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learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith.

NEWSLETTER

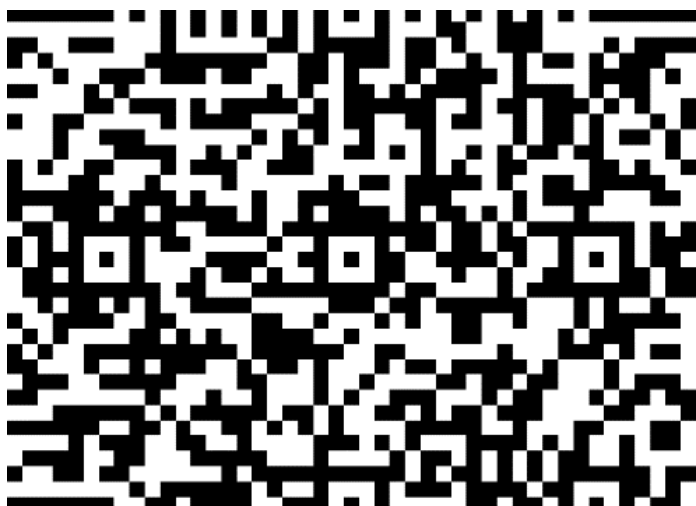
Dear Parents, Carers,

Thank you to all those parents who have taken the time to complete the online parent survey. The link to the survey will be available until June 28th 2021.

The survey can also be accessed using the following link and QR Code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/WeTz1Rkc7f>

QR Code:



Food Allergies

To ensure the safety of children with food allergies, if your child has a food allergy, please ensure the school is aware of the particular food/foods your child is allergic to and an up to date Epipen, complete with a care plan is in school. We are advised to request that parents provide 2 Epipens, however, we understand this has been difficult for some families to obtain during the pandemic.

We are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** and would politely request that parents refrain from including any food products with nuts in their child's snack or packed lunch. To avoid any upset for those children who follow an egg or gluten free diet, please check with the class teacher before sending in cakes or treats to celebrate birthdays etc. There are alternatives that can be provided to ensure all our children can enjoy the celebration.

Some children may abstain from eating certain foods for religious reasons, once again, the class teacher will be aware of this and can suggest a suitable option.

As an added precaution, we will be providing wrist bands to our children with food allergies; this will allow our lunchtime controllers and children eating nearby, to identify any child at risk of an allergic reaction, more easily. Class teachers will ensure these bands are worn in school, and returned to children's trays at the end of the day, as necessary.

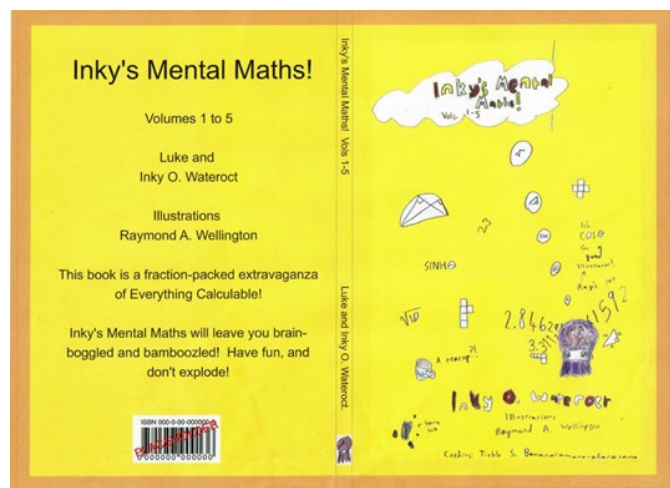
INKY'S MENTAL MATHS!

We are all so very proud to announce that Luke Wyatt in year 5, has recently written and published, a '*fraction packed extravaganza of everything calculable!*'

As you will appreciate this is a huge achievement for Luke, on so many levels.

The book, provides an entertaining and accessible explanation of the calculations and mathematical formulae encountered by children in primary school from year 4 upwards.

Luke's amusing and often engaging approach to problem solving, will inspire his peers and serve as very useful reference text for children and parents, now and in the future. This book is an absolute must have for homework!



The book is available to purchase for £10. Orders for signed copies (St Michael's pupils only) can be made via the PTA website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmichaelssunninghill/#.YFDIWqQ3a70>

Luke's family will make a donation to the school for every copy of the book sold.

The Reverend Sarah Mortimer

Many of you will have met Sarah in her role as the curate for Sunninghill and South Ascot. Sarah is a frequent visitor to St Michael's and the children have enjoyed her many virtual assemblies shared during lockdown I know you would want to join me in sending Sarah our very best wishes for her final ordination on June 26th 2021.

