



**St. Michael's C.E. Primary School**  
*Learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith.*

Number 15

# NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents, Carers,

January has been a challenging month so far for us all, in terms of weather and health. So many of our children have been poorly with heavy colds and many continue to battle on with annoying coughs. Once again, it can be cold on the playground, for this reason please ensure your child brings a coat to school. Just a reminder, if your child is on any medication at present, please be sure to pass any medication to Mrs Leatherby. We must have signed consent forms to administer any prescription or non-prescription medication.

## Up-date on the Playground.

The work on our new play area at St Michael's has begun! A team of fitters arrived this morning, much to the delight of the children, to begin dismantling the existing equipment in preparation for the new layout. A huge thank you to the PTA and all our parents for the support shown during fundraising events at St Michael's. We anticipate the children will be playing on the equipment in about a week's time!

The current school playground, with its traditional metal climbing frame has been a striking feature on the village landscape for some time. We are proposing to hold an unveiling of the new playground and we are very open to any suggestions for a local celebrity or a family member who attended the school and remembers playing on the frame, to officiate at this important event.



Years 2, 3, and 4  
Graduation  
Event at  
Royal Holloway,  
University of  
London.

Over the coming weeks, students from Royal Holloway, will be working with all the children in Years 2, 3 and 4 on an exciting drama project entitled 'The Write Act'. The aim of the project is to use the power of drama and imagination to inspire writing. In this instance, the workshops will focus on capturing the enchantment of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' as a springboard to develop their speaking, drama and composition skills.

In recognition of their study and involvement, Years 2, 3, and 4 will receive a certificate in a graduation programme to be held in the chapel, at Royal Holloway College, University of London, on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm. Families are invited to attend, but tickets will need to be limited to 2 per child. The plan is for the children to leave and return to school by coach. Parents will collect the children from school at about 4.20 pm. Parking for parents attending the graduation has been arranged; more details will follow shortly.

Kind regards

Mrs Anderton - Headteacher



## This Week's Awards

### Well done to Kingfisher Class For 99% attendance!

In accordance with other Royal Borough schools we aim for 96.5%.

The following children received certificates for  
being 'Reflective'

Year 6: Oscar / Maisy  
Year 5: Josh / Jess  
Year 4: Tilly / Elizabeth / Benjamin  
Year 3: Francis / Crystal  
Year 2: Ralph / Steven  
Year 1: Cailvon / Lola  
Reception: Callum / Isabella

### The Golden Tickets went to:

Year 6: Kirsten / Rosa  
Year 5: Arjun / Amy  
Year 4: Lauren / Benjamin  
Year 3: Joshua / Lottie  
Year 2: Lewis / India  
Year 1: Alex / Charlie  
Reception: Charlotte / Shaheer

### HOUSE POINTS WINNER:

Green



## SPORTS NEWS



Years 5 & 6 had a great time at their Athletics Event on Tuesday at Charters School.

All the children were amazing, showing a huge amount of resilience and respect. Miss Howard-Kaye was so proud to take such brilliant teams!



# NSPCC

## Let's keep kids safe online

NSPCC Internet Safety Parent Workshop  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**  
2pm in the school hall.

*We haven't yet reached our minimum number of parents required to run this workshop so if you wish to participate in this then please do contact the school office as soon as possible.*

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

NSPCC Number Day

Dress up in an outfit with a number related theme.

£1 each to raise money for the NSPCC





# Religious Education Day

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Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January was RE day at St Michael's School. The children had a wonderful time learning about different religions, visiting the RE fair, sharing all the special religious items they brought into class and celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday in assembly. We were all very impressed by the children's thoughtful and creative attitudes to their learning. There were lots of different activities in each class, and here are some of the highlights:



## RE Fair



Many thanks go to everyone who supported the day and the children who immersed themselves in the learning.





## Reception

Reception really enjoyed the variety of learning we did on RE day, they asked lots of questions and thoroughly enjoyed creating their own rangoli patterns and mendhi designs.



We enjoyed our special show and tell session discussing special celebrations and traditions we have in our families, and how they may differ to someone else.



