



St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 3rd May 2024

Y6 performance

This week some of our Y5 and Y6 pupils performed a play that has been written by our Head Boy, Ben, in Y6, inspired by the workshop sessions Y6 completed last term with the Anne Frank Trust. Ben was so inspired by the message of hope and the need for inclusivity and diversity in our world, that he wrote a play script based on this. After appointing pupils to act in the play with him, he has arranged rehearsals and directed the performance. They children all performed fantastically, and it was lovely to watch them showcase their independent work on this project. What amazing role models we have in our upper school!

Y1 family worship

A huge well done to our Y1 class who led their first Family Worship this week, teaching us all about this half term's Christian Value of Trust. Thank you to all the families who joined us for this.

Y5 Petty Pool Residential

Our Y5 pupils had a fantastic time at their residential trip this week, conquering their fears, completing teamwork tasks and even being responsible for serving dinner to each other! As always, our Y5 pupils didn't disappoint, with their fantastic manners and attitudes and were amazing ambassadors for our school during their time away. Have a look on our social media pages for photos of the fun!

Social Media Pages

Don't forget to follow our new social media pages if you haven't already - links below! Feel free to share our advertising posts or other school information with your networks. We had a visitor last week who didn't know our school was here as we are tucked away! So help us spread the word about our amazing pupils and hard-working staff!

Pupil Progress Meetings

The dates are below for our final pupil progress meetings of the year. Bookings will open on Arbor on Monday morning for you to choose your slot to meet with your child's class teacher. If your child has a Learning Plan, you will be invited in for a separate meeting to review this and set targets for the next term. Please contact the office if you have any problems accessing Arbor to book.

Tues 4th June – Reception & Y4

Weds 5th June - Y5 & Y6

Thurs 6th June – Y1, Y2 & Y3

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 22nd May. **Y3/4/5/6 sports day will take place in the morning and start at 9.15am. Rec/KS1 sports day will take place in the afternoon and will start at 1.30pm.** We are asking that children come dressed in the colours of their House Teams, however if they do not have anything in these colours, we have sports bibs so please do not buy anything especially for this.

Nightingale – Red

Attenborough – Green

Parks – Blue

Mandela - Yellow

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!

Looking Ahead:

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

- w/b 13th May – Y6 SATs Week
- w/b 20th May – Walk to School Week
- Tues 21st May – Y3 Family Worship
- Weds 22nd 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."



YOUNG MINDS

Young Minds asked children
What do you wish your
parents asked you?
This is what they said!

Where is a
place you feel
safe?

Is there anyone
who is upsetting
you?

What are you most
dreading this
week?

When was the
last time you
were happy?

What difficulties
are you facing
now?

Is there anything
else you'd like to
talk about?

How do you feel
about growing up?

Try asking these questions to your child. It might lead to a really valuable conversation

Let's Talk About Rights!

This week our Article of the week for you to discuss at home is: Article 24 – the right to good health, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment

- 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.

Quotes from Miss Slingsby's
#Positivegossip Book this week:

- ✚ Phoebe Y3 - Displaying lovely manners around school and being a super role model - Mrs Fisher
- ✚ Jake & Harry Y6 - Helping Miss Sutton during break duty - thank you!
- ✚ Niall Y5 - For holding the door open for Mrs Bonnett when she was moving instruments
- ✚ Ronnie Y2 - For making Mrs Hogan smile by asking if she was having a nice day
- ✚ Jacob Y6 - For noticing Mrs Hogan was struggling with boxes and holding doors open for her
- ✚ Josh Y1 - spotted being a good friend and looking out for someone who was hurt at break time - Mrs Worrall

Headteacher's Award Winners:

- Rec - Thea for trying extra hard in phonics
Y1 - Eva for growing in confidence when proofreading her work
Y2 - Roman for being a great friend
Y3 - Olly for amazing time knowledge
Y4 - Charlotte for a super attitude to learning this week
Y5 - Eleanor-Rose for a positive and caring attitude all week
Y6 - Lucas for a consistently excellent attitude to learning - always positive and enthusiastic

Lunchtime

Superstars

- Rec - Ava
Y1 - Skylar
Y2 - Leighton
Y3 - Issac
Y4 - Finlay
Y5 - Joseph
Y6 - Abi

Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Changes to attendance law from September 2024:



Whole School Attendance - this year:

95.2%

Whole school attendance - this week:

96.7%

Class attendance winner:

Y3 - 99.2%

Class Attendance:

Rec - 97.2%

Y1 - 99.1%

Y2 - 92.9%

Y3 - 99.2%

Y4 - 95.8%

Y5 - 93.8%

Y6 - 98.9%