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Message from Mrs Gallagher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nativity rehearsals are in full swing as we head towards the end of another great term. At the end of last half term we celebrated harvest and this culminated in an evening of musical performances. Thank you to Mr Holt and the Year 6 pupils for an excellent evening.

This month, we saw the installation of our phenomenal timeline. If you have not had the opportunity to visit and see it please do take a look <https://stmichaelsn6.com/process-for-the-timeline/>. Thank you to all of the volunteers involved in our fantastic fireworks evening which was enjoyed by many of our families, past pupils and neighbours.

We had our Parents Evenings which are always a great opportunity for us all to share our knowledge of the pupils and celebrate their achievements. We are very proud of our children's successes in music, performance, sport, art, national assessments and their contribution towards our school. Our pupils are assessed at the end of each key stage and consistently attain significantly above the national and in the highest 20% of all schools. Likewise, the progress that our pupils make between each key stage is significantly above the national and again in the highest 20% of all schools (see Our Results page).

For three consecutive year I have received a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb congratulating us on our fantastic phonics result - 100% achieved the standard. We are very pleased with these results and that our children develop a love of learning through our fun curriculum.

Last Friday, we took over Lauderdale House for the day. Each of our classes from Early Years through to Year Six produced art work and interactive displays inspired by our International Studies related to the Rugby World Cup. Thank you to Mrs Sorapure for leading this event and to the staff, pupils and parents who supported her. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the children's work and for us to bring our school into the community.

This Sunday we have our Christmas Fair, a time to have fun, acquire special treats and welcome the community into our wonderful school. I hope you can join us and for the other upcoming festivities listed in the dates.

Best wishes,

Geraldine Gallagher

Headteacher

We are proud of our children at St Michael's. Our main focus is to help our children to develop a love of learning, strong interpersonal skills and confidence. We find that our children excel in all areas of their learning and are well prepared to join independent and state secondary schools and whilst we are not driven by academic achievement our results speak for themselves.

St Michael's consistently out-performs other schools and at the end of Year 6 the children's progress in reading, writing and mathematics was **significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019 and 2018.**

As a state Nursery and Primary school we teach the national curriculum. It covers the standards children should reach.

Year 1 (5-6 year olds) exceeding locally and nationally in

	St Michael's	Haringey	National
Phonics screening check pass rate	100%	84%	82%

Year 2 (6-7 year olds) working at expected standard and above in

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Science
St Michael's	93%	84%	89%	98%
National	75%	69%	76%	75%

Year 2 (6-7 year olds) working at greater depth (above expected standard) in

	Reading	Writing	Maths
St Michael's	53%	27%	44%
National	26%	15%	22%

Year 6 (10-11 year olds) working at expected standard in

	Reading	GPS	Writing	Maths	Combined	Science
St Michael's	85%	81%	95%	88%	78%	98%
Haringey	73%	81%	82%	80%	66%	-
National	73%	78%	79%	79%	65%	83%

Year 6 (10-11 year olds) working at greater depth (above expected standard) in

	Reading	GPS	Writing	Maths	Combined
St Michael's	53%	44%	46%	41%	27%
Haringey	29%	39%	28%	29%	15%
National	27%	36%	20%	27%	11%

Congratulations from Minister of State for School Standards - 3rd Consecutive Year



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

Minister of State for School Standards

Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BT
tel: 0370 000 2288 www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus

Mrs Geraldine Gallagher
St Michael's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School
North Road
London
N6 4BG

28 October 2019

Dear Mrs Gallagher,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievements in the 2019 phonics screening check. Your excellent teaching of phonics is something I hope to see replicated across the country: decoding skills are the foundations for pupils to progress to reading fluently, for purpose and for enjoyment.

There is a substantial body of evidence that demonstrates that systematic phonics is a highly effective method for teaching children to read. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 100 per cent of pupils at St Michael's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top two per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 88 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of teaching pupils to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in literacy, from which they can develop excellent vocabulary and cultivate a love of reading that can last a lifetime.

Thank you for your commitment and success in teaching the next generation to read so effectively.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Dates

1 December

Christmas Fair 12-4pm

2 December

EYFS Nativity for parents 2pm

3 December

EYFS Nativity for parents 9:30am

4 December

Jackson's Lane Trip Year 1 12.45pm

5 December

KS2 Recorder Concert 9am KS2 Hall

Year 3 Football/netball session at Highgate School 10 -11 a.m.

