

WEEKLY ROUNDUP NEWSLETTER

31st March 2023



Message from our Head of School

Fran Jorapure

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was the perfect way to finish the spring term with the Easter bonnet parade through the village to Church and thank you to Year Three for their wonderful Easter service. It was full of joy, hope and Koinonia.

This week, my office has been full to the brim with chocolate eggs, ready to hand out at the raffle today. Thank you so much, as the money raised will go to enrich the curriculum for all the children.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday, keep safe and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 18th April for the summer term.

Fran Sorapure

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



My office – the Easter Eggs were building up nicely, and now given out to all the lucky winners of the raffle.



Message from the Chair of Governors



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

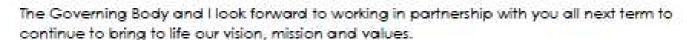
The clocks have changed, the weather is becoming warmer and the leaves are starting to appear on the trees. The Spring term has been very busy for our children and staff, who have all invested so much energy and enthusiasm into the life of our School.

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sorapure for her 20 years of service at St Michael's, and to say how much we appreciate all she has done for so many connected to the school, past and present. We will say goodbye and 'Happy Retirement' to Mrs Sorapure at the end of the summer term, but for now we look forward to enjoying another term of her inspiring leadership as our Head of School.

Next, I am sure you will want to join me in thanking our staff for their hard work, creativity and dedication, which have enabled our children to have so many amazing learning opportunities this term. You will know that teachers, school leaders and our office staff work far longer hours than the children's school day, including during the holidays. We thank them for their commitment to the children, and we wish them a restful Easter break.

The Governors have also been hard at work this term, overseeing strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. Our work this term has included:

- Visiting lessons and meeting with subject leaders, with a focus on the impact of our curriculum and pupil attainment
- Scrutiny of the budget for 2023/24
- Reviewing School Policies
- Planning infrastructure works to our site with the aim of enhancing safeguarding and improving the Early Years learning environments
- Reviewing the overall safety of our site and the maintenance of our beautiful grounds and buildings
- Supporting works to the Peace Garden led by parent volunteers and children.



Finally, I would like to say thank you to you, our Parents and Carers, and in particular our parents' association, the SMSA, for all the support you have shown to St Michael's School this term- this is very much appreciated, especially during these adverse times.

As we look forward to Holy Week, we remember that Easter is a time of love, hope and new beginnings. 'Let all that you do be done in love' (1 Corinthians 16:14).

Wishing you a very Happy Easter,

Cordelia Brown





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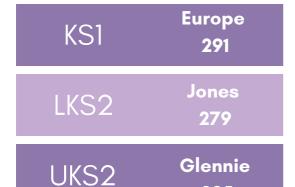
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 17th	INSET DAY
Tue 18th	Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 & EYFS Parents' Evening
Wed 19th	EYFS Parents' Evening
Thu 20th	Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 & EYFS Parents' Evening Reception Trip Willows Tree Farm
Fri 21st	Last Day of Ramadan
Mon 24th	-
Tue 25th	-
Wed 26th	Year 3-4 Haringey Gymnastics PGL Parent Meeting - KS2 Hall, 6.15pm
Thu 27th	-
Fri 28th	Year 5-6 Haringey Gymnastics

House Points & Attendance

Class House Point Winners



House Winner

St George



295



Class with the best attendance

Ma Class with **97.2%**







Bonnet Parade



















EASTER

Bonnet Parade













HAPPY EASTER









Bonnet Parade















Bonnet Parade





































Great spirit and energy were on show in St Michael's Church yesterday morning. We were treated to a phenomenal performance of the Easter story by Year 3. They captured the sadness and the overwhelming joy of the story really well. Many, many thanks to all the members of the St Michael's community who pulled together to bring us such a wonderful assembly. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break.



