



ST MICHAEL'S
C of E PRIMARY
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Weekly Roundup Newsletter

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Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of Spring Term One, the Snow Drops are in bloom around the school, the sign of Hope and their quiet resilience is a symbol for our time. It's good to see many of the staff and children returning back to school and keen to see each other and get back to some normality and we hope this positive trend continues. Have a good half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all Monday 21st February.

Fran Sorapure

Head of School



Going Above And Beyond

Stars of the Week

Year 2
Louis
&
Hadleigh

Year 4
Hetty
&
Kaitlyn

Year 5
Ines
&
Jasmine

Year 1
Zoe
&
Elia

Year 3
Aiden
&
Gustave

Year 6
Oscar
&
Farrah

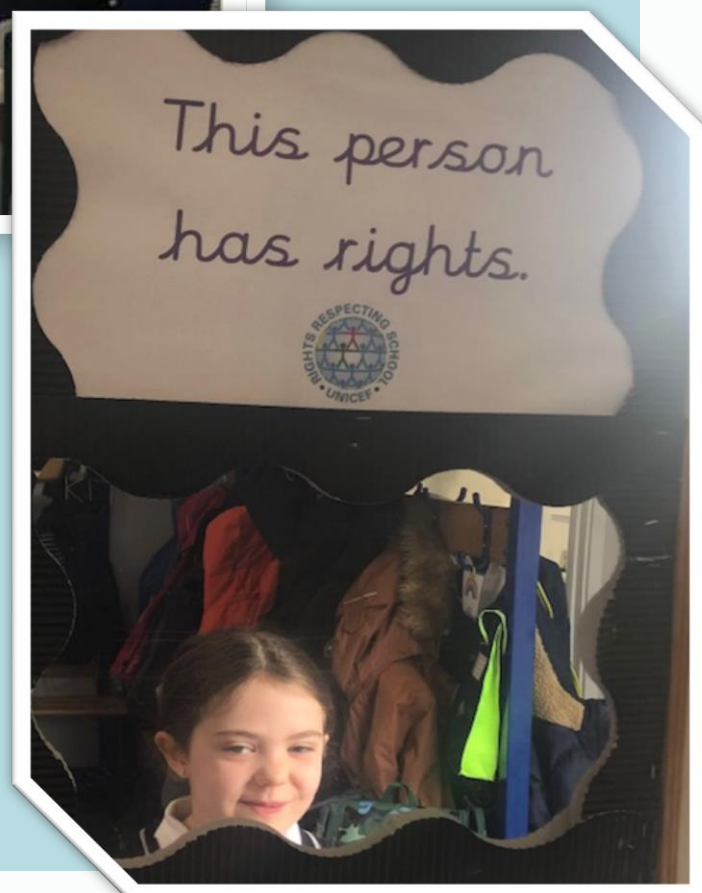
News Corner



Year Six have created a News Corner now everyone is kept up to date and can see the latest Newsletter and other school information.



We are a Rights Respecting School and this display outside Year 3 is a great reminder who it is for.





In Y2 we have been learning about Jewish festivals. We had fun playing driedl - a traditional Hanukkah game.



A visit on Monday from Pathways who bring stories from the bible to life in a fun and imaginative way.



School value of Koinonia in action.

Jack, Etta, Orla and Chanel in Jones class have been working together in their spare time to make a graphic story book inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry. They dropped into Mrs Sorapure's office to show their work in progress. Jack said "I like drawing and I couldn't do this alone, then Orla wanted to help and the idea has grown."



Girls Football

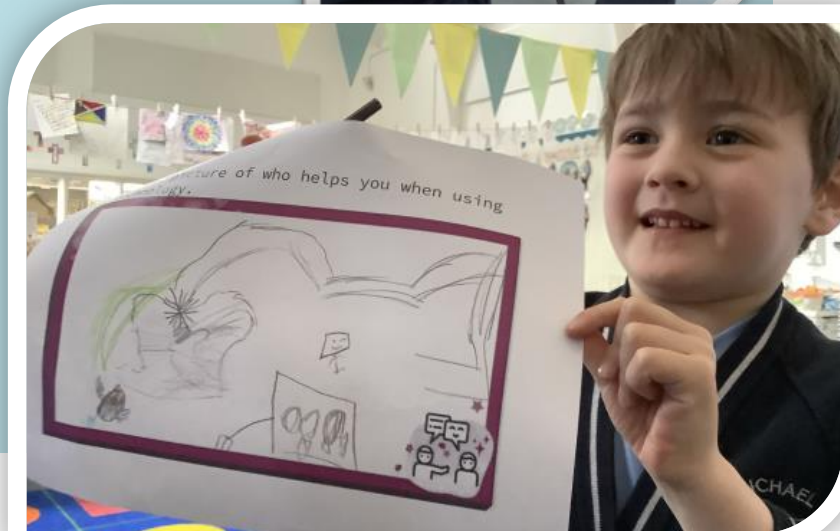
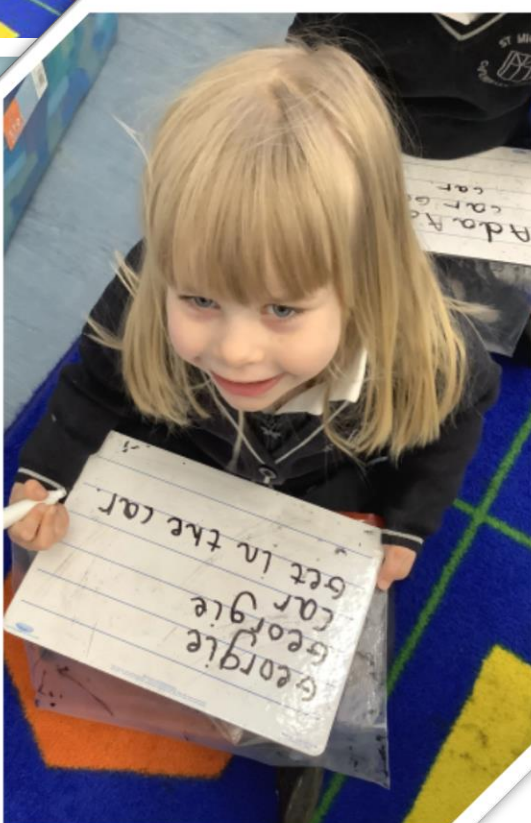
On Wednesday 9th of February at New River Stadium, St Michael's competed in the Haringey Year 5-6 Girl's football tournament. We are still waiting on the overall results but we are confident that the girls performed very well after winning several of their matches. St Michael's were placed in the middle qualifying group after winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 2 of their morning matches. At this point they were placed into a middle qualifying group and won most of our matches. This was a significant improvement on previous years. Success was based on an excellent positive mind-set and working as a team as well as an encouraging coach – Mr. Ronchetti. Darcy from Year 5 said, "We did immensely well whatever place we came as we have such amazing girls on the team." The girls who competed were Fiamma, Clara, Maddie, Louisa and and from Y5: Sasha, Srna, Mabli, Ines, Elise and Darcy (Sports Media).