KS1 Recorder Concert 2pm KS1 Hall

6 December

Group of Year 5 and 6 Girls football tournament 12.30-4.30pm

EYFS Nativity for parents 2pm

10 December

Year 3 Trip to the National Gallery all day

KS1 Nativity for parents 9.30am

11 December

KS1 Nativity for parents 9:30am

Jackson's Lane trip Reception & Nursery 10am

12 December

School Closed—Polling station

13 December

Save the Children—Christmas Jumper Day

16 December

Jackson's Lane trip Year 2 9.30am

Year 4 trip to Neasden Temple all day

17 December

Year 5&6 trip Phoenix Cinema 9am

Christmas parties pm

18 December

Year 6 cabaret show to local senior citizens

19 December

Christmas church service 9:30 led by Year 5

Christmas Lunch

End of term **2pm finish**

6 January 2020

1st day back Spring Term

5, 6 & 7 March

Panto

26 March

Quiz Night

2 April

School Disco

Rec/Y1&2 3.45-4.45pm

Y3&4 5-6pm

Y5&6 6.15-7.15pm

3 May

Footie funday

14 June

Fun run

4 July

Summer Fair

11 July

SMSA Camp Out overnight

21 July

Year 6 Leaver's disco 7-9pm

Last day of school year **2pm finish**

Lauderdale House - Take over the Museum

Takeover Day is a national organisation which helps historic institutions empower young people and involve them in their local museums. We were proud to be part of young people taking over one of 130 UK heritage sites on Friday for the third year running.



Year Five were excellent ambassadors working in Lauderdale's administration department, tweeting events, answering telephone enquiries,

counting cash and were also excellent co-curators and exhibition guides. The representative photographer from the organisation commented on the outstanding work and wonderful children. Thank you to the whole school for excellent work displayed and to those parents who helped set up in the morning.

We look forward to working closely with Lauderdale House again in the future.



United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



In order to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, our Rights Respecting ambassadors came up with the idea of running a poster competition over the half-term holiday. Each class was given a different right to promote and design a poster that encapsulated the principles

of each article.

The goal of the project is to create a series of A3 posters that we can display around the school to raise awareness of our rights.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Year 6 Kim Class Remembrance Assembly

Year 6 Kim performed a very moving performance poetry assembly on Friday 22nd November. The children performed outstanding poems about soldiers, animals, family members involved in World War 1. They also created freezes for each poem based on the idea of the many war memorial statues that can be found along the River Thames. The assembly audience also enjoyed renditions of 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' and 'Pack up Your Troubles'. Well done to Kim Class.



Remembrance Day

At 11am on Monday 11th November 2019, St. Michael's joined the 100th act of National Remembrance by stopping for the traditional two minutes silence. Earlier that day, in our Collective Worship, the school wreath was unveiled. Every child in the school coloured a poppy which went to create a whole school memorial.

In the centre, we included a copy of the school's Roll of Honour, which remembers those St. Michael's alumni that died in the Great War of 1914-1918. We remembered our rights under Article 38 of UNCRC to protection and freedom from war.

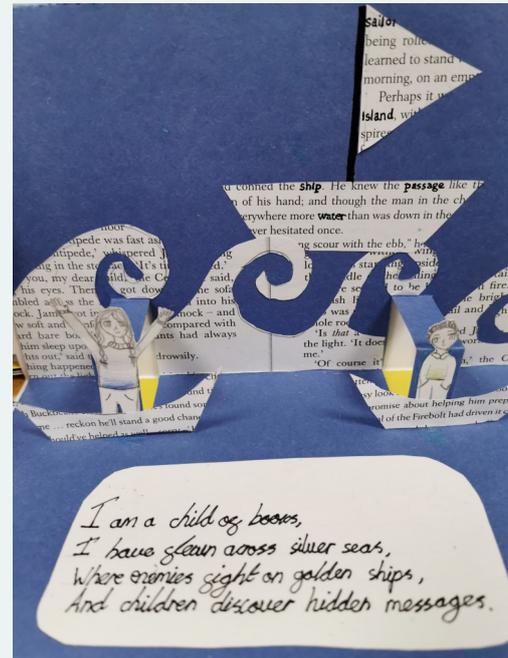


Book week

Towards the end of last half term, St Michael's celebrated another brilliant book week. Each class spent time learning about a particular story, immersing themselves in its settings and characters before creating pieces inspired by what they found. This was anything from a *Where the Wild Things Are* popup book in Year 4, to a very special retelling of *The Three Little Pigs* in Reception. Many of the year groups also welcomed a visiting author or editor.

