



## St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **Earth Day**

Thank you to all of our families who supported Earth Day this week. All children discussed their role as Global citizens and made pledges about how they will continue to protect our Earth for future generations, supporting the sustainable goals.

### **Rights Respecting Accreditation Visit**

This week we were very excited to welcome a member of the Unicef Rights Respecting Team into school, to complete our Gold accreditation visit. The assessor met with children, staff and parents to discuss our rights work and to look at the impact of this across the school. She was blown away by the way our children could talk about mature themes such as equity, dignity and diversity and also how excited they were to talk about the work that they had been doing. We are waiting with baited breath for the report with our final outcome and we will share it with you as soon as we hear!

### **Class Photographs**

Don't forget that it is class photographs on Monday so please make sure that all children have their full school uniform on, with their jumpers/cardigans and school shoes.

If your child has PE on Monday, please can they come in their full uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag and they can change once their class photo has been done.

### **Family Volunteers**

We are looking to recruit some volunteers from our families to come into school on a regular basis to support in classrooms with things like reading, preparing homework, being an extra body for art activities etc. If you think that you would enjoy this, and can commit to a regular time each week (this could be anything from an hour to a day!) then please contact me to discuss. Please feel free to pass onto grandparents or extended family members that you feel may be interested too!

### **DOT Art Competition – Don't Forget Your Vote!**

Last term, Year 5 completed a range of magnificent artwork to enter the Dot Art Competition. Entries were submitted before Easter break and can be viewed on: [https://schools.dot-art.com/schools/st-michael-with-st-thomas\\_454/](https://schools.dot-art.com/schools/st-michael-with-st-thomas_454/)

The children's work has been viewed by the judging panel and they have shortlisted 3 pieces from each school to go through to the final. The children from Year 5 who have had their work shortlisted are: Laura, Faith and Lydia.

We would be grateful if you will all support our pupils and could go to the Dot Art site to vote for the children's wonderful work to give them the chance of winning. Click on the QR code on the poster at the front of school or follow this link: [https://schools.dot-art.com/schools/st-michael-with-st-thomas\\_454/](https://schools.dot-art.com/schools/st-michael-with-st-thomas_454/)

Please share the link and get your family and friends to vote too. Let's all get behind our pupils and get them as many votes as possible!

### **Looking Ahead:**

Here are some important dates for your diaries to help you plan for the next few weeks:

- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Apr – Class Photos
- Weds 1<sup>st</sup> May – Y1 Family Worship 9am
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Y5 Petty Pool Residential
- w/b 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Week
- w/b 20<sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y3 Family Worship
- Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Sports Day, Break up for half term

*Please note, these dates are subject to change - please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.*

# Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

**TRUST**

*"We trust in God, one another and ourselves."*

Whenever i am afraid,  
i **trust** in You.

Psalm 56:3

A prayer chosen by Miss Slingsby:

*Hold my hand, Lord, show me the way  
Help me be grateful for every day  
Show me the difference between right and wrong  
Keep me safe, Lord, all night long  
Give me direction on what to do,  
lead the way, Lord, I trust in you  
Amen*

## Let's Talk About Rights!

This week our Article of the week for you to discuss at home is: Article 13 – the right to share your thoughts freely.

- What does this mean?
- How do children access this right?
- How can duty bearers help to ensure children have this right?

Article of the WEEK



# Ready, Respectful, Safe!

## Ready



We are ready to learn,  
ready to listen and ready  
to embrace  
opportunities.

We respect our friends,  
our teachers, our visitors  
and all members of our  
community.

## Respectful



## Safe



We know how we can  
keep ourselves safe and  
make sure we do all we  
can to keep our school  
family safe.

"Pupils' behaviour is exemplary, and their attitudes to learning are extremely positive. Relationships at all levels are highly respectful and pupils are exceptionally kind towards one another. Pupils know that adults will help them if they have any worries or concerns." - Ofsted July 2023

"The school have exceptionally high expectations for how pupils behave. Pupils of all ages behave well in class and play well together. They show care and consideration towards each other and are polite and well-mannered." - External School Review Feb 2024

## Headteacher's Award Winners:

Rec - Bobby for always trying hard with his reading and writing in particular

Y1 - Olivia for becoming more confident when sharing ideas

Y2 - Leighton for always using lovely manners

Y3 - Issac for always being really involved in his learning

Y4 - Deshanth for displaying super knowledge of times tables

Y5 - Amelia for demonstrating perseverance in all she does

Y6 - Abi for the most amazing commitment to learning even giving 100% every day when feeling unwell!

## Lunchtime

### Superstars

Rec - Harriett

Y1 - Faith

Y2 - Penelope

Y3 - Harry

Y4 - Bailie

Y5 - Faith

Y6 - Abi



# Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter



## Punctuality Matters Too!



Whole School Attendance - this year:

95%

Whole school attendance - this week:

95%

Class attendance winner:

Y6 - 97.7%

Class Attendance:

Rec - 92.2%

Y1 - 96.7%

Y2 - 94.9%

Y3 - 95.4%

Y4 - 96.6%

Y5 - 90.5%

Y6 - 97.7%