also tell you never to give up.

Sports make you feel happy and energized. We can always learn from people like Derek Redmond, who had major a setback in an Olympic Final, but still he never gave up. The same as Thirser Zorn which is a blind swimmer who won 55 medals: 41 gold, 9 silver and 5 bronze. This shows us that no matter who you are, you can always achieve your dream and that is why you should vote for the Yellow Party.

VOTES

Musicians **66**

Inspirational people **76**

Artists **77**

Sports **85**


From September 2019 classes will be names after **significant sports people** who also have a link to the children's curriculum in each year group. We will inform everyone of the class names at the end of this year.

Year 1 News Reports

St. Michael's News

Scary toy thief about
 Tuesday 21st May 2019 *EW Lym age*

ON Friday
 Night some
 toys went
 missing in
 a garden.

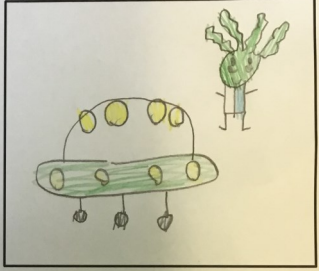


One of the witness said
 the spaceship was
 made of silver and gold
 metal. Another witness
 said there was an alien
 inside the spaceship.

St. Michael's News

A ship flying from the sky
 Tuesday 21st May 2019 *Henry Curtis*


The toy thief
 strikes again!
 A space
 ship spotted!
 A space ship
 gliding through the sky!
 A shining space ship coming
 from all the windows!
 A spotted space ship
 beaming with lights and
 vanished after!



St. Michael's News

THE toy thief said
 Tuesday 21st May 2019 *Aissa*


Last night
 a bright
 star turned
 bigger and bigger
 and turned
 into a spaceship. The spaceship
 has lots of sparkling
 lights. It has some black
 twinkling windows. It was seen
 stealing toys left outside
 and it was a horrific crime!
 They must stop the alien.



St. Michael's News

Scary alien thief
 Tuesday 21st May 2019 *Sama*

Last night I saw
 a shiny bright
 spaceship flying
 in the sky. The
 spaceship was stealing
 toys from all over the world. The
 spaceship was seen turning from a
 star to a spaceship. One witness
 said they were feeling frightened and
 shocked. They thought they would never
 see their owner again!



Reception—Willow Farm

Reception enjoyed a wonderful trip to willows farm. We saw lots of amazing animals including alpacas, reindeers, rabbits, guinea pigs, donkeys and goats! We watched a cow being milked, rode on a tractor and cheered sheep along in a race! We found out about where our food comes from and how to look after animals. We got to feed animals and held guinea pigs at the petting zoo. We had a lovely day.



Tate year3 project

This year every Year 3 class across London have been invited to take part in a very special project. The project is led by globally renowned artist, Steve McQueen, with the Tate Gallery, Artangel and the educational charity A New Direction. The result will be the largest group portraits ever made and will be on exhibit at the Tate Britain.

Our school was delighted to take part this month and the children are excited about seeing their Year 3 class photographs become part of one of the most compelling British artworks of our time.

The class photos will appear as part of the free public exhibition at Tate Britain from November 2019 until May 2020 along with thousands of other class photographs from primary schools London-wide. You will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition and our school will keep you informed of our involvement in the project and how you can take part.

Year 2 Pirate Day

Year Two enjoyed their annual Pirate Day this term. This fun day coincided with our Geography topic that compares the islands of Great Britain and Jamaica and our History topic of Explorers. Learning about ships of the 17th century continues the work of the Autumn term that focused on London in 1666 and the diary of Samuel Pepys, who worked for Charles II's Admiralty. Our learning has put us in a great place to learn more about sailing ships on our visit to the Cutty Sark in June and we were able to build on our learning by looking at how astronomy was important to navigation using the STEM week planetarium. In the Summer term, we have combined astronomy and exploration by looking at the space race of the 20th century and humanity's continuing fascination with space exploration.



We started our Pirate Day by making pirate hats and eyepatches. We painted buff sugar paper black and made head bands. Some of us also made pirate eye patches. As the hats dried, we designed our own pirate flags with which to decorate our hats, taking inspiration from the pirate flags of old: those of Calico Jack Rackham, Blackbeard and Anne Bonney.

