



ST MICHAEL'S  
C of E PRIMARY  
HIGHGATE

# WEEKLY ROUNDUP NEWSLETTER

12th January 2024



Message from our  
Head of School

*Sinead  
O'Brien*

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back!

This has been a lovely week here at St Michael's, the children have settled really well back into the swing of things despite the inclement weather!

On the week commencing 22nd January we will be holding our annual STEAM week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) and the staff have been busy planning lots of different lessons and activities. The theme of STEAM week this year is sustainability and Mr Ronchetti put a request out earlier in the week for any parents who work in an area linked to sustainability to come in and talk to the children about their profession.

We have had a few volunteers so far and are happy to have a few more! We are also looking for donations of materials that can be used for the planned activities, below is a wish list, all donations are welcome!

Old adult shirts, recyclable materials for junk modeling, scrap fabric (particularly red, orange, purple and yellow)

Please also read the letter from Mr Williams regarding the Sustainable Pencil Case project we are going to be collaborating on.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,  
Sinead O'Brien

Happy  
New Year

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.

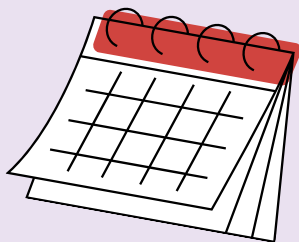
Underpinned by our values

Endurance | Forgiveness | Koinonia | Creation | Friendship



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# DATES FOR THE DIARY



Mon 15th	
Tue 16th	
Wed 17th	Year 5 Swimming
Thu 18th	PC Graham Bell in to see EYFS & KS1
Fri 19th	Year 4 Etna Family Assembly
Mon 22nd	
Tue 23rd	
Wed 24th	Year 5 Swimming
Thu 25th	
Fri 26th	Holocaust Memorial Day (27th) - class discussions Year 4 Fuji Family Assembly

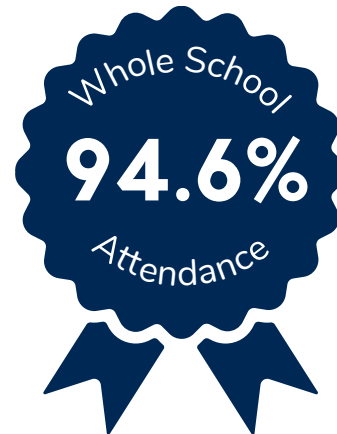
# House Points & Attendance

## Class House Point Winners

KS1	Denali 202
LKS2	Toubkal 132
UKS2	Eiger 308

## House Winner

<b>St George</b> 350	
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Class with the best attendance:

