



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,

There was a quiet hush of concentration around the junior building this week as Year Six did their very best in their SATs each morning. We are so proud of all they have achieved.

Once they finished the last test Mr Coffield and some parent volunteers made the best of our wonderful Hampstead Heath and took them into the fresh air to run the orienteering course there.

On Thursday evening the Year Four maths multiplication information session went really well ready for the assessments in June. It would seem that learning times tables can be a lot of fun as 3 children told me today, certainly not how I remember having to learn my tables. See their interview below.

We have arranged another parent consultation about the resources and RSHE curriculum for 9:15am in the Science room on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May for those parents who could not attend the evening meetings held last week.

Have a great weekend.

**Fran Sorapure**



## Stars of the Week

Going Above And Beyond



**Year 2**  
Astrid &  
Giovanni

**Year 4**  
Imogen &  
Siudy

**Year 5**  
Bella &  
Samaya

**Year 1**  
Benjamin  
& Ava

**Year 3**  
Lucas &  
Pedro

**Year 6**  
Louisa &  
Alyin

# Times Tables Rockstars



**Are you a multiplication **Rock Star**, **Legend** or **Hero**?**

**Mrs Sorapure spoke with three pupils that are...**

Rock Hero Leo in Yr 4 can answer a series of multiplication questions in 0.94 seconds per question and his top tip in a test is not to race and keep calm, but when he competes for the leader board he admits "my fingers move like machines." And they do. He's in friendly competition with Alek in Yr 5 so watch that leader board closely.

Emilia Yr 4 is a Rock Star and she says "it's not just about competing, it's doing what you think is right and beat your own personal best."

Rock Legend Elias Yr 4 said "it makes your mind quicker and sharper for any multiplication in maths also in division skills because I know that's hard for most children."

Mrs Sorapure was amazed watching Leo tap furiously getting every one correct and she and Mr Braune, our Maths Lead, want to hear from any more Rock Stars out there to add to the Times Table Rock Stars Hall of fame!



*Here is a demonstration of the two thumb approach to quick fire answers! But remember - slow and steady wins the race for any tests.*

# Reception Art Gallery

This week in Reception we had our very own art gallery, showcasing the children's wonderful Easter holiday projects.



There were some very creative pieces of work, including a Three Little Pigs themed bowling alley and a Jack and the Beanstalk living garden.

We were blown away by all the effort that was put into these projects and decided to showcase it in the classrooms.



We spoke about art gallery etiquette and the children felt like they were in a real art gallery!

# Y6 Orienteering



On Thursday, Year 6 celebrated the end of their SATs in style by heading over to Hampstead Heath to make use of its sprawling orienteering course - essentially a giant treasure hunt using both geography and PE skills.

After a picnic lunch and a game, the year group scattered to the winds across the sunny heath to engage in this exciting physical activity. Many thanks to the parent volunteers who helped to make this happen. The children really enjoyed the chance to get out and about after all of the hard work they've put in this week.



# Y1 Holiday Projects

Year 1 continued to show off their efforts after making a holiday project. We've had posters, books, paintings, drawings, videos and models. All have been incredible!

Well done Year 1!



# Y1 Elizabethan Art



When learning about Queen Elizabeth I, Year 1 found out that she loved art and had many portraits made of herself to show that she was just as powerful as the male kings that came before her. Year 1 drew, painted and decorated self portraits in the style of an Elizabethan monarch. How majestic everyone looks!

# Y3&4 Quad Kid Athletics

We were very excited to send eight athletes from Years 3 and 4 to the Haringey Quad Kids event at the New River Stadium on Thursday.

St Michael's came a very creditable 10th, out of the 17 schools competing.

*"I enjoyed all the activities.  
The BANG of the starting gun  
surprised me and I fell over!"*  
**Isobel**

*"In the boys' distance race,  
the St Michael's boys came 1st, 2nd,  
3rd and 4th."*  
**Hudson**

*"Today our muscles  
are aching a lot, but it  
was really worth it."*  
**Everyone!**

*"I jumped really far in the  
Standing Long Jump. I  
couldn't believe it!"*  
**Noah**

*"While we were waiting for the  
next event, we made up stories.  
It was so much fun we did it all  
the way back to school."*



# Children's Mental Health Champions



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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## UNICEF UK OUTRIGHT 2021/22

St Michael's Primary School

Has been awarded the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK)'s mental health and children's rights OutRight campaign certificate.

UNICEF UK recognises your commitment and passion, using your voices to raise awareness on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

*Frances Bestley*

Frances Bestley  
Programme Director  
Rights Respecting Schools Award

*Jess Bool*

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Strategic Lead –  
Youth Engagement

**OUTRIGHT**  
Speak out on children's rights

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Every year OutRight empowers children and young people to realise their own rights, and speak out in support of the rights of all children. As a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, this year at St. Michael's, we have been focusing on why our mental health is important, and how it links to the UNCRC.

We talked about what mental health and wellbeing is, the factors that can affect it and how to look after it. In class, we took action to incorporate behaviours conducive to maintaining our mental health into our daily lives.

# House Points & Attendance

## Class House Point Winners

KS1 **Y2 Sherman**  
359

LKS2 **Y4 Yo Yo Ma**  
152

UKS2 **Y5 Warwick**  
182

## House Winner

**St Patrick**  
452



Whole school Attendance **95.6%**  
Thank you for keeping us all safe.



Class with the best attendance  
**Year 6 Bocelli** class at **99.6%**

# Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Parent Meeting in KS2 Hall - 5pm start
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Bushell Class trip to Waterlow Park
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5- 6 Athletics Championships at New River Stadium
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Jones Family Assembly
Week of 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - more info to follow
	RSHE Parent Consultation - Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:15am
	School picnics and visiting the track - Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>
	Year 4 Yo Yo Ma Family Assembly - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>

School vision

**We believe our children's future is created every day. Every moment counts.**

Brought to life through our mission

**To nurture and inspire our children to develop a love of learning in a supportive Christian community and become the best they can be.**

Underpinned by our values

**Endurance | Forgiveness | Koinonia | Creation | Friendship**