



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!!!

Hello and welcome to St Michael's Monthly! It's Mia and Mimi (back again!) for another issue. This month is the lead up to Christmas and we are all looking forward to having a bit of fun in these strange times!

AWARDS THIS MONTH!

To start with we would like to congratulate our friends who have earnt awards this month when they showed the 6RS in their daily work.

RESPECTFUL:

YRR: Samuel & Ella
YR1: Lois & Phoebe
YR2: Lucy & Henry
YR3: Charlotte & Charlie
YR4: Luca & Ollie
YR5: Florence & Molly
YR6: Jax & Sophia F

REFLECTIVE:

YRR: WHOLE CLASS
YR1: Hugo & Thomas
YR2: Francesca & Ellie
YR3: Tom & Devs
YR4: Dylan & Madiha
YR5: Anish & Luke
YR6: Bella & Samuel



TREE TRIMMING...

On Wednesday the 2nd of December the school once again honoured the tree trimming tradition when each class made a beautiful decoration to hang on a branch and... THREE TWO ONE the lights started to twinkle. Both KST1 and two had separate services as normal and, although parents couldn't watch, everyone thoroughly enjoyed humming under our breath to Away in a Manger.



STRICTLY A SUCCESS!!!

St Michaels thoroughly enjoyed Scott coming in to visit and teach us these amazing dances. For a special treat you can buy a DVD of it all via [so you and your family can spend Christmas watching St Michaels rock the stage!!!](#) We were lucky enough to get an interview with the Strictly and St Michaels choreographer... Scott!

Scott loves working with professionals on strictly such as Janette and Aljaz (his two favorite dancers) as they inspire him to be the best he can be. He also loves working in schools to try and give back the experience he was given. Scott's favorite style of dance is tap and one top tip he gives to aspiring dancers (we know you're out there!) is: NEVER STOP LEARNING!



READING AND RECOMMENDATIONS!!!

Reading is like a portal that can take you to magical new worlds which can help you forget your worries and doubts, as well as helping in many different subjects as well as contributing hugely in later life. These are some fantastic books for everyone's levels of reading that you can really get your teeth into (not literally I hope!)

If you have any recommendations for any year groups for next month, please let us know!

YRR: If you give a mouse a cookie

YR1: 100 Cats

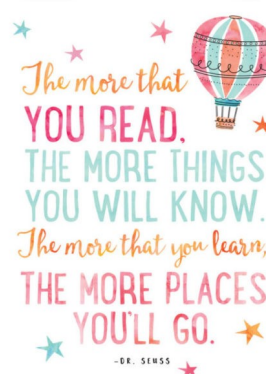
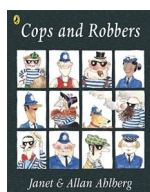
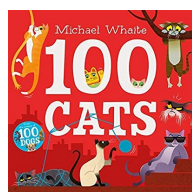
YR2: Cops and Robbers

YR3: Horrid Henry

YR4: The Night Bus Hero

YR5: I am Malala

YR6: Time Travelling With a Hamster, Eye of The North

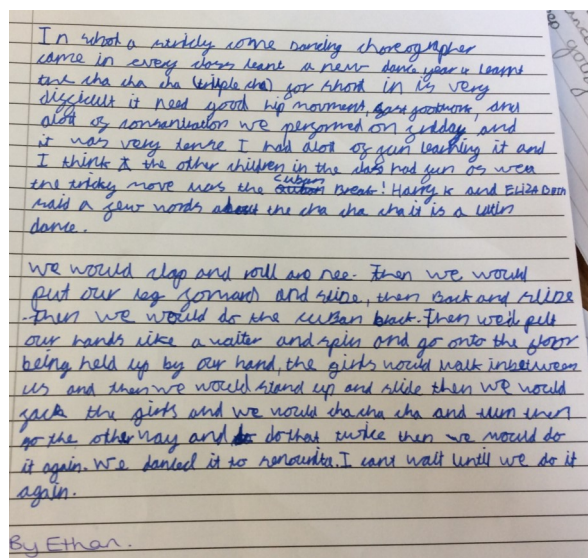


LET'S SEE WHAT OUR CLASSES ARE GETTING UP TO...

YR5: YR5 performed the Lindy-hop and they are going to tell you all about it.

Doing the dancing was tricky at first but after we practised, we began to understand it more. Everyone had put a lot of effort into making sure that we were happy with the steps. Scott was an awesome dance teacher and really motivated us. All of us had lots of fun and some of us even wore costumes. We were very excited to film The Lindy Hop so our parents can see us. We really enjoyed ourselves and we would all like to say a big thank you to Scott!