**Etna Class**  
with 98.7%



**Year 1**  
Alex &  
Isobel

**Year 2**  
Oscar &  
Alexander

**Year 3**  
Malak &  
Martha

**Year 4**  
Penny &  
Lawrence

**Year 5**  
Catherine  
& Farah

**Year 6**  
Siudy &  
Olesia

# Meet The Senior Leadership Team



**Geraldine Gallagher**  
Executive Head



**Sinead O'Brien**  
Head of School



**Alexandra Cooper**  
Assistant Head



**John Coffield**  
Assistant Head



**Andrea Batten**  
Inclusion Lead



**Nicola Purvis**  
School Business Manager



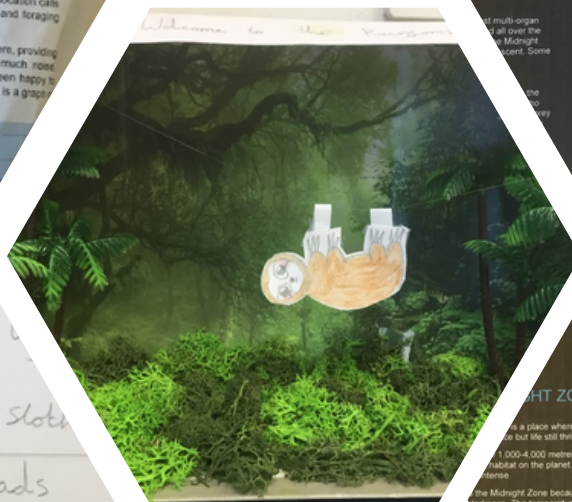
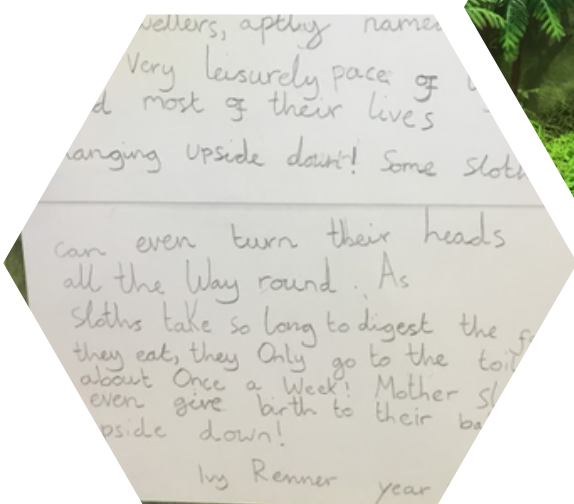
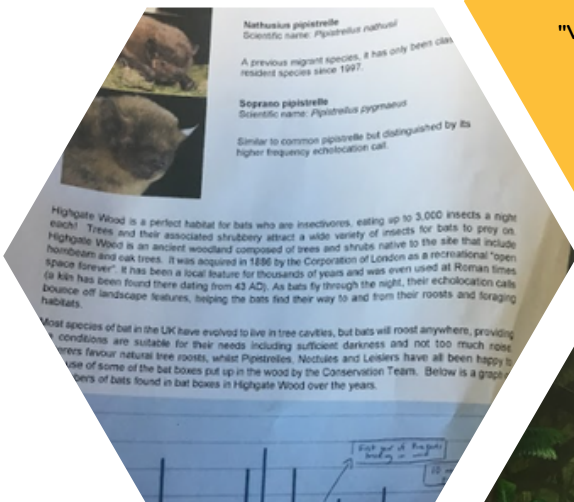
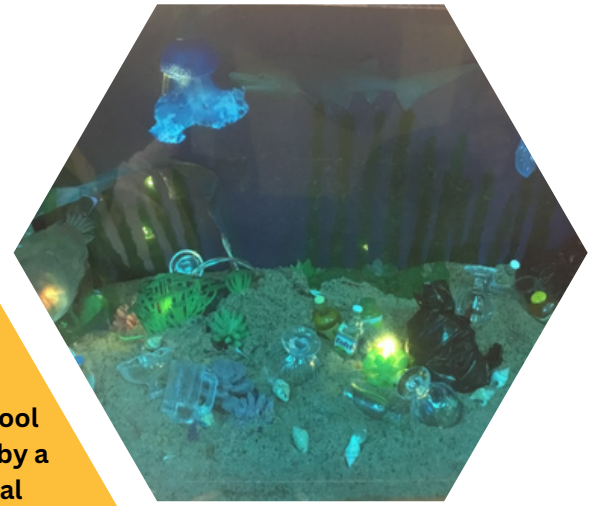
# KS2

Students in KS2 were asked to create a diorama of an animal's habitat of their choice for an inter-school competition. We had over 50 entries and each and every one of them were jaw-dropping! The effort and talent on display made it an almost impossible task to judge.

Four winners were selected by a panel of St Michael's staff and then these four school winners went on to be judged by a panel of Scientists at Imperial College London. Well done to Ivy (Year 3 Toubkal), Lorcan (Year 6 Matterhorn), Louis (Year 4 Fuji), Ted (Year 5 Eryri)

The scientists that judged were from Imperial College, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Department of Life Sciences, Led by Professor Hugh Brady. He judged alongside Dr Heather Ang and Dr Nahida Koksai. They selected Louis (Year 4 Fuji) as a winner!

Feedback given by Professor Brady: "Very interesting information gathered on bats who are a much mis-understood mammal. Louis, you have shown a keen interest in them and this is reflected in the habitat box and information you displayed. It's great to see you engaging with the natural world. A worthy winner."





