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Newsletter July 2019 - Issue 8

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a lovely end of year and leavers service on Thursday morning where we celebrated and gave thanks for another great year at St. Michael's School. The success of our school comes from the hard work of everyone and I would like especially to thank the staff, for their hard work and dedication year on year. They show remarkable commitment to the academic success of our pupils and in so many other aspects of school life. The supportive, friendly and caring attitude of all of the staff and pupils make our school such an enjoyable place to work.

We are very proud of all of the children's achievements many of which are noted in their end of year reports. I particularly like reading the children's comments on the front of the report where they have commented about what they have improved, enjoyed and their hopes and aspirations for next year. I have a few comments I'd like to share with you- From a Reception child, 'I enjoy writing and giving myself a challenge'. From a Year 1 child, 'I have improved my handwriting. I am proud. Are you proud?'. Challenges are good as they move us forward and when we achieve them we can feel proud, they help us to be the best we can be. Our children have shown a true commitment to being the best they can be in all that they do.

At the end of the Church service we presented the Year 6 pupils with an important and lasting gift, a Bible. So that, in different times in their life and in different circumstances they can be guided by the stories and continue in our school's mission of being the best that they can be.

Our Year 6 children are now ready to leave St. Michael's. Thank you Year 6 for all that you have contributed to St. Michael's School, you have made it an even better place. We will miss you, good bye and good luck. I would also like to say good bye, thank you and good luck to all of the families for whom this is their last year at St. Michael's.

Thank you and goodbye to parents from the SMSA committee who have served for a number of years and now move on to Secondary School with their youngest child. Thank you for all of the parental contributions throughout the year be it financial through the governors fund, time and dedication through volunteering or through showing support in what we are doing. All of these contributions are valued, appreciated and necessary to enable us to continue to thrive.

A special thank you to the staff who are leaving us Mrs Zoe Panteli, Mr Harry Brooks, Miss Rebecca Paul, Miss Sheryl Simms, Miss Georgia Chrisostomou, Miss Jessica Innocenti-Lampen and Mrs Sam Crawley. Our school was a richer place for having them work here and their talents and contributions will long be remembered. We wish them happiness and success in their future ventures and hope they will take very fond memories of their time at St. Michaels with them.

We will soon finish for the school holidays but the school does not close as this is our opportunity to make improvements. Over the holidays we have a number of exciting works being completed including the installation of a new KS2 climbing frame, internal lighting upgrade in all of the KS2 building, interior decoration of KS1 classrooms and the completion of all exterior decorations.

On behalf of the staff and governors of St. Michael's, I would like to wish you all a restful and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3th September ready for another excellent year at St. Michael's.

Best Wishes,



Geraldine Gallagher
Headteacher

Year 6 production of *Bugsy Malone*

This year's leavers really pulled out all the stops on their annual production, staging the spoof gangster classic *Bugsy Malone* to great acclaim. Pulling together as a team, Year 6 showed their quality through learning reams of lines, dealing with an entire warehouse of props and, most crucially, covering the hall and each other in copious quantities of splurge! The show went down a storm thanks to the combined efforts of the children, staff and many parents who gave up their time too - huge thanks to all of them, as Year 6 have a production they can be really proud of.



Anita Probert's Piano Concert

Anita had her annual piano concert which was a delight. We were joined by some of our past pupils who are still taught by Anita. It was wonderful to see them and the progress they have made. Anita's pupils performed beautifully and with confidence.



Term Dates 2019 -2020



The May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May 2020** to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day

Autumn Term 2019

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
INSET	Monday 2 September 2019	NO CHILDREN	
Autumn 1	Tuesday 3 September 2019	Friday 18 October 2019	35
Holiday	Monday 21 October 2019	Friday 25 October 2019	
INSET	Monday 28 October 2019	NO CHILDREN	
INSET	Tuesday 29 October 2019	NO CHILDREN	
Autumn 2	Wednesday 30 October 2019	Thursday 19 December 2019	39
Holiday	Friday 20 December 2019	Friday 3 January 2020	