We would like to give a very big thank you to those parents who shared their experiences and inspired our children.

We would also like to thank the entire school for a hugely successful dress up day. The children were challenged to come to school in a costume that represented a word, resulting in a great many weird and wonderful creations. It was a day that saw our entire school community come together in celebration of language.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to our Book fair in October. By buying books at the fair you raised £983.84 in rewards for the school to spend with Scholastic.

Parents can continue to fund Scholastic rewards for the school when you buy books through www.scholastic.co.uk if you spend over £10 you can gift 25% of your spend in rewards to the school by entering our postcode (N6 4BG) at the checkout. Another great way to support the school.

Thanks for buying books from

 SCHOLASTIC

they help build our classroom resources



St Michael's Reading Forests

Cake Sale money was used to revamp all the book corners in each class room, creating a magical and inviting reading environment for all the children.



Sing Up & Shake up Choir

The choir have already made their first appearance on the KS2 stage in support of Children in Need and will be singing with the Highgate Choral Society on Saturday 7th December at St Michael's Church at 6pm. Some of Year Five will also be joining in the event with Mr Hoskins- Holt.

Tickets are available for this through www.hcschoir.com.

I can squeeze a few more into the club which is on Thursday mornings at 8am. Please contact the office for more details.



Rock Steady Music School visited us

Learning to play an instrument develops children's memory, numeracy and literacy, boosting their achievement at school.

Importantly it promotes emotional wellbeing, which improves overall happiness inside and outside school and we all felt the joy when Rock Steady Music School visited us a few weeks ago.

It is our aim to bring more music into school and the enthusiasm felt by the staff and children at this event was loud and clear – rock on.



Children in Need

On Friday 15th November, the whole school joined Pudsey and Joe Wicks live from Irlam Primary, Manchester to join in the Big Move to raise money for the BBC's Children in Need. As a Rights Respecting school, we know that not all children enjoy the same advantages as we do and we are proud to help by raising money for charity.



Y6 trip National Army Museum



Year 6 recently visited the National Army Museum where they got to dress-up in uniforms through the ages. They discussed the changes in the uniforms and the reasons for this. The trip enhanced their knowledge and understanding of WW2 and in particular the use of propaganda.



Year 3 Murugan Temple trip – Hinduism



Both Year 3 classes made the short trip to the Murugan temple on the Archway Road to visit a Hindu temple and find out about what happens inside. Mr Narga met us there and gave us a wealth of information to support our RE work on Hinduism. Afterwards the children wrote up what they learned. Here are a few examples:

"This morning I didn't eat meat. Hindus are vegetarian and people who visit their temples should

also not eat meat on the day they visit. This is to respect their religion." Marlie

"The main deity is Murugan. We walked around and looked at the shrines. Inside the shrines there are statues for the deities. The priest puts fruits next to the shrines every day for the gods." Alek



Year 2 visit to Highgate Synagogue

In Year 2, we have been learning all about Judaism. This term, we were kindly invited to visit our neighbours, Rabbi Liss and the Highgate Synagogue. We know that Article 30 says we have the right to practice our own culture, language and religion and Article 28 protects our right to a good education. We managed to respect both rights on this informative and fun trip and helped us put our learning in context. We are glad to learn about all the cultures that make up the Highgate community.



Year 4 Trip—Little Angel Theatre

On Friday 18th October Year 4 had a special rare opportunity to watch a puppet show in the Little Angel Theatre. In 1877 Edward Lear published 'Laughable Lyrics: A Fourth Book of Nonsense Poems, Songs, Botany, Music, & c.' which included the famous poem 'The Dong with a Luminous Nose'.

The show was dramatic, solemn, funny, and unique and enjoyed by all who attended. A special thanks to all the parents and staff that helped make this such a fun experience for all the Year 4 students.

Year 5 trip to RAF Museum

Year 5 had an excellent trip to the RAF Museum. There was lots to see and do, including dressing up as a pilot. Through designing their own rockets the children enhanced their knowledge of forces and their impact on flight.