As part of our **STEAM** week activities - St Michael's is going to work in partnership with a series of schools in Chilomoni, Malawi. The main theme of our Steam Week this year is **Sustainability**. With this in mind we are looking to gather together previously used resources and share them with others.

Working with the charity 'Cycle of Good' we would like to send filled pencil cases for the children at school in Chilomoni to use. These pencil cases are handmade in Malawi using recycled bicycle inner tubes. Here is the idea:

- Each class within St Michael's will be provided with a set of pencil cases. Our aim is to fill them with **USED** stationary items including pens, pencils, crayons, felt tips, rulers, sharpeners etc.
- Please do not go out and buy any thing new!
- Make sure everything you add in is in usable condition, is sharpened or has lids.
- At the end of **STEAM** week we will have a school's worth of pencil cases that I will arrange to have sent to Malawi from the children .

Please have a search at home, in drawers, art sets, old pencil cases around the house and see what you can find.

I have been lucky enough to teach a reception class for a year in the Township where these pencil cases will go, and have seen first hand how much these donations can have a positive impact upon the children's learning which is why I am so pleased that St Michael's can support this initiative.



For more information on please feel free to visit <https://www.cycleofgood.com/>

Thanks,  
Mr Williams



Please refer to the clubs timetable for all details of your child's clubs.  
[stmichaelsn6.com/clubs-timetable](http://stmichaelsn6.com/clubs-timetable)

Online bookings are closed.

Please email [clubs@stmichaelsn6.com](mailto:clubs@stmichaelsn6.com) to enquire about spaces.



Extended School Clubs  
Spring Term 2023/2024

#### BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Open to	Activity	Start date	End date	Cost	Book via	Led by	Time	Venue
Mon	All years	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	£7/session	Scopay	Ms Saleque & Ms Oteng-Agyarko	7:45-8:50	KS1 Hall
	3 to 6	<b>Basketball</b>			£9/session	Cruz Sports		8:00-8:50	Cage
	3 & 4	<b>Gymnastics</b>			£116	Scopay	Tekne Gymnastics	8:00-8:50	KS2 Hall
Tue	All years	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	£7/session	Email	Ms Saleque & Ms Oteng-Agyarko	7:45-8:50	KS1 Hall
	5 & 6	<b>Gymnastics</b>			£116	Scopay	Tekne Gymnastics	8:00-8:50	KS2 Hall
	3 & 4	<b>Tennis*</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		£100	Scopay	LDN Tennis	7:45-8:50	Cage
	R, 1 & 2	<b>Yoga</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan		£9.50/session	Boo Theatre		8:00-8:50	Library
Wed	All years	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	£7/session	Email	Ms Saleque & Ms Oteng-Agyarko	7:45-8:50	KS1 Hall
	Reception	<b>Gymnastics</b>			£116	Scopay	Tekne Gymnastics	8:00-8:50	KS2 Hall
	3 & 4	<b>iBrick Lego Engineering</b>			See website	iBrick		7:45-8:50	Library
	5 & 6	<b>Tennis*</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Jan		£100	Scopay	LDN Tennis	7:45-8:50	Cage
Thu	All years	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	£7/session	Email	Ms Saleque & Ms Oteng-Agyarko	7:45-8:50	KS1 Hall
	1 to 6	<b>Chess</b>			£125	John Fleetwood		8:00-8:50	Art Room
	1 & 2	<b>Gymnastics</b>			£116	Scopay	Tekne Gymnastics	8:00-8:50	KS2 Hall
Fri*	All years	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	£7/session	Email	Ms Saleque & Ms Oteng-Agyarko	7:45-8:50	KS1 Hall
	3 to 6	<b>Junior Choir</b>			£34	Scopay	Mr Hoskins-Holt	8:00-8:50	KS2 Hall
	1 & 2	<b>Tennis*</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan		£90	Scopay	LDN Tennis	7:45-8:50	Cage