YEAR 1 TRIP TO HIGHGATE SYNAGOGUE \$\(\pri\)

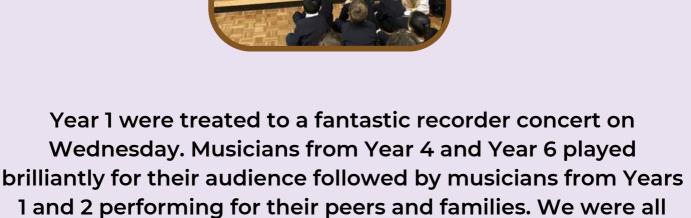


To round of their RE unit on Judaism, Year 1 went to visit our neighbours at Highgate Synagogue. Rabbi Liss showed us the Torah Scrolls in the Ark, explained the meaning of the stained glass windows and let the children look at an old scroll telling the story of Queen Esther. We had a great time!

Recorder Concert

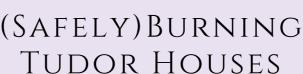


very impressed and particularly enjoyed the cat song!





Year 2 DT Lesson







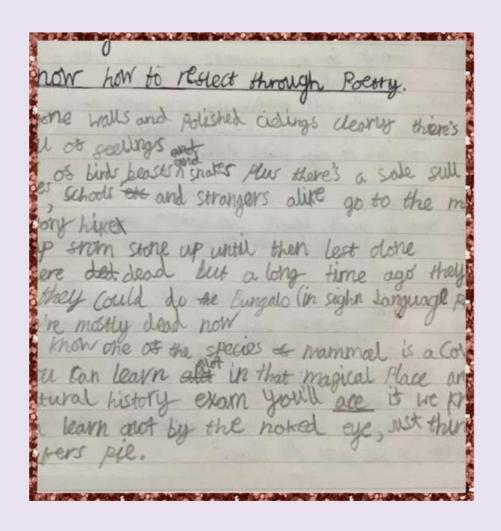
Y2 made Tudor houses in DT. We created a safe fire to see what it would have looked like in 1666 in The Great Fire of London.



YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE NATRUAL HISTORY







On Monday 27th, Year 4 embarked again just after getting back from Flatford. We travelled all the way down to South Kensington by tube to the Natural History Museum. In geography we have been studying Volcanoes and in science we have been learning about animals. We explored the different zones and had a great day. A lot of us were so exhausted by the end! Still recovering from Flatford. Thank you to all the parents who joined us on the trip.



YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE NATRUAL HISTORY









On Monday Year 4 kick-started their week with a visit to the Natural History
Museum to visit the Red and Blue zones, and learn about mammals, dinosaurs,
earthquakes and volcanoes. Throughout the day the children absorbed information
about the exhibits and wrote some of their own labels, putting their
comprehension and writing skills into action.

The museum was very busy and everyone did very well at staying together and getting around all the exhibits on time - well done! Thank you to all the parent helpers who gave up their day to come with us.



YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE NATRUAL HISTORY









YEAR 5 RAGGED SCHOOL MUSEUM TRIP



On Tuesday, Year 5 went to the Ragged School Museum, which was an old Victorian school in East London. A Ragged School was a school for poor children who could not afford to pay for school, it was set up by Dr Bornado. Many of the children who went there were homeless. Warwick's first lesson was what Victorian children would have had normally- we wrote on slates using copperplate handwriting, and sat in rows at wooden desks. The teacher was very strict! Parton's first lesson was learning about the history of the building and the differences of when the building was a warehouse then a schoolhouse. It was a warehouse for 5 years until it became a schoolhouse.





Y6 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



On Friday 24th of March, 3 boys and 3 girls, from Year 6, went to play at a Haringey 3 v 3 basketball match at Alexandra Park Secondary School. It was against 20 other schools from Haringey. They displayed our school values brilliantly whilst playing. They performed amazingly well scoring a brilliant 5th out of 20 other schools!

Thank you to Miss O'Hara and Giulia Bertolini (Lorenzo's mum), for taking them to Alexandra Park School to play in the tournament.

Also thank you to Mr Whiting for making this possible!

Here is an interview with Lorenzo:

Tienne: "Who were your teammates?"

Lorenzo: "Bobby, Jacob, Me, Srna, Jules and Maizie,"

Tienne: "What was the highlight of the match?"

Lorenzo: "When Bobby hit a really good shot from far away,"

Tienne: "How did your team improve?"