CLASS TRIPS

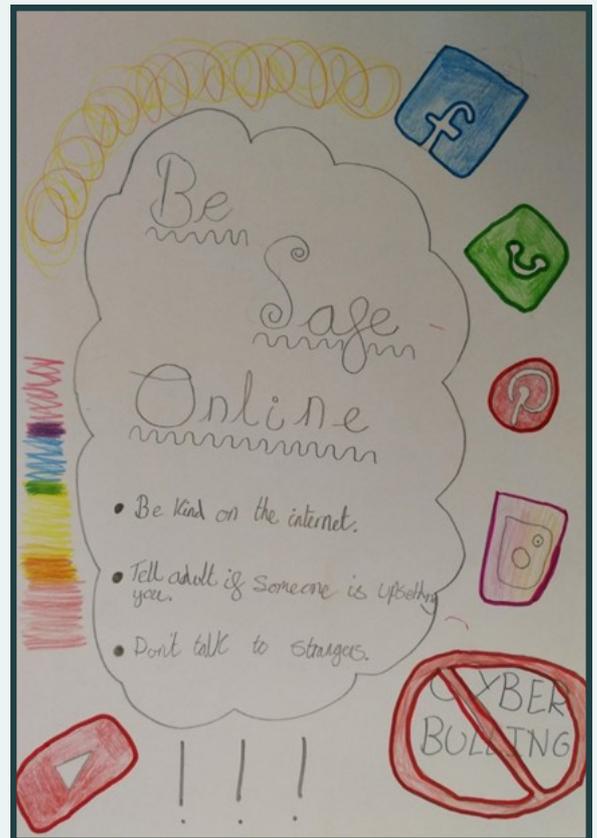
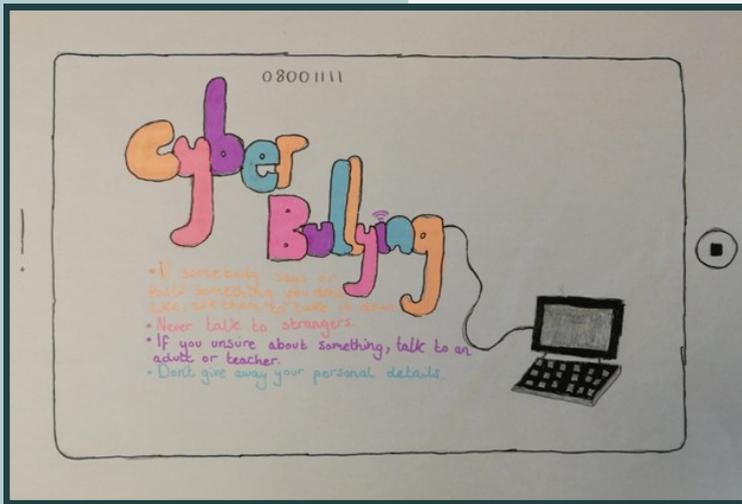
Year 2 trip to the Tower of London

Year 2 had wonderful day learning about The Great Fire of London at the Tower of London. Captain John took us to a room in the legendary White Tower where people would have hidden to escape the fire in 1666. The children also had fun trying to spot and name all the famous London landmarks nearby.



Cyberbullying – e-Safety awareness

In the past few weeks we have been focusing on Cyberbullying in Computing lessons. Pupils at St Michael's are very aware of the kinds of things that can go wrong when they go online and also the actions they can take when things do go wrong. Below are some great examples of the e-Safety posters they have created in class:



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I was absolutely delighted to have recently been shown the newly-completed History Wall by Mrs Gallagher. It is a superb piece of work both artistically and educationally.

At the risk of starting a potentially never-ending debate, I think the Wall captures arguably the most important events in our history. I cannot think of any major occurrence that I would have included at the expense of what is there.

I am very much looking forward to the official opening early in the New Year, when we'll rightfully make a bit of a fuss over this new addition to the school's wonderful grounds and educational environment.

What this history wall reminds us, is that we are all part of the long and successful history that is St. Michael's School in Highgate. Our school started life in 1852, when a group of parents raised enough money to buy four acres of land to locate a new, modern school in the Highgate area.

For those of you who like trivia, 1852 was the year public toilets first appeared in London, Kings Cross Station and Great Ormond Street Hospital opened, the first dirigible powered by steam took to the skies and the state funeral of the Duke of Wellington, hero of the battle of Waterloo took place. Some of these events harken back to the past; others prefigure the future; some clearly now on the decline and others still going strong.

It is entirely fitting that we have a History Wall at St. Michael's. It reminds us that we are part of a rich flow of students, teachers, staffs and parents for whom St. Michael's has played an important part in their lives.

As many of you will undoubtedly know, we have embarked on an ambitious plan to revitalise the school premises and upgrade the learning environment over the next few years and it is important that we take the long view about these plans. Most children stay at St. Michael's for six years and of course some even longer. The improvements we are considering will begin coming online in less than half that time – but in a real sense we are of course putting in place a legacy for future generations. Building on all that history that started 167 years ago. Renewing and reinvigorating that original vision of a modern school.