#### WEEKEND CLUBS

Day	Open to	Activity	Start date	End date	Cost	Book via	Led by	Time	Venue
Sat	4-6yrs	Stagecoach	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	£174	Stagecoach	Odette Garvey	9:30-11am	St Michael's School
	6-16yrs				£348			10am-1pm	
					2:30-5:30pm				

#### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Open to	Activity	Start date	End date	Cost	Book via	Led by	Time	Venue	
Mon	1 to 6	Capoeira	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	£14.40/session	Capoeira		3:30-4:30	KS2 Hall	
	1 & 2	Debutots			£9.75/session	Debutots		3:30-4:30	Library	
	5 & 6	Film - see page 5			£86	Scopay	Mr Marton	3:30-6:00	Etna Class	
	R	Football			£6/session	Rose Academy		3:30-4:30	Cage	
	3 to 6	Science			£12.5/session	Isis from Starcloud		3:30-4:30	Science Room	
	1 & 2	Tennis*			22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	£100	Scopay	LDN Tennis	3:30-4:30	Cage
	All years	JAG			8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	See website	Junior Adventures Group		3:30-6:00	KS1 Hall
Tue	R & 1	Ballet	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	£14/session	Little London Ballet		3:30-4:30	KS2 Hall	
	3 & 4	Football			£6/session	Rose Academy		3:30-4:30	Field	
	R, 1 & 2	French			£30/month	Lingotots		3:30-4:30	Art Room	
	5 & 6	Netball*			30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	£53	Scopay	Helen Franks & Sue Haber	3:30-5:00	Cage
	1 & 2	Science			9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	£12.50/session	Isis from Starcloud		3:30-4:30	Science Room
	All years	JAG				See website	Junior Adventures Group		3:30-6:00	KS1 Hall
	1 to 3	Art				10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	£182**	Kids Do Art	
5 & 6	Football	£6/session	Rose Academy		3:30-4:30		Cage			
1 & 2	iBrick Lego Engineering	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	£10.50/session	iBrick			3:30-4:30	Library		
3 to 6	Street Dance*		£43	Scopay	JK Dance Academy		3:30-4:30	KS2 Hall		
	All years	JAG	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	See website	Junior Adventures Group		3:30-6:00	KS1 Hall		
Thu	R	Debutots	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	£9.75/session	Debutots		3:30-4:30	Library	
	1 & 2	Football			£6/session	Rose Academy		3:30-4:25	Cage	
	R, 1 & 2	Spanish			£30/month	Lingotots		3:30-4:30	Art Room	
	2 to 6	LAMDA Drama			Contact Lisa	Lisa Rose		3:30-4:30	KS2 Hall	
	3 to 6	Girls' Football			£60	Scopay	Miss Kelly & Mr Ronchetti	3:30-4:30	Field	
	3 & 4	Tennis*			18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	£90	Scopay	Mr Houghton	3:30-4:30	Cage
	All years	JAG			11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	See website	Junior Adventures Group		3:30-6:00
Fri	4 to 6	Art	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	£165**	Kids Do Art		3:30-4:30	Art Room	
	1 & 2	Infant Choir	£43		Scopay	Mr Hoskins-Holt	3:45-4:15	KS2 Hall		
	5 & 6	Tennis*	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan		£90	Scopay	LDN Tennis	3:30-4:30	Cage	
	All years	JAG	See website		Junior Adventures Group		3:30-6:00	KS1 Hall		

\*Please note the start and/or end date of this club

\*\*10% Sibling discount available

# WEEKLY SMSA UPDATE



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope you've all had a restful Christmas break. Thank you to **Nursery Sugarloaf** for starting our 2024 class cake sale this week.

Next week's cake sale is **Year 6 Eiger** on Friday **19th January**.

There is an SMSA meeting on Tuesday 16th January at 7pm in the Infant Hall.

All are welcome so please come along, if you can, to have your say in how events are run. Refreshments will be provided.

Anja, Charlotte and Vanessa







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# Admissions: September 2024

Just a gentle reminder that the deadline to apply for a  
**Reception place for your child for September 2024 is**  
**Monday 15th January.**

The application must be made online at  
[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)  
and backed up with a SIF to school  
(this can be found on [the school website](#)).

