



# St Michael's RC Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back – We hope you all had a happy and refreshing half term. There are only 5 weeks this half term, it is quite short, but there are a lot of exciting events to pack in.

A reminder that Spring term will end on March 29<sup>th</sup> and the children will return for Summer term on 15<sup>th</sup> April for Holy Week. The Easter weekend will then follow and the children will return on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### Sacramental Programme

A reminder that there will be Mass at 9.30am at St Michaels Church this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March followed by a Meeting for Parents and Children from Y3 at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

### Lenten News and Masses

Ash Wednesday Mass will take place at St Michaels Parish Church for the whole school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am. All are welcome to attend.

**Lenten Prayer Packs** – these packs will be going home for each family to reflect upon during Lent.

During Lent there will be Lenten masses at 8.15am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> April.

### Mini-Vinnies Spring Plans – Lenten mission work

Thank you to everyone who brought in red bottle tops. 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 this Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## NEWS

### Stars of the week – Well done!

- N: **Martin Tom M** for showing good listening skills on the carpet  
R: **Finnlay M** for fantastic contributions to discussions  
Y1: **Isobelle H** for being one of our new friends at St Michaels  
Y2: **Joshua O** for working really hard all week  
Y3: **Scarlett C** for helping a Y5 friend in need who had fallen outside  
Y4: **Nikola Z** for always being organised and ready to learn  
Y5: **Declan B** for great work on fractions  
Y6: **Grace J** for working hard in lessons

### Lunchtime Superstars – Well done!

- N- **Gracie A**  
R- **Jenson J**  
Y1- **Ruby C**  
Y2- **Tyler M**  
Y3- **Michelle U**  
Y4- **Mark T**  
Y5- **Brianna G**  
Y6- **Max C**

**Homework Club Monday**  
3.15 – 4.15pm

### **After-school Sports**

**Tu** Y5/6 Multi sports  
**Th** Y1/2 Multi sports

**Mad Science**  
We 6<sup>th</sup> March week 7 of 10

**March 2019**  
Mo 4<sup>th</sup> Y4 Swimming prog starts  
Mo 11<sup>th</sup> Y6 Crucial Crew  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> N and R Mass 10am  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Y1 and Y4 10am

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 7<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in joining this forward thinking project!**

### Year 5 – Halle Performance

Our Year 5 performed brilliantly on Wednesday evening to a live audience at the Bridgewater Hall. The children's musical performance, alongside 2 Halle musicians and choreographed dance were superb. The children would like to thank Mrs Howe and Mrs Barstow for helping to create the fabulous costumes and Mrs Fleming for her musical expertise leading up to the event and during the performance itself.

This Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March the children will perform their musical showcase again as part of The Halle for Youth Concert at the Bridgewater Hall. A reminder that the children need to be in school for 8.20am, as the coach will be leaving at 8.30am and to bring a packed lunch. We wish them all the very best. Year 5, you should be very proud of yourselves!

### Spring Parents' Evening

The Spring term Parents' Evening will take place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30-6.30pm**. As with previous years we will be using the parents' evening booking system. Parents will be able to log in to book your preferred appointment time from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. <https://stmichaelsrcp.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

### Awards

There will be a Head teachers award shared each week from today. The focus will be based on a Gospel Value that a child has been showing through their words and/or actions throughout school that week. These values will be shared within whole school worship each Monday morning. Congratulations to Maeve in Year 4 who I have noticed has displayed Kindness towards others in school.

The Lunchtime Awards will also be based on these Gospel Values. Lunchtime Staff will be looking and listening for these values within the hall and outside on the playground.

### Attendance

The whole school attendance for this week is 98%. Year 5 has the highest with 100%!! Well done Year 5!

### World-Book Day

A slight change to the date of World Book Day this year, it will be celebrated on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

St Michael's children will be invited to celebrate the day, by wearing a T-shirt (any colour) that they may have designed at home or may prefer to design within school. We can provide T-shirts for the children if they need. Please complete the reply slip that the children will bring home tonight to inform school about whether or not you require a T-shirt and respond by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

## E-SAFETY Awareness Workshop

This Half Term there will be a Parent Workshop at school from **3.30pm-4.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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. It is particularly timely following the recent notification that went out regarding concerns around the MOMO from the National Online Safety organisation. It is crucial to be aware of children's safety online and the need for parental restrictions.

## 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: Logan L

Reception: Bella-Mae L

Year 1: Blake S

Year 2: Rebecca P

Year 3: Kaya T

Year 4: Summer B

Year 5: Mia C

Year 6: Ciaran K

## Crafternoon – Raising money for MIND

We have received a thank you letter and badge to thank the school for the planning, crafting and fundraising of the Crafternoon. We raised a fantastic £350.00 for MIND – a charity representing Mental Health.

## 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.

Thank you for your co-operation

Mrs Bowes