Spring Term 2020

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Spring 1	Monday 6 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020	30
Holiday	Monday 17 February 2020	Friday 21 February 2020	
Spring 2	Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 3 April 2020	30
Holiday	Monday 6 April 2020	Monday 17 April 2020	

Summer Term 2020

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Summer 1	Monday 20 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020	24
Holiday	Monday 25 May 2020	Friday 29 May 2020	
INSET	Monday 1 June 2020	NO CHILDREN	
INSET	Tuesday 2 June 2020	NO CHILDREN	
Summer 2	Wednesday 3 June 2020	Tuesday 21 July 2020	37
Holiday	Wednesday 22 July 2020	Tuesday 1 September 2020	

Year 2 Class Trip—London Zoo



Year 2 had a wonderful day at London Zoo last Wednesday. As well as having plenty of time to explore the wonders of the animal kingdom, both Curie and Seacole enjoyed an educational session all about the camouflage, colour and patterns of animals.

The children learned that both predators and prey have specific colours or patterns of camouflage so that they can hide in their habitats. However, some animals need to be brightly coloured to warn potential predators that they are poisonous.



A big thank you to all the parent helpers

Year 4 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 4 had a lovely time in Kew Gardens. They explored maths in the great outdoors and found out how the gardeners apply maths to help them with their planning and maintaining of the gardens. A big thank you to the parent helpers who joined us.



Year 3 Trip—London Zoo

On Friday 12th June, Year 3 went to London Zoo as part of their Science learning. Each class separately took part in a 'Bones and Movement' workshop which helped the children understand how animals' skeletons aid them to move in a way unique to themselves. In groups, the children investigated real skeletons and constructed different animals using puzzle pieces. Through this activity they were able to hypothesise how various animals move and how their muscles and skeletons help them to do this. The children then shared their discoveries with other groups so that they could compare different animals' skeletons and how their structure relates to their individual needs. At the end of the session, the children also had an opportunity to observe and stroke a live rat!

Children were taken around the zoo in small groups and were therefore able to explore London Zoo and see a variety of different animals including Gorillas, Penguins, Lions, Giraffes, Night life and many more based on their own interests. A popular animal was the Python which the children were fascinated by due to our current Harry Potter theme and spent most of the time in front of the exhibit trying to speak to the snake in Parseltongue.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped make this trip so successful.



From the Chair of Governors

The last thing parents, teachers, pupils, staff and governors are thinking about in mid-July is more learning. Unless it is about different ways of having fun and re-charging our batteries during the summer break – we don't really want to tackle anything new right now.

But Mrs Gallagher and I got a reminder over the past week or so, that learning never stops and that there's always something new and important just around the corner.

We attended two conferences recently that really made us think about two very big issues – the first affecting us in the borough of Haringey and the second across London as a whole.

The first conference was entitled "Raising Black Caribbean and BAME Achievement" and was focused on what we need to do to address the fact that Haringey has the worst record *in the United Kingdom* in attainment results among Black Caribbean and BAME (black and minority ethnic) students.

Consider this. In Haringey, Black Caribbean students are broadly in line at the Expected Standard in Early Years, but gaps open at Key Stage 2 and grow at GCSE level.

The conference heard from a variety of speakers about reasons as varied as: perception of ability, not enough intervention and support, fewer role models, stereotyping, unconscious bias, institutional racism and less home and community support.

The other conference was held just days later. "Discerning our 2030 vision: listening to London, Listening to God," Heads and Chairs of Governors were invited to brainstorm about how the Church of England can help CofE schools thrive and strengthen the support they get from parent and carer households.

This conference also began with key statistics demonstrating that childhood years are a vital indicator for faith. But while foundations of faith are often laid in childhood, Christian families do not always find it easy to model living and sharing faith together. 90% of Anglican families thought it was important to teach their children about faith but only 29% thought it was their responsibility.

And this gap shows up in a big way when you see that there are about 925,000 children in church schools across the UK but only about 100,000 children attend church on any given Sunday.

The conference focused on ways of 'minding this gap' and of strengthening the bonds between church, CofE schools, other schools in the local community and households.