# NEXT WEEK ON THE MENU

MON 15TH - FRI 19TH JANUARY

St Michaels C of E Primary School - Week 2

## Weekly menu



### Monday

Pesto Pasta (W)

### Tuesday

Creole Chicken with Rice

### Wednesday

Chicken Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

### Thursday

Beef Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta (W) or Rice

### Friday

Salmon Fish Cakes (W,F) & Chips with Ketchup

Sweetcorn & Pepper Pizza (W,E,M,S)

Mexican Style Bean Burrito (W,F) with a Tomato & Coriander Salsa

Wholemeal Cheddar Cheese & Spinach Quiche (W,E,M)

Baked Onion Bhajis with Red Bean Dhal & Pilau Rice

Carrot & Chickpeas Falafel served with Pitta (W) & Tomato Relish

Jacket Potatoes with a choice of Toppings

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Tomato & Basil Focaccia Bread (W,E,M,S)

Wholemeal/White Bread (W,E,M,S)

Wholemeal/White Bread (W,E,M,S)

Tomato & Herb Bread (W,E,M,S)

Wholemeal/White Bread (W,E,M,S)

Broccoli/Sweetcorn

Cajun Roasted Courgettes/Green Beans

Peas/Carrots

Vegetable Medley

Peas/Baked Beans

Yoghurt (M) & Fresh Fruit

Wholemeal Lemon Shortbread (W) with Fresh Fruit

Jelly with Orange Wedges

Ice Cream (M) with Fresh Fruit

Apple & Berry Flapjack with Custard (M)

Cheese & Tomato Baguettes (W,M) Chicken Salad Baguette (W)

Ham Salad Baguettes (W) Tuna & Cucumber Baguettes (W,F)

Fish Finger Baguettes with Ketchup (F,W) Cheese Savoury Baguette (W,M)

### Available daily

Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt  
Year 5 & 6 Offer Baguettes 3 Days Per Week  
Allergen Guide W=Wheat M=Milk E=Egg CE=Celery F=Fish

**HARRISON**  
food with thought



# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Date:** 9 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**As the new term begins, I wanted to share some fantastic news about my Universal Free School Meals programme – it's extending until the middle of 2025!**

As the Mayor of London, I'm so proud we've funded more than 17 million free school meals for around 287,000 primary school children in London since September.

However, I know times are still tough for many Londoners and I am committed to doing all that I can to support families through these difficult times.

**I am now extending funding for Universal Free School Meals for another academic school year between September 2024 and July 2025.** This means that primary school aged children who attend a state funded school in London will continue to receive a healthy, nutritious meal so that no child goes hungry in the classroom, and all pupils can better concentrate on their studies.

I am also increasing the amount of money boroughs and schools receive to £3 per meal. The grant that I provide is now 18.5% higher than the offer from national Government for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

This extension will provide a safety net for families and could save parents and carers up to £1,000 per child across the two years.

Eating a nutritious meal everyday is hugely beneficial to children and families both in the short and long term. As someone who received free school meals myself growing up, I know they can be a lifeline, helping children to reach their full potential.



# MAYOR OF LONDON

As Mayor of London, I also fundamentally believe that feeding our children shouldn't be an optional luxury but should rank as one of our society's top priorities. Making sure our children are properly fed and healthy is vital to building a better London for everyone – a city that is fairer, safer, more inclusive and more prosperous for all. This is why I will continue to call on the Government to step forward and provide the funding needed to make our Universal Free School Meal programme permanent.

Even though your child is receiving their free school meals automatically, it is still vitally important – if you have not done so already – to complete your school or borough's short registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth over £1,300 per year. That's more money for extracurricular activities, teacher development and support for children who need it most. This will ensure you'll also receive any other benefits you may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays. Ask your school for more info or visit your borough website.

For more information about this and anything else about the scheme please visit our online hub: <https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals> 

Families who are having difficulties with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost-of-living hub here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-social-justice/help-cost-living> 

I wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2024. I will continue to do everything I can to support families across London.

Warmest wishes,



**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London