Oh and just in case you feel there is always too much change going on – some things never change. November 1852 was the second wettest month on record after 1903, until this year.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Dailey
Chair of Governors

Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December

At St. Michael's this year, we have pledged to give a gift of £2+ each to Save the Children and dress up in our festive jumpers: Christmas or otherwise (article 30 the right to express our religion and/or culture).



As a rights respecting school, we are continuing our commitment to ensuring that all children, everywhere (article 2) have access to healthy food, clothing and a safe home (article 27) as well as access to education (article 28) and have the opportunity to have their talents developed (article 29) so they can be the best that they can be (article 6).



Save the Children



Christmas Dinner Menu 19/12/19

Celebrate Christmas

HARRISON
food with thought

Harrison Catering Christmas Lunch Menu...

Oven Roasted Turkey served with all the Trimmings...

Quorn & Stuffing Xmas Wellington served with all the Trimmings...

Oven Roasted Potatoes
Pigs in Blankets
Brussels Sprouts
Buttered Carrots
Steamed Green Peas
Sage & Onion Stuffing Balls
Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

Dessert of the Day...
Yule Log
or
Christmas Themed Ice Cream

Broken bones and injuries

To allow your child to return to school safely after a serious injury we ask parents to call the school and make an appointment to meet with either Mrs Sorapure or Mrs Parker to carry out a risk assessment.



Lost Property



Lost property is located in the green box under the arch by Reception — this is the place to look for any lost items.

Please label all clothing items, bags and water bottles clearly to ensure items can be returned to the correct child.

Music Concerts

5 December

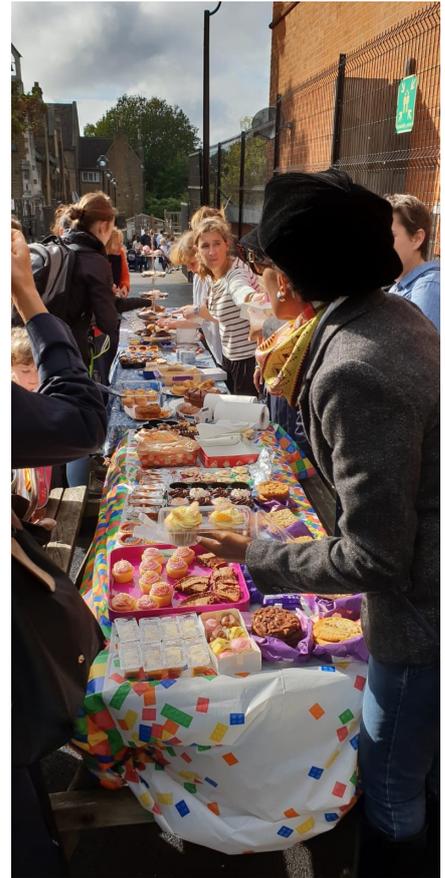
KS2 Recorder Concert
9am KS2 Hall

KS1 Recorder Concert
2.30pm KS1 Hall



Cake Sale Dates

6th Dec - Yr 1 Grey Thompson
13th Dec -Yr 1 Bolt
19th Dec - NB THURSDAY -Nursery
10th Jan – Yr 3 Simmonds
17th Jan – Yr 3 Lomu
24th Jan – Reception Bronze
31st Jan – Reception Pele
7th Feb – Yr 2 Lombard
14th Feb – Yr 2 MacArthur
28th Feb – Yr 5 Adams
6th March – Yr 5 Pilkington Mills
13th march – sports relief cake sale
27th March – Nursery
3rd April – Joint Year 6
24th April – Yr 1 Grey Thompson
1st May – Yr 1 Bolt
8th May – Yr 4 Tendulkar
15th May – Yr 6 Kim
22nd May – Yr 6 Owens
5th June –
12th June – Yr 4 Comaneci
19th June – Reception Bronze
26th June – Reception Pele
3rd July – Yr 3 Simmonds
10th July – Yr 3 Lomu
17th July –



Nursery & Reception Admissions

We were delighted to show potential parents around our beautiful school in November. Our children did an excellent job of taking parents around and showcasing the school.

Admissions queries, contact Suzanne in the office



Application Deadlines

Nursery—1st December 2019 (via school)

Reception—15th January 2020 (via school and Local Authority website)

SPORT

“The girls played very well, winning the first 5 games convincingly and showing great progress in terms of their netball skills.”