Lorenzo: "In the first round we didn't have many shots so we couldn't get many points, but in the second round we were able to give teammates more space to shoot,"

Tienne: " What did you take away from the tournament?"

Lorenzo: "We learnt that even if you have a bad start you keep going until the end!"

INTRODUCING A NEW MEMBER OF OUR SITE TEAM:

DEAN TURNER



If you see Dean walking around our school, please say hello and introduce yourself!

Welcome Dean!







Adrian Braune
Class Teacher



Mark Houghton HLTA



Claire Hurrell Teaching Assistant

Parent Talk



How to Help Children
Overcome Fear and Anger



Saskia Joss BACP Registered Children's Therapist

Parent Talk

After the success of our last two
Parent Talks, Saskia will join us
again to provide us with some
more insightful knowledge. The
talk will detail how you can help
children to overcome fear and anger using
simple techniques that are really effective.
Saskia will talk about the theory behind fear
and anger, helping us to understand the root
cause and how we can support our children.



About Saskia

Saskia Joss is a therapist who uses an integrative therapies approach including talk, arts and play therapy to support young people through a range of emotional and psychological challenges. You can visit her website here: https://www.saskiajosstherapy.co.uk/

Date: Friday 19th May @ 9am

Location: KS2 Hall





SCAN TO BOOK



Childcare Vouchers Accepted 🚳 Multi Activity Programme

£40 per day | £200 a week 🚯 Sports and Nerf Sessions

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St Michaels students get 10% off

ST MICHAEL'S, HIGHGATE EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP 17th-21st April

HOURS: 9.30 - 15.30 EXTENDED HOURS OPTION AVAILABLE

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Be a Probationer for a Day!





Do you like singing?
Do you like having fun
and making new
friends?

Are you 6-10 years old?

Come and sing at our Probationer
Choir open day!

St Michael's Church, Highgate
1st April 2023
Doors open 1pm
Activities start 1.30pm
Showcase service 5pm
Sign up by scanning the QR code or get in touch
with Ben
(bmillsorganist@outlook.com)





CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES SUMMER TERM

Tuesday Nursery Art Class: 6 months - 4yrs

18 April - 18 July 9:30 — 10:30

Fee: £50 monthly membership

Infant, toddler and pre-school art sessions based on Reggio Emilia approach. Children can explore art materials in a variety of ways to develop confidence and have fun!

Wednesday Afterschool Art Fun: 5 - 11yrs

19 April - 19 July 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Fee: £260

Join us and experiment, explore exciting art techniques through painting, drawing + mixed media to stimulate your child's artistic ability.

Wednesday TEEN Art Club

19 April - 19 July 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Fee: £270

A focused, relaxed environment for older children to explore material and technique following the GCSE syllabus and portfolio preparation.

Thursday Afterschool Art Fun: 5 – 11yrs

20 April - 20 July 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Fee: £260

Combining painting, drawing, sculpture and collage and exciting projects to develop art skills and techniques.

Friday Afterschool Ceramics: 5 - 11yrs

21 April - 21 July 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Fee: £265

Offering a fun and supportive environment to develop skills, techniques and ideas through working with clay.

Saturday Art Club: 5 - 11yrs

22 April - 15 July 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Fee: £240

Combining 2D and 3D materials to develop exciting projects, art skills and techniques in painting, ceramics, mixed media collage and print.

ADULT ART CLASSES SUMMER TERM

Creative Ceramics - Monday Daytime

17 April - 17 July 12:00—2:00pm

Fee: £295 for 11 weeks. All materials and kiln firings included.

Develop the creative possibilities of clay hand building techniques and learn how to use a variety of surface decoration techniques to apply texture, pattern and glaze.

Life Drawing - Monday Evening

17 April - 17 July 6:30 - 8:30pm

Fee: £290 for 11 weeks. All materials included.

An opportunity to further your understanding of observational drawing skills with a weekly life model and professional tuition.

Linocut and Collage - Tuesday Evening

25 April - 11 July 6:30 - 8:30pm

Fee: £290 for 11 weeks. All materials included

Learn the techniques and processes of linocut, monoprint, etching, *collage to create beautiful relief prints and 2D work using images, printed material,

Creative Ceramics-Wednesday Evening

26 April - 12 July 6:30 - 8:30pm

Fee: £295 for 11 weeks. All materials and kiln firings included.

