



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

Number 8

# NEWSLETTER

10th November 2017

## This Week's Awards

Well done to **Sparrow, Kingfisher and Swallow** Classes  
for **100% attendance!**

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

The following children received certificates  
for being '**Reflective**'

Year 6: Whole Class  
Year 5: Isaac / Evie  
Year 4: Ace / Tighernach  
Year 3: Lottie / Noah  
Year 2: Alex / Megan  
Year 1: Damanjit / Jessica P  
Reception: Luke / Hope

**The Golden Tickets went to:**

Year 6: Ben L / Hannah S  
Year 5: Thea / Lewis  
Year 4: Bella S / Elizabeth  
Year 3: Lottie / Bella  
Year 2: Daisy / Alfie  
Year 1: Zara T / Raffi  
Reception: Grace / Jessica

**HOUSE POINTS WINNER: Blue**



## CLASS NEWS



Little Robins have got off to a flying start with their new topic learning 'My Caring Community'. This week they have had

a visit from a doctor and have been busy learning all about this important job role. The children have even made cards for the patients at Frimley hospital, sending them love, kindness and well wishes.

We are so excited to see the children embracing the ethos of St Michael's in the wider community.



## SCHOOL CLUBS

Registration for new clubs is now available to book. [Click here to book a club](#)



## Year 6 Experience

Report by Kirsten Sabey

Last Friday, Year 6 had an amazing opportunity to see the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Excitement was running high as we arrived at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading. The night just got better and better as we got to meet a double bass player, many questions were asked. The music was amazing. Some of the songs that we listened to



included 'The Lark Ascending' and 'The Planets.' We are all so thankful for this amazing once in a lifetime opportunity.



Report by Finlay Cunnison

Last Friday evening, Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to go to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Reading. We travelled to the Hexagon in a very luxurious coach, it even had leather racing car seats!



The music was rather extraordinary, from violins to the double bass. Our excitement levels went even higher as we got to meet a famous double bass player! Overall, we had an excellent evening and I would love to do something like it again.



## St Michael's Netball Success!

This week, 5 teams (40 players) from St Michael's year 5 and 6 took part in the Charters Netball Festival. Our year 6 Red Team won overall beating our other year 6 team in the semi-finals! Overall, they scored 22 goals and conceded only 1 throughout the tournament!) The year 5 teams did extremely well, one of which made the semi-finals, a fabulous achievement.

A huge thank you to Liz Arkell, Anna, Becky and Emily for their time and energy coaching every week and also to Gilly Bailey, Penny Kay and Claire Grosvenor for helping with the teams on the day.

This week's World War I Class Assembly was performed by Year 6





NHS  
The prevention and treatment of

## Head Lice



There have recently been a couple of cases of head lice identified in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be

allowed to spread. For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or click on below link.

[Link to NHS Head Lice Advice](#)



Please be aware there is due to be re-surfacing road works on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** for one day at Station Hill Ascot

which will have a diversion route we believe through Sunninghill Road (High Street). Please allow for this when travelling to school.



Just to remind you that the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes will be collected at **the end of next week**. These boxes will be distributed to needy children around the world.

Gift suggestions to fill your box are toys that a child can love such as a doll or cuddly toy, also cars, musical instruments, puzzles and skipping ropes. Children welcome receiving school supplies such as felt tips, crayons, pens, notebooks etc. Hygiene items are always well received including a toothbrush, hairbrush or flannel. Other suggestions to fill the shoebox are hats, gloves, and sunglasses. Finally, sweets are welcomed but must have best before date March 2018.

## PTA NEWS

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**11:30am to 2pm**

*PLEASE return all unwanted raffle tickets to the office so we can sell them at the fair.*

Hamper donations needed please. Your class rep is organising a box for your donations.



Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a **bag of sweets** will be on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a **bottle** will be on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Good condition teddies wanted for the pull-a-cuddly stall, please drop these in at the office.