By Mia Year 6 Sports Media



Early Years

Last Friday we had a visit from a surgeon (Liya's dad), who told us about what he does in the hospital. He even showed us some videos from inside the hospital and we got to meet some of the doctors, nurses and patients! On Monday we had a visit from Camila's mum who is a graphic designer. It was amazing to find out what a graphic designer does and that they use graphics to send a message. We had a go at drawing our own message, use the words 'big' and 'makes you feel happy'. The children drew huge suns and hearts, some children drew their family. We also learnt how to keep safe on the internet and practised our writing skills.



Year 1



Y1 Smyth Class have really enjoyed listening to stories written by Eric Carle. We learned his story The Bad Tempered Ladybird and retold this in our English lessons. We then created Eric Carle inspired minibeasts by creating our own paper and cutting this into shapes for collage.

WARWICK CLASS - RAINFOREST POEM

A luscious sea of emerald green like a verdant belt around the
earth

The lungs of the world certain to collapse took so much time
to grow, this diverse wonder of a place

The luscious green vines coiled around each other
As if strangling one another!

Butterflies monkeys and many more,
they're all living things down to their core
The slow sleepy sloths silently sleeping in the sunlight

Monkeys sounded as if they were in pain
whilst the sapphire sky spat with rain
The fearsome jaguar was hunting for its prey
trying to get its food for the day

The tall, towering trees like gentle giants watching silently
over the dense foliage

The tropical trees, the knights of this earth we need them to
survive

The twisting trees strangled the mahogany brown bridge
As the rain falls down the majestic trees thrive

Once a place of LOVE and PEACE,
us humans have wrecked it leaf by leaf
Why destroy this wonderful life
with a dagger or a vicious knife

Huge swaths of land cleared by greed and corruption, choking
us all

Our beautiful world is slowly fading away, the trees cut down
it simply can't stay this way.

The hot humid rainforest has hundreds of mysteries
Dark and damp to hammering rain, endless storms it can all
be found

The drizzling rain glistened in the moonlight like a
constellation of stars

The mangrove rivers gained more water, as the heavy rain
poured down

Parton Class Poem

The jungle is the jewel of our earth
Diverse life shelter in an expanse of green
Rivers rushing and racing, finding their way.
This diverse paradise the greatest ever seen

Skyscrapers of the Forest, teaming with life.
Gentle giants guarding their children from above
Towering trunks with dense foliage, a myriad of green
Tree roots twist and turn with a shove.

A cacophony of caterwauling creatures chattered and
chirped,
As the jealous jaguar leaps through the night killing its prey
Colours flash through the sky as parrots squeak and squawk
waking all Singing and celebrating as the sun rises into the
day,

Wet sticky air among the rainforest trees
Strange sounds echo through the mangrove's root,
The rolling rocks rumble down the roaring river
Air, hot and humid like a steaming boot.

Is this the end of the world's greatest gift?
Greed and corruption, can't they see this is wrong?
As huge swathes of land are cleared every day,
What will be left when the last tree is gone?



Year One have been learning their Science, Art and English through the Bad Tempered Ladybird. A beautiful piece of Art displayed by their classroom door.

Some of the children have thoroughly enjoyed attending Mr Marton's Science club this half term.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
14 th – 18 th February	Half Term
21 st February	Return to School
21 st February	Police Visit for Early Years & KS1
22 nd February	Rec Eye Tests 9:30 Library
23 rd February	Parent visiting Early Years
24 th February	Parent Visiting Early Years
25 th February	Yr. 1 Smyth Assembly
28 th February	Yr. 5 Mathematicians- Christ's Hospital Event @ The Gulidhall
28 th February	Book Week
1 st March 2022	Book Fair School
1 st March 2022	Parent visiting Early Years
1 st March 2022	St David's Day
4 th March	Yr. 1 Europe Assembly

Class House Point Winners

KS1	Yr 2 Ashman 691
LKS2	Yr 4 Yo Yo Ma 290
UKS2	Yr 5 Warwick 270

House Winner

St
Andrew's
691



Whole school Attendance **92.46%**
Thank you for keeping us all safe.



Class with the best attendance **Year 3 Deutscher** class at **97.00%**