Attendance

Recent lockdowns have put pressure on schools to demonstrate to their governing bodies and local authorities, the programmes and measures in place, to support pupils to 'catch up' with their education for the time unavoidably missed. I would politely request, that parents do not take their children out of school unnecessarily. Thank you to those parents for respecting the school's attendance policy and who complete the official request form via the school office. Honesty is always best, as the children tend to share and it sets a bad example to make children complicit in cover ups with school.

Warmest wishes

L. P. Anderton

L Anderton

Headteacher



AWARDS



The following children were awarded a certificate for being “RESOURCEFUL”

Year 6 Whole Class

Year 5 Maxim & Noah

Year 4 Louis & Jai

Year 3 Owen & Oliver

Year 2 Daisy T & Daisy C

Year 1 Talia & Kavi

Reception George & Sienna

Housepoint Awards

Winning House



Yellow House

Outdoor learning



We have been busy doing lots of outdoor learning. Many year groups have planted flowers and vegetables in our numerous gardening areas around the school.



In Year 3 we have been planting radishes as part of our learning in Science.

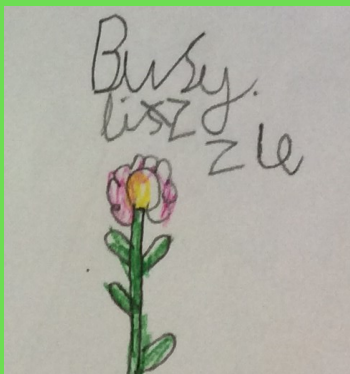
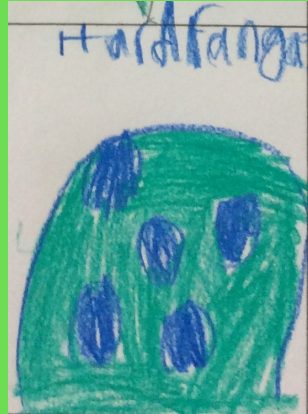
We used spades, shovels and watering cans.

After planting the radish seeds we watered them and waited for the first shoots to start growing.

We are looking forward to eating them!



Outdoor learning *continued*



We're growing an Oak tree!

Mr Anderton found an acorn that had germinated and sent it in for us to look at. We put it in a jar and were very excited when more shoots and a leaf appeared!

We can't wait to watch it grow during our time at St Michael's and hope lots of children in the future will enjoy watching it grow into a big Oak tree!

Thank-you Mr.Anderton



Gardening Club



We enjoy gardening club because each week we get to experience the plants thriving. It is a chance to develop our own school garden.

During gardening club we make sure that all of our plants have the water and sunlight they need to live. We have a variety of plants such as strawberries, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, radishes and lettuce.

it is so much fun. Many children would definitely recommend gardening club. It is run by Miss Fuller outside the year five class room every Thursday lunchtime.

The fun things we do are:

- Plant lots of plants
- Create structures for the climbing vegetables
- Water the fruit and vegetables

Written by Molly, Annika and Connie Year 5



We would greatly appreciate all donations of canes to build a frame for our runner beans and also any plants for us to plant in the many gardening areas around the school.

Thank-you!



NOTICES



A huge thank-you to our wonderful PTA who have continued to work tirelessly, despite social distancing restrictions, to organise fundraising events.

Thank-you also to all parents and carers for supporting the events and helping to raise funds towards enriching the learning of our children.



*Week commencing
28th June
More details to
follow soon!*

Important Dates

JUNE

Monday 28th June

Book Fair

JULY

Monday 5th—Wednesday 7th July

Year 6 residential trip to Mill on the Brue

Friday 16th July


Deadline for Contact/Medical forms to be returned for Academic year 2021/2022

Wednesday 21st July


Term Ends—2pm



Added as new or revised



KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS



<p>9:30 - 15:30</p> <p>£20</p>	<p>8:00 - 15:30</p> <p>£25</p>	<p>9:30 - 17:00</p> <p>£25</p>	<p>8:00 - 18:00</p> <p>£35</p>
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**FOOTBALL . NETBALL . HOCKEY . TENNIS
GYMNASTICS . LASER-TAG . SCOOTERS**

**INFO@BASPORTSTAR.CO.UK
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Monday 21st June is

Clean Air Day

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Let's get walking and scooting

The current pandemic has been a tough time for everyone, however one of the benefits has been the amount of families who have taken up more exercise.