“..a tough competition against the best schools in Haringey..”

Haringey High 5 Netball Tournament 2019

St. Michael's competed at the annual Haringey High 5 Netball Tournament at Highgate School on the 15th October 2019. The tournament was well attended by 20 primary schools from the borough. The St Michaels team was represented by Rosa, Rosie, Zoe, Heidi, Gretel, Alice, Kyra and Ella. The girls played very well, winning the first 5 games convincingly and showing great progress in terms of their netball skills.



One of the most difficult parts of playing High 5 is the constant rotation. Many of the girls are now versatile in a number of positions on court which gives the team great flexibility. The groups cohesion and support for one another was brilliant. In the latter part of the tournament there were a couple of losses. A highlight was a very narrow defeat (2-1) to the eventual winners of the tournament. There is much to look forward to in the second part of the year and a healthy squad of girls playing netball every week at St Michaels is a joy!

Haringey Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament 2019

St. Michael's maintained it's reputation as a very successful tag rugby school with outstanding performances at the Haringey Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament on the 7th November 2019. Twenty six teams entered the competition at the New River Stadium with the quality of play improving once again this year.

St. Michael's sent two squads to the event. The 'Reds' went through as pool winners with 3 wins and a draw in their group and the 'Blues' won all four of their matches. This enabled both of our teams to qualify for the 1st place winners group in the afternoon.

In a tough competition against the best schools in Haringey, the 'Blues' continued to play well and although without a win in this group they performed heroically to draw 4-4 against eventual winners Rhodes Avenue. Meanwhile the 'Reds' continued in fine form winning 3 and losing a closely contested match against Rhodes 2-3.



Haringey Table Tennis Tournament 2019

Well done to Cassius, George, Ted, and Beau from Year 6 for representing St. Michael's at the annual Haringey Table Tennis tournament at Alexandra Park School on the 5th November. A very well organised event saw the boys perform well against tough opposition throughout the two hour event. The boys can be proud of their achievements



“A very well organised event saw the boys perform well against tough opposition..”

SPRING TERM 2020			
January			
Thurs	3.30-6.00	Sportshall Athletics Tournament 2	Thomas More
Fri	9.30 – 5.00	HAC Rugby Tournament	HAC Moorgate
February			
Mon	3.00 – 4.00 p.m.	Highgate Cross Country Event	Highgate School
Thurs	4.00-5.00	Haringey Cross Country Event	New River Stadium
March			
Thurs	1.30 – 4.00	Haringey Hockey Quicksticks Event	Fortismere School
Weds	12.30 – 3.00	Haringey Gymnastic Event	Hornsey School for Girls
Thurs	12.30 – 3.00	Haringey Gymnastic Event	Hornsey School for Girls
Thurs	TBC	Haringey Dance Event	Highgate School
	TBC	Haringey 3 v 3 Basketball Event	Grieg Academy



Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
INSET	Wednesday 2 September 2020	Friday 4 September 2020	
Autumn 1	Monday 7 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020	35
Holiday	Monday 26 October 2020	Friday 30 October 2020	
Autumn 2	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020	33
INSET	Thursday 17 December 2020	Friday 18 December 2020	
Holiday	Monday 21 December 2020	Friday 1 January 2021	

Spring Term 2021

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Spring 1	Monday 4 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021	30
Holiday	Monday 15 February 2021	Friday 19 February 2021	
Spring 2	Monday 22 February 2021	Wednesday 31 March 2021	28
Holiday	Thursday 1 April 2021	Friday 16 April 2021	

Summer Term 2021

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Summer 1	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021	29
Holiday	Monday 31 May 2021	Friday 4 June 2021	
Summer 2	Monday 7 June 2021	Friday 23 July 2021	35
Holiday	Monday 26 July 2021	TBC	

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	Friday 25 th December 2020
Boxing Day	Monday 28 th December 2020
New Year's Day	Friday 1 st January 2021
Good Friday (Bank Holiday)	Friday 2 nd April 2021
Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)	Monday 5 th April 2021
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 st May 2021
August Bank Holiday	Monday 30 th August 2021

Inset days: 5 days are set by the school for training; the school is closed on these days.

Holidays in term time: We do not authorise holidays in term time under any circumstances. Parents and Carers, please ensure that you do not book holidays or flights for before term ends or for after term has begun. Every day in school matters. We see the number of requests for time out of school for e personal illness rise considerably towards the end of each term.

All requests for leave during term time are monitored by the Headteacher who may wish to meet with you to discuss your request further.