Develop the creative possibilities of clay hand building and throwing and learn how to use a variety of decorative techniques to apply texture, pattern and glaze.

Painting Project - Thursday Daytime

27 April - 13 July 12:30—2:30pm

Fee: £290 for 11 weeks. All materials included.

Develop an understanding of paint application and colour mixing to develop an imaginative direction and narrative to your work through pattern, shape and colour.

Creative Ceramics - Thursday Evening

27 April - 13 July 6:30 - 8:30pm

Fee: £295 for 11 weeks. All materials and kiln firings included.

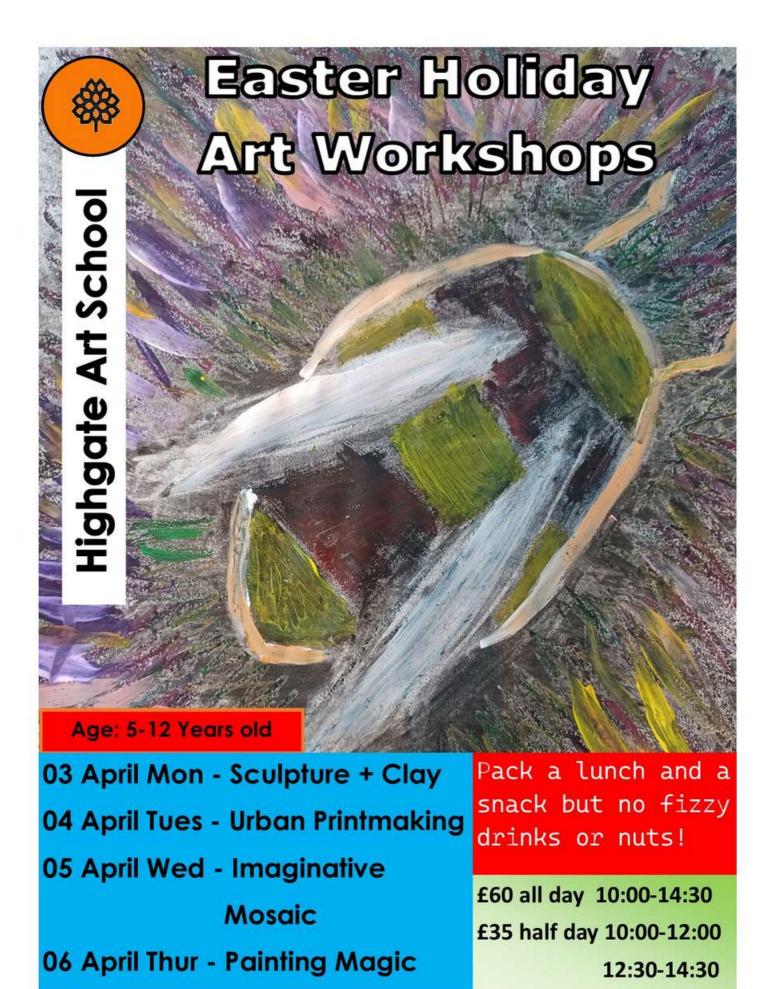
Develop the creative possibilities of clay hand building and throwing and learn how to use a variety of decorative techniques to apply texture, pattern and glaze.

Painting Project - Friday Evening

28 April - 14 July 6:30 - 8:30pm

Fee: £290 for 11 weeks. All materials included.

Learn devices and techniques to push your work in imaginative directions, developing a personal style and technique through professional tuition in a small group setting.

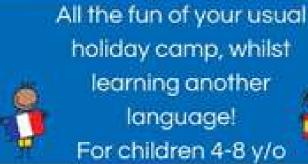


Highgate Art School, 162 Archway Road, London N6 5BB www.highgateartschool.com 07941517430 art@highgateartschool.com



Easter Holiday Camps







11th to 14th April

Drop-off: 9 am
Pick-up: 4 pm
Activities include
crafts, food tasks,
team challenges,
forest school,
scavenger hunts,
and lots of fun
learning!





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