YR4: YR4 danced the Cha Cha Cha...



YR2: YR2 performed the famous (and traditional) waltz!

"Year 2 performed a ballroom dance routine, using steps from the Viennese Waltz and the American Smooth. The children elegantly danced to the famous Christmas song, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" by Andy Williams."



YR6:

YR6 performed the Charleston (which was very fast!) Lola and Sophia K will tell you about this performance...

Earlier this month, a fantastic choreographer called Scott came in and taught us how to do a variety of dances. In YR6, we did the Charleston with swivels and lots of quick foot-work! It was an awesome experience and we will always remember it as a lovely memory for YR6.

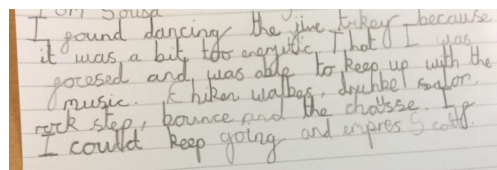
ROBIN CLASS

On the 10th of December Robin Class performed the **WRIGGLY NATIVITY!** It was a beautiful performance that made us all really think about the Christmas story. Though we couldn't sing along to the fantastic songs as usual it was still a lot of fun humming instead! It was an amazing re-telling of the story we all know and love. Well done reception!

YR3:

YR3 danced the jive!

Here is a recount of their strictly journey!



YR1: YR1 danced the... YOU GUESSED IT... SAMBA!!!

Year 1 really enjoyed their dance sessions with Scott. They learnt some Samba steps which were quite challenging. The children especially enjoyed learning the fast wiggles and quick foot-work. The Samba is a fast party style dance which originally came from Cuba. Owl Class said the best part of the week was wearing their sparkly costumes and being filmed because they knew the dance really well by the end of the week. They are looking forward to sharing their perfor-



Tree trimming - Owl class made felt baubles. The children had fun sewing felt pieces together using a running stitch and decorating their decorations with glitter glue. The children thought sewing was very difficult but felt it would get easier if they kept practising. They would like to do more sewing next term.



CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH!!!

Reuse your waste such as plastic or cardboard and transform it into something new and practical!



Now let's have a quick chat with one of our most fun and festive teachers Miss Ashdown!

Mrs Ashdown said that her favourite Christmas movie is definitely *The Santa Clause* (and yes I mean with an E at the end) and she has fond memories of playing a game with her grandpa when they put their lips over their teeth and tried to recite fruit names. It wasn't the easiest game and she vividly remembers rolling around on the floor laughing! Maybe your families can have a go at it this Christmas. Mrs Ashdown enjoys Christmas because everyone is smiley and happy and she can wear any silly clothes she wants and no one will care! Christmas makes her feel lucky as some people don't get to experience the festive cheer because of their unfortunate circumstances.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!!!

On Friday our School celebrated... You guessed it CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!!! It was lots of fun and the whole school loved wearing the warm cozy which portrayed a fun festive feel. Some people even had flashing lights and music on their jumpers. Even some of the teachers dressed up!



DECORATIONS!!!

For a Christmassy change we have decided to display each classes Tree Trimming decorations rather than showing their wonderful writing (which we are sure are as descriptive and amazing as ever!)

YR5



YR3



YR



YR6



YR1



YR2



YR4



RECOMMENDED
KS2

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	3		7	1			4	
7				9		4	1	
		9	8	4	2	3		
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HERE ARE SOME FUN
GAMES AND PUZZLES
YOU CAN BE GETTING
UP TO THIS MONTH!

SCAVENGER HUNT

Tick them off when you
find them!



- .A Christmas jumper
- .A stocking
- .A cracker
- .A mince Pie
- .A Christmassy ingredient
- .A warm Winter Coat
- .Someone in need of help
(you could help them)

We would love to see any
pictures or interesting
things you find. Have fun!



Christmas Word Search



n	d	f	t	r	e	e	e	a	p
o	p	r	z	f	x	k	u	o	r
e	q	u	r	s	a	n	t	a	e
c	h	r	i	s	t	m	a	s	s
m	e	r	r	y	v	e	n	s	e
c	a	r	o	l	u	r	v	i	n
p	s	b	m	j	m	k	t	q	t
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b	a	h	u	y	t	o	g	z	m
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carol	Christmas	holly
merry	presents	Santa
star	tree	wreath

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TO BE IN
A CHANCE OF WINNING A PRIZE COMPLETE ONE OF THESE PUZZLES
AND PASS IT VIA YOUR TEACHER TO YR6! AND THE LUCKY CHILD
WILL GET A PRIZE!