



St Michael's RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents,

Mini-Vinnies Spring Plans – Lenten mission work

During the month of February the Mini Vinnies will be asking the children in school to bring in red bottle tops they might have at home to place in a box in the entrance hall. These will help become part of badges for Red Nose Day.

The Mini Vinnies are also collecting kitchen rolls, toilet rolls and tissues during the month of February.

During Lent, the Mini Vinnies along with St Michael's pupils plan to undertake a recycling project. They will make 'eco-bricks' in an effort to reduce plastic that cannot be recycled. Some plastic can be recycled but single-use plastic is destroying life on the planet. To make an eco-brick, clean dry single-use plastic is pushed into a bottle e.g 2 litre lemonade bottle and compressed until it weighs approximately 660grams.

A CAFOD representative, Bob Turner, who is involved in the Laudato Si Centre at Wardley Hall, will be explaining the importance of recycling to the pupils at a **school assembly on Friday March 8th**.

If any Parents, Grandparents, family members or parishioners would like to be involved, Bob Turner will demonstrate how to make an eco-brick at 11am on the same day. We would be delighted if some of you could join us in the school hall and become part of the project. Please contact us by March 7th if you are interested in joining this forward thinking project!

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this week is 96%. Reception have the highest attendance this week at 99%. Well done!

Overall attendance 95% Best class for this half term was Year 5 with 97%

Sports News

Well done to all football this Monday evening who not only won their match against Mersey Drive Primary school but behaved impeccably throughout the game. They were great ambassadors for the school.

NEWS

Diary dates

Breakfast sport Tu 8.15-8.45am each week

After-school Sports week

Tu Y5/6 Multi sports

Th Y1/2 Multi sports

Mad Science

We27th Feb week 6 of 10

February 2019

School re-opens Tues 26th

March 2019

Su 3rd Sacramental meeting 9.30am

Mo 4-6th Y4 swimming

Mo 11-13th Y4 swimming

Fr 15th N and R Mass @ 10am

Mo 18-20th Y4 swimming

**Fr 22nd Class & Team photos
Y1 and Y4 @10am**

Stars of the week – Well done!

N: **Ethan H** for a fantastic start to his new school

R: **Carlo R** for beautiful writing about Jonah and the Whale

Y1: **Shae T** for having such lovely manners

Y2: **Lily C** for trying hard with her phonics

Y3: **Adam F** for being a superstar learner

Y4: **Precious M** for learning so much at our visit to the Mosque

Y5: **Georgia S** for being a perfect pupil – attentive and hardworking

Y6: **Junres G** for excellent Maths results

Lunchtime Superstars – Well done!

N- Lillie G

R- James C

Y1- Jaiden T

Y2- Joshua P

Y3- Zarah F

Y4- Freya D

World-Book Day

World Book Day this year will be celebrated on **Thursday 7th March**, however we wanted to give you some information about how St Michael's children will be invited to celebrate the day. The children will be involved in the design of a T-shirt, rather than the traditional dressing up. The children may wish to start the design at home over half-term. However, we are ordering white t-shirts for any children who wish to complete the activity in school before World Book Day. Here are a few examples of the designs that other children in other schools have completed:



E-SAFETY Awareness

Thank you to all the fabulous entries for Internet Safety Day. The children can view their posters in the school hall. Well done everyone. The winners are:

Reception: Eva-Rae, Year 1: Alfie, Year 2: Eva, Year 3: Scarlett, Y4: Ollie, Y5: Aliyah, Y6: Emer

Next Half Term there will be a Parent Workshop at school from 3.30pm-4.30pm on Thursday 7th March. All parents/carers are welcome to attend and you can come and see all the fabulous entries. It will be a really useful session that is shared with a number of schools in the borough.

Always Green Children

Our *Always Green* children, including those who work really hard with a positive attitude to learning, will be nominated by their class teacher each week to share a hot chocolate treat/drink with Mrs Bowes. This week we welcome the following children:

Nursery: Poppy D

Reception: Lexi T

Year 1: Lola Y

Year 2: Evan K

Year 3: Zarah F

Year 4: Will D

Year 5: Kris S

Year 6: Rokšana L

EYFS Newsletter

Please see the EYFS Newsletter shared with all our Nursery and Reception families. This is the first termly newsletter. We look forward to hearing your feedback – please pass your thoughts on to the staff in the EYFS classes.

Year 5 – Halle Project

Our Year 5 children have been taking part, since December, in a fabulous Halle for Youth project. Only 2 schools from Bury have been chosen. Over the past number of weeks the children have welcomed students from the Northern Ballet School to support the class in choreographing their own piece. They have also worked with Halle musicians to create a musical performance which will culminate in a concert at The Bridgewater Hall on Wednesday 27th February 2019. Well done Year 5 – we can't wait to see the final performance! Please see a separate letter with all the finer details of the performance.

Year 4 Trip – by Sophia in Y4

Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the Mosque in Bury this week. The children found out how to write Jesus in Islamic writing, all the children enjoyed learning extra information about the Islamic Faith.

Governor Visit to Year 6 – from Niamh in Y6

One of our Governors, Mr Hindley, visited this week to tell us all about micro-organisms, as this is his area of work. He talked about the different types of micro-organisms and what they can do and he answered some of our questions. Then he showed us how you can trace bacteria and germs on everyday objects and our hands – we will see the results in this afternoon's lesson! Thank you Mr Hindley.

Year 2 Castle Topic

Year 2 have made some superb castles for the last number of weeks to tie in with their Castle Topic, some have just about managed to fit into the car on the way to school! Well done everyone and enjoy your pizza making this afternoon too, practising your counting skills!

Timestables Rock Stars

The children are so very focused on their times tables, so much so, that we now have **5 Rock Heroes in the school:**

Year 3: Brandon

Year 4: Hayden

Year 5 Adam and Kris

Year 6: Mason

Our Lifetime Earning Leaders are:

Year 3: Brandon and Dominik

Year 4: Hayden and Henry

Year 5: Elvan

Super, well done all of you!! Keep up this great achievement!!

School Visit

We have welcomed PCSO Kevin and PCSO Andrew into school this week. Today they will be joining us for lunch and will answer lots of questions raised by the children. The children will be finding out about their work within the Whitefield community and we look forward to continuing our work with them.

School office reminder

Can we remind all parents and carers to **notify the office** of any absences, including medical appointments or sickness. Please call in at the beginning of the day, email or phone to instruct the office team of your child's absence. In addition, parents/carers must provide proof of any medical appointments so that those absences are marked as authorised.

We wish you all a wonderful half term and we hope you have a happy, safe and restful week. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing the children on **Tuesday 26th February 2019**.

Mrs Bowes