Both events were timely reminders that learning is a continuous process and welcome at any time.

Having said that, I do hope that you manage to have a much needed break over the summer. Thank you for all your support for St. Michael's School. For those moving on, best wishes for future endeavours. For those staying, see you again in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Dailey
Chair of Governors

Rose Sports Academy Holiday Camp

Ages : 4-11



SUMMER CAMP 2019

Dates : **Week 1** - Mon 29th July to Fri 2nd August

Week 2 - Mon 5th to Fri 9th August

Price : £115 for weekly bookings

£30 per day

Sibling discount

Week: £100 per child

Day: £25 per child

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Art Summer Camp at St Michael's School, N6 4BG

Monday 19th August to Friday
23rd August: 8am - 3pm

Art sessions for primary school children led by an experienced teacher and dedicated artist.

Join us for some art fun!

Children will be able to explore a variety of materials and techniques in a fun, pro-active environment.

The workshops are suitable for children aged 5 - 11 years old.

A single day costs £45 or you can book a week block at a discounted rate of £200.

Please bring snacks and a packed lunch for your child (no nuts please due to allergies!)

The maximum capacity per day is 14 children.

To book: send your name, child's/ children's name and age and which days you wish them to attend:

Email: ruthbatham@googlemail.com

Or text to: 07508748202

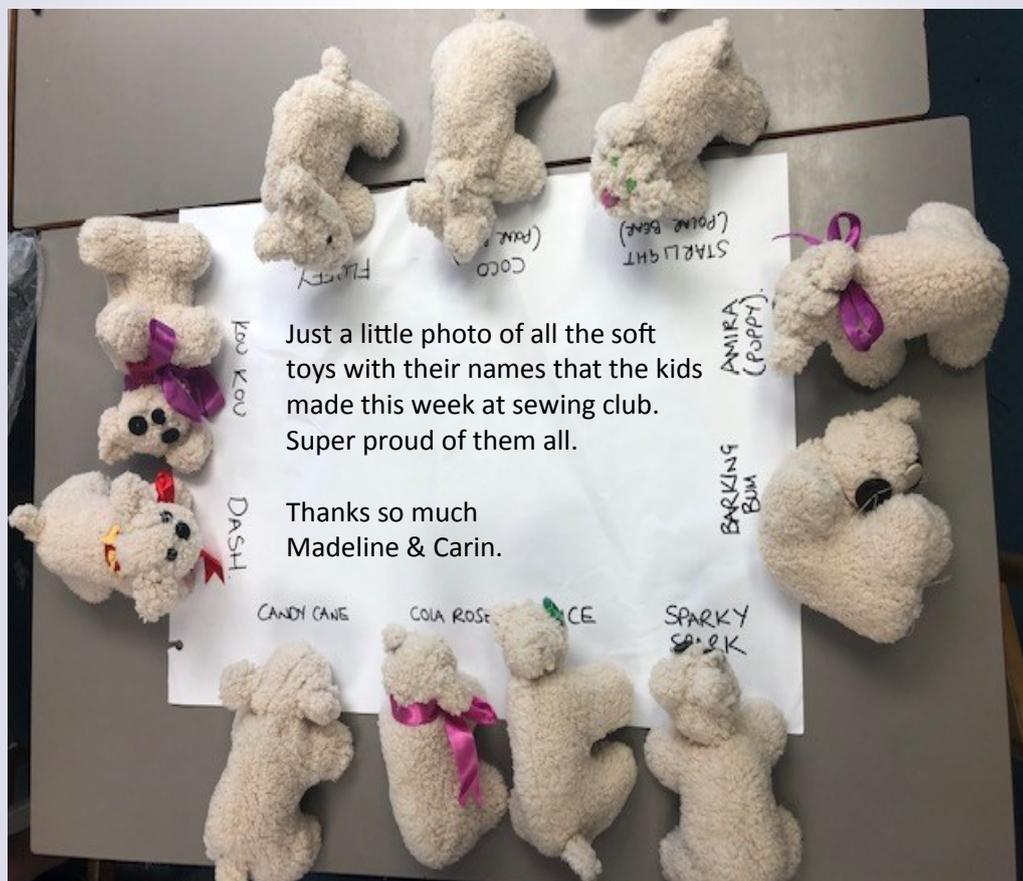


Recorder Concerts

The KS1 and KS2 recorder concerts were watched by parents and children last Thursday and Friday. The KS1 concert was joined by an ex pupil, now in Year 10 who came back for work experience, and is still playing the recorder. Thank you to Nancy and Elspeth who teach the lessons and put the concert together for all to enjoy.