Finally, there will be a cake sale at the Christmas Fair, so we are looking for cake donations either on Friday before or the day itself please.

Please return all Christmas card/mug/etc. orders by **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** to the office/Mrs Leatherby. Thank you.

As always, many thanks in advance.

[Click for PTA Information](#)





## Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)

Information, Advice  
and Support Service  
for children, young people and parents

### Parents' Share 15th November, 09.30 - 11.30am Manor Green School

Join us for a practical "Breathing Space" workshop led by Magdi Kovacs from Special Footprints.

#### How would your life be different if you took time to care for yourself?

Always put your oxygen mask on first before helping others." This is a useful reminder of the importance of taking care of yourself as a parent or a carer. Taking time to nurture yourself is not selfish; it is essential.

Finding space and time just for yourself can be virtually impossible at times and it is not difficult to understand why. But, if you don't take care of yourself, you can experience problems such as burnout, stress, fatigue, reduced mental effectiveness, health problems, anxiety, frustration, and difficulty sleeping.

#### Breathing Space - how does it work?

This session will help you to step back and reflect on how things could be different and how you might start taking small steps towards positive changes, for example how to find time for you and looking after yourself. Sharing ideas with other parents and carers, discussion is a key part of this session and will be focused around practical, real-life scenarios.

#### The workshop will help you consider:

- How to set meaningful and realistic goals for yourself
- Using practical exercises and tools to manage your time better
- The importance of self-awareness and how to use it in your everyday life
- New tools to help you recognise, manage and reduce your stress levels.

#### Course leader:

Magdi Kovacs was born and raised in Hungary. moved to the UK in 1992 and worked for 15 years at the Conductive Education Centre, working with children with special educational needs and their families. Magdi now works as a Special Needs Family Life Coach.





This morning, St Michael's School gathered together in the playground to show an act of remembrance for the dead and fallen soldiers of war. This was conducted by Year 6 but all

years took part.

Ben Lovell and

Oscar Virr

performed The

Last Post and

Reveille on their euphoniums.

Every class showed their

respect by making beautiful

handmade poppies and all took

part in a minute of silence.



Report by Theo English and Tommy Aston





Highlighted area indicates new information

| Important Dates to Remember                 |  |
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| NOVEMBER                                    |  |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>                       | KS2 Author visit (Steve Clifford) Book signing at 3:15pm               |
| Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>                       | Year 3 Class Assembly 9am  |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>                        | Non-uniform day (bring in a bag of sweets for Christmas Fair)          |
| Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup>                       | Year 5 Class Assembly 9am  |
| Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>                      | Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9:30am                            |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>                        | Non-uniform day (bring in a bottle for Christmas Fair)                 |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>                        | SCHOOL XMAS FAIR 11:30-2pm   |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>                        | Year 5 & 6 trip to Parliament and Churchill's War Rooms                |
| Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>                       | Falconry UK visit school   |
| Weds 29 <sup>th</sup>                       | Year 4 Class Assembly 9am  |
| Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>                      | Tree Trimming Reception and KS1 9.10am                                 |
| DECEMBER                                    |  |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>                         | Tree Trimming KS2 9.10am   |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>                         | Flu Vaccinations in School   |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>                       | 9.30 Reception Nativity to Parents                                     |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>                       | 5pm Years 3 and 4 Xmas Production                                      |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> | I Sing Pop in School   |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>                        | KS1 Xmas Play Cordes Hall 2pm  |
| Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>                       | KS1 Xmas Play Cordes Hall 5pm  |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>                        | Christmas-I Sing Pop Concert St Michael's Church 5pm                   |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>                        | Class Christmas Parties  |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>                       | Church Service 9. 30am   |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>                       | Years 1-6 School Panto PM<br>(Reception pupils to be collected at 1pm) |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>                       | TERM ENDS  |
| JANUARY                                     |  |
| Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Inset Day  |
| Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>                       | First day back to school   |
| FEBRUARY                                    |  |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>                         | End of term 3:15pm   |