Pirates love treasure and the Year 2 pirates are no different. We spent the rest of the morning making paper jewellery by rolling coloured paper around pencils to make beads. We threaded these beads together to make necklaces and made other jewels of tissue paper. All our treasures were collected in a pirate chest for us to hide in the school grounds.



Before lunch, we were visited by Captain Scarlett, a pirate of the Caribbean who came to school to give us a workshop. We learnt teamwork and worked together to solve clues. We learnt about life on the high seas and were able to find out about life in the 17th century Caribbean. Many of us were able to make links with our prior learning about Mary Seacole and looked at the similarities and differences in life in Jamaica over the space of 200 years.

In the afternoon we discovered that our pirate treasure had been stolen! Fortunately, the thief had left behind a pirate map in the classroom. Using the coordinates on the map and our maths skills, we were able to navigate our way to the PE cupboard in the Key Stage 1 hall. Unfortunately, the treasure wasn't there. We had to use our reading skills and powers of orienteering skills to follow a trail that took us all over the school! We eventually found the treasure in the reading shed, by which time it was the end of the day and our merry crew of happy, tired pirates went home.

Y3 Trip to Highgate to Meet Francesca Simon, the Author of "Horrid Henry"

Both year 3 classes went on a trip to Highgate School to meet Francesca Simon, the author of children's book series "Horrid Henry". The children listened to her read from her new book, "Up, Up and Away" and took part in a question and answer session. There was also a book signing. Here are some quotes from the children:

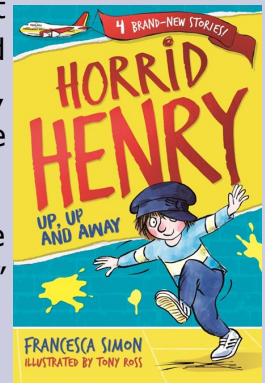
"I found it really interesting because she told us how to make the stories we write really good and how to improve our adjectives."
Sam Miles

"I liked how she had loads of ideas to write about."- Alexander

"I thought it was really good because she told us funny stories about her life."- Angelina

"I liked the question and answers, I was surprised it took her four days to write the book".- Amelie

"I liked listening to her read the book, it was really funny!"- Oliver



Year 4 Bikeability



In April some children in Year 4 participated in Bikeability training. This safe, structured and standardised programme is designed to make your child a more competent cyclist and prepare them for cycling on the road, which the children really enjoyed.

Year 4 Trip – Sound it Out 2019

On Monday 25th March the whole of Year 4 travelled to the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank to see the London Sinfonietta perform. We had a lovely day exploring iconic contemporary classical music with one of the world's leading ensembles.

Sound Out showed students the basics of how composers write music and where a musical idea starts. The presenter guided us through the building blocks of music in this participatory concert, via a varied programme of short contemporary pieces.

The concert also featured the world premiere of a brand new piece composed by young people from Enfield, Haringey and Waltham Forest, played by a combined orchestra of London Sinfonietta players and young musicians from the three boroughs. Hannah – 'It was great hearing a conversation of musical instruments.'

We hope this experience will inspire our pupils to listen, perform and compose more music for themselves. One day it will be them up on stage! We would like to say big thank you to all the parent volunteers who made this trip possible.



Trip Consent

We are now asking for parents to give consent to all trips via Scopay.

If you haven't had a chance to complete this, please logon to Scopay and tick the box.

How to give permission for school trips via Scopay:

1. Log into your account
2. Under 'View products' tab you will see 'Trips and events' as below:

– **Trips and events** Add to basket

Name	History	Options	Total cost	Total owing	Enter payment amount	Pay in full?	Consent
School Trip Permission	View	N/A	£0.00	£0.00	Not enabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3. Tick this Box

Year 4 Trip – Flatford

Flatford is a brilliant St Michael's tradition that the children always really enjoy, and this year was no different. The children really developed their independence and teamwork skills. As Sean says 'It was really amazing, we did loads of really fun things.'

Those fun things included pond dipping, mammal trapping, compass orienteering, as well as studying the history of the area and exploring East Burgholt where John Constable grew up. In addition to this they sang songs round a campfire and enjoyed a night walk. Having two nights away from home really helped open their eyes to the world around them. Georgina said 'It was really amazing seeing loads of stars because there was no light pollution.'

A big thank you to all the children and staff that came and made it such an amazing trip. As Poppy said – 'It was super-doooper fun!'