## Year 1

Children in Owl class enjoyed exploring the RE Fair and finding out about different cultures and religions.



Owl class learnt about Hinduism. They found out about the meaning of some Hindu symbols and learnt about the Hindu Gods. The children enjoyed learning about Hindu temples (Mandirs) and Hindu family worship. They listened to the story of Rama and Sita and found out about the Hindu festival of light 'Diwali'.



Damanjit enjoyed talking about his parents wedding photos and Jai read a Hindu prayer in Hindi.







## Year 2

During our R.E day Year 2 enjoyed learning all about Buddhism. We learnt the story of the Buddha, had a go at meditating/quiet reflection time if the children wanted to join in and also a show and tell of some objects relating to Buddhism or a religious event.



## Year 3

In Year 3, Mrs Jhajj visited our class to talk about Sikhism and Hinduism. She had photos and artefacts to show us. We also tried some samosas which she brought in. Some of us

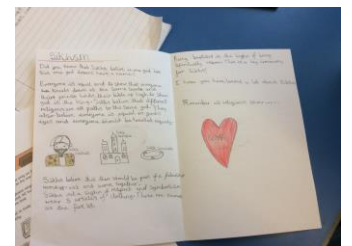


found them a little bit spicy! Next, we went to the hall to look around the RE fair. There were hot cross buns to try, books to

look at and artefacts to explore.

Once we had discovered all about the different religions of the world, we went back to class to make information booklets about religions of the world.

After lunch, we shared the items we had brought in with the rest of the class. Some of us brought in family heirlooms, our first bibles, precious gifts that we were given as children,



photos of our christenings and someone even brought in

their book that they are filling in as preparation for their first holy communion.

A great day was had by all!







## Year 4

In year 4 on Monday we learnt about what it was like to be Catholic. We researched and found out about the Rosary beads. We found



out that there is a pattern to the beads that help the owner when praying.

Some of the children, in groups made their own Rosary beads, they used pipe cleaners and beads to replicate a real set of rosary beads.

We also shared lots of items that the children brought in from home that were special to them. The children enjoyed learning about others traditions and provoked lots of fantastic discussions.



## Year 5



Year 5 'Dove Class' started by learning about the symbolism of the dove within Christianity and the importance that this has across different religions.

We made doves and then wrote about what they mean to us.



We read the Sikh story of Guru Nanak, Mardana the bowl and the jasmine flower. We then made our own clay bowls.

We have been discovering the roots of Sikhism and how Sikhs' worship today. We looked at the importance of the Gurdwara, the Sikh place of worship. Sikhs not only use the Gurdwara for prayer, but also to eat together. This is known as Langar. Food is cooked and shared by everyone at the Gurdwara. Sikhs often take Langar and help feed those who are homeless and in need of a meal. Sikhs believe that everyone is equal and should be able to eat together. The children had a great time making Langar and an even better time eating it!





## Year 6



Year 6 visited our RE fair and learnt new facts from different religions including trying on clothing.



Year 6 'Eagle class' brought in personal items representing their own religions and shared information with their peers about the religious ceremonies.



In class, we had an in-depth debate on whether justice or freedom was the most important. Even now, our views on this keep changing, but it was definitely a day to open our minds!

## I loved R.E. Day!

Report by Lauren, Year 4

It was so exciting when we got to go into the hall and learn about all the different religions and cultures. I just loved it. I also enjoyed learning about Catholics and how they differ and how they are the same. I was surprised at how many differences there were. I loved all of the day. It was just magical.

My favourite religion was Hinduism as they have many different celebrations and gods and it just draws you in like a rope on the sea getting hauled into a boat.

The highlight of the day was definitely getting to eat a bit of hot cross bun, it was amazing!

## CLUB NEWS



**JOIN US FOR  
BREAKFAST CLUB  
2018**

*Special New Year Offer*

- £4.50 a day including toast, cereal, fruits and yoghurts.
- A Magpie Coach is also in attendance to provide fun activities before school begins. New for 2018 is table tennis.
- Your child can be dropped off from anytime after 7.30 am.

