



St Michael with St Thomas CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 19th April 2024

Welcome Back

It was lovely to see all of the children back in school this week and as always, they have come back with fantastic attitudes and ready to learn! We can't wait for all of the exciting things we have planned for the summer term and look forward to seeing all of our families in school for lots of fun events. Keep an eye on the dates section of the newsletter to help you keep ahead of what's coming up over the weeks ahead.

Bikeability

This week Y5 have been working with the Bikeability Team to gain their level 1 and level 2 cycling proficiency certificates. This is an important part of our safeguarding curriculum as we want our children to stay safe out of school and we know as they get older they gain more independence and this often includes being trusted to ride their bikes on the roads without adult supervision. Well done to all of the children who passed their level 1 and level 2 courses!

Summer Concert

Mrs Hogan spoke to the children this week about the possibility of holding a summer concert, where children will get the opportunity to perform for the audience. This could be anything - singing, dancing, playing an instrument, performing a poem, acting scene, or even doing some stand up comedy! Perhaps your child takes part in a sport or activity outside of school time that they could demonstrate to the audience. Children can perform on their own or in pairs/small groups. Children can sign up for the concert in school and if we have enough interest we will send out further information about this. Please talk to your child about this and if they would like to perform. We know we have so much talent in our school and would love to showcase as much of it as possible!

DOT Art Competition

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/

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/ 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!

'Listen up, Speak up' – NSPCC

It's up to all of us to keep children safe. Take the NSPCC's free 10-minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family. It is up to all of us to protect the children within our community. Please encourage your friends and family to complete it too!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/#>

Looking Ahead:

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

- Mon 29th Apr – Class Photos
- Weds 1st May – Y1 Family Worship 9am
- Thurs 2nd- Fri 3rd May – Y5 Petty Pool Residential
- 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."

*Trust
in the Lord
with all your
heart.*

Proverbs 3:5

A prayer chosen by Harry in Y5:

pray this prayer with me.
Thank you for your
endless love and grace,
it's a miracle to see
another day.
It's a miracle to open
my eyes.
It's a miracle to be
in my right mind.
It's a miracle to have
my health.
Every day is a miracle
that you graciously give
me. Thank you, you are
constantly working,
constantly showing
me your goodness with
every good gift that
comes into my life.
I will live to day and
each day with a attitude
of gratitude. Thank you
God I love you and I
promise to share this
prayer. Amen

Let's Talk About Rights!

This week our Article of the week for you to discuss at home is: Article 2 – the right to no discrimination.

- 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



NO DISCRIMINATION

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.

"Having our rules means that we all get our right to an education," - Y3 pupil.

"In our school we are all respectful to each other and this makes me happy," - Y2 pupil

"The rules in our school are for everyone, not just children and the adults follow them too. We are all equal at our school," - Y6 pupil.

Headteacher's Award Winners:

Rec - Charlotte for always being Ready, Respectful and Safe

Y1 - Harrison for trying hard to improve his presentation in writing lessons

Y2 - Aiden for settling into school fantastically after the Easter break

Y3 - Aria for being a positive role model in class this week

Y4 - Moses for being a wonderful member of our class

Y5 - Kaycie for demonstrating all our Christian values in all that she does

Y6 - George for fantastic behaviours for learning

Lunchtime

Superstars

Rec - Hazel

Y1 - Joseph

Y2 - Leighton

Y3 - Oliver

Y4 - John

Y5 - Molly

Y6 - Jacob

Attendance Counts!

#momentmatter



Whole School Attendance - this year:

95%

Whole school attendance - this week:

94.9%

Class attendance winner:

Y1 - 98.6%

Class Attendance:

Rec - 95%

Y1 - 98.6%

Y2 - 95.4%

Y3 - 94.3%

Y4 - 94.3%

Y5 - 94.2%

Y6 - 93.1%

HOW IT FEELS FOR ME

ATTENDANCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

94% - 95%

Although this sounds good... Over the school year, I will have missed 10 full school days. This will now make it harder for me to do as well as my friends who are in school every day.

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92% - 93%

Over the school year, I have now missed 15 full days of learning, that's three weeks, that I can't get back... This means I'm now at risk of underachieving what I am capable of.

90% - 92%

I have now missed up to 22 days, that is 4 whole weeks of learning! This means I might find it trickier in class because I have missed parts of my learning. This might impact on my confidence.

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85%

I have now missed up to 29 days of learning. This is 6 whole weeks of school, the same as the summer holidays! As well as my learning, I might start to struggle with friendships and feel left out.

80%

By the end of my school year, I will have had up to 38 days off - 7 weeks that I haven't been in class or seen my friends... longer than my summer holiday! I will find it difficult to understand my lessons, have close friendships and feel confident at school.

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STOP

If you are struggling to get your child into school, talk to us.

Together we can help your child achieve their best!