Year 5 Tereshkova—The Houses of Parliament Trip

On Friday 10th May, Tereshkova Class were very fortunate to visit The Houses of Parliament, as part of their curriculum work on Debating. The class had a guided tour of both The House of Commons and The House of Lords. Afterwards they participated in a debating workshop, where they proposed and debated a bill, just as MPs and Lords and Baronesses do in Parliament. The trip was incredibly informative, with great insight into who makes our laws and how.

'It's cool to stand at the same spot as Theresa May.' Peter

'They told us lots of interesting facts about the history of Parliament.' Salma

'I enjoyed the debating and meeting Lord Paddick.' Ella



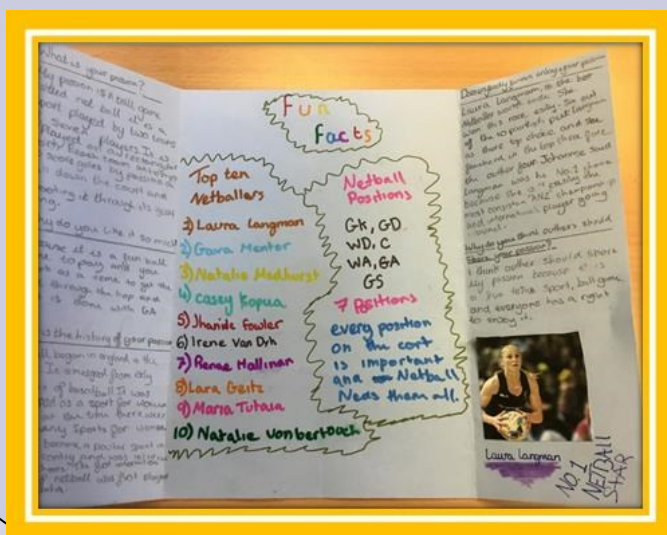
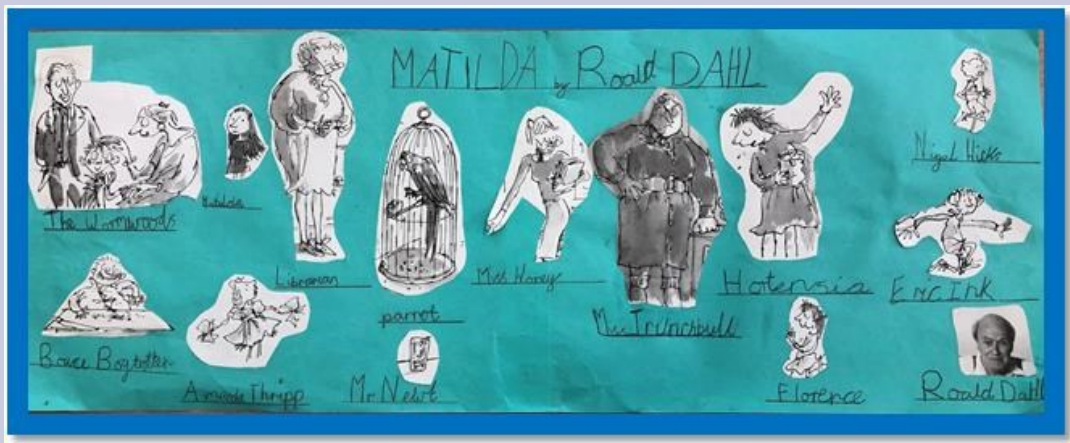
Animal storytelling Fresh Water Theatre workshop

Nursery and Reception took part in an interactive animal storytelling workshop last month. The children participated by using story props and puppets, song and movement to act out familiar tales such as Dear Zoo and We are Going on a Bear hunt. We had a lovely time!



Homework Project

The children's project homework has been absolutely amazing this term and covered such a wide spectrum of interests and expertise. The children have had the opportunity to share their work with their class and here is a tiny tiny fraction of the 350 projects.



Homework Project

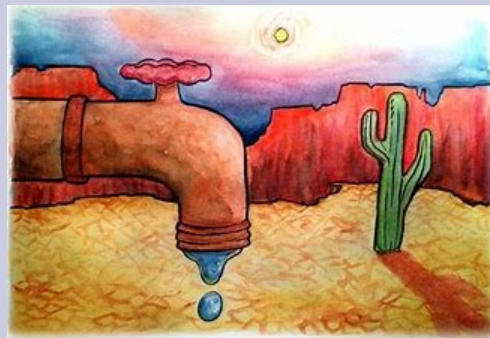
St Michael's School has been invited by Friends of Waterlow Park to take part in an Exhibition of Art which is part of the Highgate Festival opening on the 14th June.