[TO BOOK YOUR CLUB CLICK HERE](#)





Important Dates to Remember	
JANUARY	
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Class Assembly 9:05am
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety for Year 4 (1.30pm - 3.15pm)
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Class Assembly - 9.05am
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup>	NSPCC Parent E Safety Workshop (2pm)
FEBRUARY	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NSPCC Number Morning 2018 come to school dressed in mufti with a 'number' theme - £1.
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term
Half Term - Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	First day of term
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Class Assembly - 9.05am
MARCH	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Drama Graduation Years 2,3,4 at Royal Holloway
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Assembly at 9.05am
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Assembly at 9.05am
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation 1.20pm - 4pm
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability - Year 5 for the week
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation 1.20pm - 5pm
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception Class Assembly - 9.10am
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 PGL information meeting - 2.30pm
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Easter Service - St Michael's Church
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term - school finishes at 2pm
Easter Holiday - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to 13 <sup>th</sup> April	



#### Invitation to all young musicians!

If you play an instrument Windsor Music Ctr will have an ensemble that will help you make friends, learn more and experience playing as part of a group or orchestra. We also host concerts to allow students to show off what they have learnt to friends and family. We are inviting you to try out as many of our ensembles (that suit your ability) as you like this term. No need to book, just turn up. There will be no obligation to join before the February half term, our final rehearsals will be the week ending Friday 9th February. We look forward to seeing you soon!

<b>STRINGS</b> Maidenhead Magic Strings Tuesday 4.40pm—5.25pm (held at Newlands Girl School) Beginner—Grade 2 Windsor Magic Strings Saturday 11.15am—12.00pm Beginner—Grade 2 Allegretto Strings Saturday 9am—10am Grade 3—4 Presto Strings Saturday 8.30am—10.30am Grade 5+	
<b>VOICE</b> Junior Choir Saturday 9.30—10.15am Years 1 and 2 Intermediate Choir Saturday 10.15—11.00am Years 3-4 MB Contemporary Voices Friday 6.15pm—7.15pm Ages 12+	
<b>GUITAR &amp; PERCUSSION</b> Windsor Guitar Band Saturday 10am—10.45am Beginner—Grade 1 Junior Percussion Ensemble Saturday 8.30am—9am Beginner—Grade 2 Senior Percussion Ensemble Wednesday 4.30—5.45pm Ages 12+ with two years tuition	
<b>WOODWIND &amp; BRASS</b> Buzzing Brass Friday 4.30—5.15pm Beginner—Grade 1 Wacky Woodwind Saturday 9.15—10am Beginner—Grade 1 Chiswick Wind Band Saturday 11.15—12.15pm Grade 2—3 Windsor Wind Band Saturday 9—11am Grade 3—5 Zephyr Wind Band Saturday 9—11am Grade 5+	
<b>Chamber Groups</b> Saxophone Ens. Grade 2+ Saturday 11.10—12.20pm Pan Flutes Grade 2+ Saturday 11.40—12.25pm Clarinet Choir Grade 4+ Saturday 11.15am—12pm Double Bass Ens. Grade 1+ Wednesday 7pm—7.30pm BB Symphonic Brass Grade 4+ Wednesday 7pm—8pm	
<b>JAZZ</b> Thursday East Berkshire Jazz Training Orchestra 4.30pm—5.30pm Grade 2-4 East Berkshire Jazz Orchestra 5.30pm—6.30pm Grade 5+	
<b>MINI MAESTROS—Saturday Mornings Early Years</b> Working Tall Ages 3-5 9.30am—10am Beat Keepers Ages 5-6 10.45am—11.30am Rhythm Pipers Ages 7-9 11am—11.45am Mini Maestros members can attend our Junior and intermediate choirs free of charge	

# RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE SALE

From 1pm (while stocks last!)  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January

**1st Sunningdale Scout Hut**  
Sandy Lane, Sunningdale, SL5 0ND

All welcome. Tea, coffee, cake and bargains galore!

Good quality jumble donations invited from 10am-noon on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January

**Bag a bargain!**

If you have any questions or would like further information, please call Dawn Parker on 01753 306761 or 07921 808884.

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