Sewing Club





National Sports Week 2019

During week beginning 24th June 2019 St. Michael's celebrated National Sports Week in style with a host of sporting and healthy living events across the school. Once again this year the pupils helped raise money for Water Aid.



Events were organised by Mr. Whiting, parents, and coaches from our extra-curricular sports clubs. In EYFS/KS1 the children enjoyed fun workshops of dance for Reception, gymnastics for Year 1 and tennis for Year 2. In KS2 events included cricket, tag rugby, and fitness workshops for Year 3. In Year 4 the children enjoyed fencing, rugby, and netball. Year 5 enjoyed athletics workshops and the girls attended Highgate for cricket pairs. Year 6 enjoyed dance and cricket.

We also held a 'Water Aid Mile' whereby all the children from KS2 completed a mile partly at Highgate School and partly at St. Michael's. Well done to all our children for making it around in very warm conditions.

Our special guest for the week was Cath Bishop who is a parent and Olympic rower. Cath presented a fascinating assembly on the importance of small margins in sport including going that extra mile, the importance of sleep, and eating healthily to maximise performance.

During National Sports Week the school held its annual sports days. Unfortunately the Junior Sports Day was postponed due to inclement weather and was therefore rearranged for the 2nd July. It saw a fantastic morning of cricket, rugby, tennis, and football activities followed by 37 exciting races for all pupils. It was an exciting morning for all those involved. Well done to St. David's who came out on top and received the house trophy for 2019.

The school raised £452.94 for WaterAid.

The WaterAid logo, featuring a blue water drop icon followed by the text 'WaterAid' in a bold, sans-serif font.

KS2 Sports Day

On the 2nd July, we had perfect weather and the Year 3-6 children really enjoyed their sports day.



Super 7 Tournament

Both the infant and junior sports days are part of the Super 7 House league. This year St. David's were crowned champions. Super 7 tournaments were this year reduced to 6 events due to time constraints. However, the 6 that remained were full of excitement as every child represented their house in a range of sports. In Year 3 St. David's won the tag rugby tournament whilst in Year 4 St. Patrick's came out on top in football. In Year 5 St. Andrew's won another tag rugby event whilst in Year 6 St. Andrew's won the handball tournament. Bonus points were also awarded for great teamwork, sportsmanship, and other positive sporting values displayed by the pupils. The final results table can be seen below.

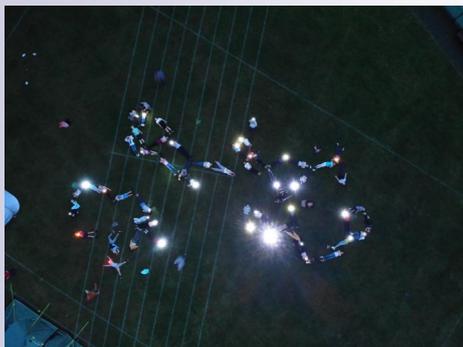
Water Aid St. Michael's 'Super 6' House Sports League Table 2019

Super 7		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Bonus points	Total Points
	House Group	Year 6 Handball Event 11 th July	Year 3 Tag Rugby Event 28 th June	Infant Sports Day 28 th June	Year 5 Tag Rugby Event 22 nd June	Junior Sports Day 26 th June	Year 4 Football Event 28 th June			
1 st	St. David	3	4	2	3	4	3		1	20
2 nd	St. Andrew	4	3	1	4	3	1		1	17
3 rd	St. Patrick	1.5	1.5	4	2	1	4		2	16
4 th	St. George	1.5	1.5	3	1	2	2		2	13



Re-cap of 2019-20





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