The theme for our school is '**water and climate change**'.

Our children are very artistic and care about how climate changes are impacting on our world.

I would like to collect a body of work A3 drawings or painting themed on water and climate change to exhibit in school and at Waterlow Park.

It would be wonderful if your child could produce an A3 drawing or painting during the holiday and the first week after half term holiday. Once completed please put their name and class on the back. The deadline for giving the work to Mrs Parker is Friday 7th June.



SMSA dates for your diary

- Fun run - 9th June
- Summer fair - 29th June
- Camp out - 13th July
- Year 6 leaver's disco- 19th July

SMSA Meetings

- 23rd May
- AGM 11th July

Cake Sale

7 th June	Nursery
14 th June	Johnson Reception
21 st June	Earhart Reception
12 th July	Nursery

Class Assembly & Coffee Mornings

7th June—Year 1 Earle
 14th June—Year 6 PGL
 21st June—Year 2 Seacole
 28th June—Reception Johnson
 5th July—Year 4 Franklin

THE FAIR IN THE SQUARE

Highgate's largest community event is back! All are invited to The Fair in the Square 12.30 to 5.30 pm on Saturday 15th June. Come along to browse, the stalls, sample the food, meet local organisations and enjoy the free entertainment. There is something for everyone!

If you have a free hour or so on the day and would like to volunteer to help us put on the Fair, please contact Jodi on thefairinthesquare@gmail.com or via the website www.fairinthesquare.co.uk




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.



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



St Michael's C of E Primary School Walking Zone Map

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
- Waterlow Park
- Highgate Cemetery
- Hampstead Heath
- Highgate Wood
- Bus stops
- Zebra crossings
- Pedestrian Crossings

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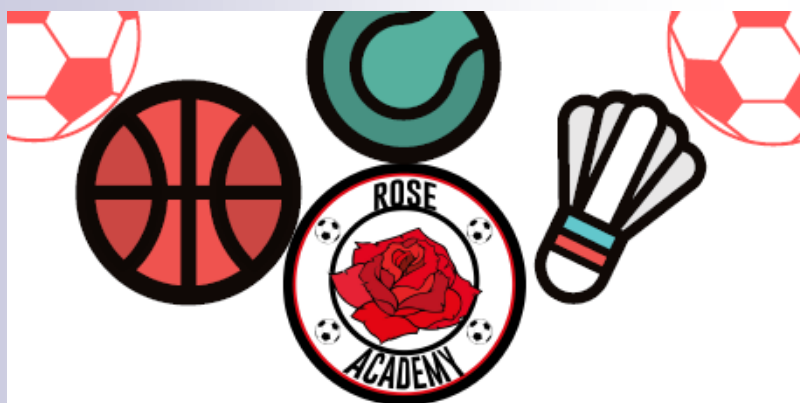
We want our children to be happy and healthy, so in partnership with Haringey we have created a Walking Zone, which you can see on the attached map.

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 MAY HOLIDAY CAMP

We run a Football Camp & Multi Games/Sports Camp at the same venue. Perfect for football lovers & active kids!



DAILY 8:30AM TO 17:00
DROP OFF UNTILL 10AM
PICK UP FROM 15:30



ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL
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Book online or turn up on the day



"Rose academy is a really good football club, I really enjoy it, especially the matches" Jack , Year 3.

"Rose Academy on Saturdays is awesome because it has a girls group which is inspiring and loads of fun" Yasmin, Year 5

I always looked forward to going to Rose Academy every Saturday morning. They taught us different football skills every week followed by a match. The coaches were great and welcoming. They built my confidence on the pitch. Daniel, Year 2.

Rose Sports Academy Holiday Camp Ages : 4-11



May Holiday Camp

Dates : Tues 28th to Fri 31st May (4 days)
Price : £90 for weekly bookings
Or £30 per day

Book online or turn up on the day!