To avoid congestion and keep up a healthy lifestyle, walking and scooting to school is a great way to start and end the school day.

Starting Out

Teaching your child basic road safety is key to keeping them safe on your journey to and from school. Repeating daily instructions on how to cross the road will eventually sink in and will mould the way they behave when they are older and start to travel independently.



- Plan ahead - Check your route to school and find the safest route for you and your child(ren). There may be short cuts and alleyways that you are unaware of if you normally travel by car.
- If possible find less trafficked routes and look for good crossing places; away from junctions, bends and obstacles that prevent you from having a clear view of the road for some distance.
- Remember, your children are like sponges, observing everything that you do. If you pay more attention to your phone than the road, they will learn that same behaviour. If you disregard safe crossing places and pay little attention to the road, so too will your child.
- Teach them well and show them how to behave around the roads and allow them to develop these essential life skills to keep them safe.

Essential road safety

The Green Cross Code is simple and effective. It can literally save lives. Follow the three rules of the Green Cross Code and it will help you across the road every time.

THINK: Find a safe place to cross

STOP: Behind the kerb

LOOK & LISTEN: All around



Take time to explain to your child why you have chosen a specific place to cross the road. Ask your child to help you decide when it is safe to cross. Always walk across the road.

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Parent Parking

The school run can be a stressful part of the day, but it need not be. Planning and considering others can take all the stress out of getting to and from school and make it a fun and active part of the day.

The Serious Stuff

Let's be honest, no one likes being shouted at! It can upset the whole day and frighten children. It is illegal to drive on the pavement but more importantly it puts pedestrians at risk. Pavements are for people! Blocking them is inconsiderate and forces parents and children on to the road.



"So where do we park?"

Here are some easy tips to follow that will help everyone get to school safely and stress free.

- **Avoid** parking in the street that your school is located in. Parking away from your school keeps the immediate vicinity outside your school congestion free and safe for the whole school community.
- **Plan** – plan your day ahead of time so you leave enough time to get to school and don't feel rushed.
- **Park n Stride** – think ahead and find a legal parking spot about 5 to 10 minutes walking distance from your school. Take a scooter if you have one for your child. Walking the last part of the journey can help to start the day with a bit of exercise and gives you the chance to chat with your child about their day or finish some spellings or times tables on the way. In the afternoons it's a perfect time to hear all about your child's experiences that day and you don't have the stress of trying to manoeuvre your vehicle around an overly congested school street.



Respecting school neighbours and other parents who are trying to get their children to school safely is essential. If we all work together, we can make the school run a stress-free part of the day and our schools a safer place to travel to and from.

Over the coming months you may notice a few signs popping up about no idling and turning off your vehicle engine. Keeping the air pollution low across our Borough will help all our residents to breathe clean air.

If you have to use your car, please switch off your engine when stationary.

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Let's get cycling

The current pandemic has been a tough time for everyone, however one of the benefits has been the number of adults who have taken up cycling. If you would like to cycle to school or work then read these tips to help keep you safe on your journey.

Starting Out Safe

1. Practice in the park or somewhere off road first. Make sure your child listens to instruction and follows your commands. Practice starting and stopping, taking care to start and stop from the left of the bike leaning away from the road. Practice signalling ensuring that the arm signal is clear and obvious and there are no wobbles. Cycling with one hand on the handlebars and one arm signalling can take time to master for a child.
2. Everyone should have a helmet on, that's parents as well as children. Make sure the helmet is securely in place, not too tight and not too loose. If you shake your head and the helmet remains comfortably in place, then you have got it right.
3. Check that there are no 'dangles' from laces or clothing that could get caught in the wheels.
4. Tuck in loose clothing.
5. Do an ABC check.
 - **Air** – Check your tyres are pumped up and in good order.
 - **Brakes** – Check that your brakes are working well and not worn down.
 - **Controls** – Check your handlebars are straight, pedals are secure, chain is oiled and not loose and the gears are working correctly.
7. Wear bright clothing preferably hi visibility fluorescent jackets with reflective strips.



Out on the roads

- Plan your journey with your child so they know what to do when riding as a group.
- Always ride behind your child so you can see them and give clear advice and instructions.
- Remember to start and stop in a safe place away from the flow of traffic.
- Use cycle lanes wherever possible and if you must cycle on the road, position yourself 1 metre into the road. This will help to avoid drains at the side of the road and force vehicles to overtake properly. Some vehicles can squeeze past which is unnerving and dangerous.
- Make clear and obvious signals.
- Always check behind before manoeuvring and plan ahead.