Visit our website for more information on sibling discounts, half day options and more!

www.rosesportsacademy.com

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All the coaches are really nice and they're really good at making me get better at football. Ella, Year 4

I think the coaches are really good at football and very fun to play football with me and are always so kind to other kids that I think they are the best coaches ever in the world THANK YOU ROSE ACADEMY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Vaughan, Year 2 🌹



St. Michael's are double 2019 Haringey Tag Rugby Champions!

Congratulations to both our boys and girls tag rugby teams for becoming double winning Haringey Primary School Champions at the New River Stadium on the 25th April 2019.

The boys' team were up against 13 schools from across Haringey and dominated every team they faced with skill and organisation that impressed everyone involved. The team were Jasper, Bruno, Victor, Harry, Toby, Noe, Oscar, Luke P and Orlando. An incredible achievement from a talented set of boys who scored 16 tries and conceded only 2 in the tournament. Many of the school's tries were outstanding with swift passing and running that outfoxed their opposition.



It was a nail-biting final against Coleridge School with St. Michael's winning 1-0. The team demonstrated the importance of playing as a team to be successful and won many admirers.

Meanwhile the girls' team were also dominate in their games and demonstrated how teamwork and endurance can win the day. The girls were well organised and drilled by their captain Francesca and played some of the best girls' rugby seen at the event over the years. Well done to Francesca, Rosie, Mariam, Lieke, Monasade, Ellen, Emily P, Emily M, Mia, and Grace.

A special mention also goes to our St. Michael's B team that improved significantly as the day progressed and always played the game with the right attitude and a smile.

Mr. Whiting would like to share how proud he was of the teams. They were all a credit to St. Michael's. The trophies are proudly placed in our sports cabinet in the junior building.



Greece vs Norway World Cup Qualifier 2019

Our winning Haringey Tag Rugby championship squads were invited to the New River Stadium once again to walk out as mascots for the Greece v Norway Rugby League World Cup qualifier on Saturday 18th May 2019. A total of 12 of the squad walked out with the international players hand in hand before standing with respect as the countries sang their national anthems before the match. The children were also able to get close to the Rugby League World Cup which was on display. The match was televised – check You Tube - and many of our children can be seen proudly representing the school.

At half-time the children played tag rugby on the pitch in front of the admiring crowd. Well done to St. Michael's and indeed Greece who were both winners on the day. Thanks to London Skolars for organising such an exciting day.



Children from St. Michael's stand for the national anthems of Greece and Norway.



Our rugby squad with London Skolars shirts worn as mascots for the day



Members of our tag rugby squad in front of the victorious Greece team after the match.

Haringey Tri-Golf Championships 2019



A squad of 10 boys and girls from Year 4 represented the school at the Haringey Tri-Golf championships on Friday 17th May 2019. The event – held at the Albert Road recreational field tennis courts off the Alexandra Park Road – was competed by 5 schools from the borough.

Well done to the team for coming a very pleasing 3rd place and winning a bronze medal each. The children were a credit to

the school in attitude and 'being the best' they can be. Thanks to Mr Ronchetti and Miss Moldovan for accompanying the children to the event.

Final results are below.

914 PTS - 1ST RHODES AVENUE

811 PTS - 2ND COLD FALL

590 PTS - 3RD ST MICHAELS

443 PTS - 4TH MUSWELL HILL

363 PTS - 5TH CROWLAND

St Michael's Sporting Calendar June 2019

Weds 5 th	9.30- 3.00pm	Girls' Kwik Cricket Festival	North London Cricket Club	Year 5 Squad
Thurs 6 th	9.30- 3.00pm	Boys Kwik Cricket Festival	North Middlesex Cricket Club	Year 5 Squad
Weds 12 th	10.00 am- 3.00pm	Haringey Community Football Festival	Power League Colney Hatch	Year 5&6 Squad
Fri 21 st	12-3.30pm	Haringey 7-a-side Netball Festival	Highgate School	Year 5&6 Squad
Tues 25 th	am	Super 7 Infant Sports Day	St. Michael's	Reception to Year 2 annual event
Tues 25 th	9.30-3pm	Haringey Kwik Cricket Tournament	North Middlesex Cricket Club	Y3&4 Squad
Thurs 27 th	a.m	Super 7 Junior Sports Day	St. Michael's	Year 3-6
Fri 28 th	9.30- 3.00pm	Haringey 6-a-side football tournament	St. Thomas More School	Y5 Squads