

St Michael's School



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Parents' Evening

Just a reminder of the dates for this term's Parents' Evenings:

Years 1 - 6: Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 9th March
(see sign-up sheets for time slots)



Don't forget
parents
evening!

The sign-up sheets for parents' evening will be available until this Thursday for Years 1-6 in the front playground (or side playground under the canopy, if it is poor weather). After that, you will need to phone the office for an appointment.

(For parents of 6M children - please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs McGunnigle has appointments on Thursday 9th March and Friday 10th March - not Wednesday).

Mrs Rolland/Mrs Russell

If your child is on the SEN register, or you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, you should also make an appointment via the sign-up sheets with Mrs Rolland/Mrs Russell.

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that on Parents' Evenings, clubs run by outside agencies run as usual. Clubs run by school staff do not run on Parents' Evenings because the staff are needed to meet with parents. There is an exception this time, as the choir need to rehearse for their big performance and Mr Papakyriacou will be able to run this on Thursday as usual, as he is not seeing parents.

Children

If you need to bring your children with you to parents' evening, please ensure they stay with you. As we now have an after-school childcare club, the children of Sherpa Kids should have exclusive and secure use of the back playground. To facilitate this, all doors, apart from the main entrance by the office, should be kept closed. Parents should bear in mind that the front playground is unsupervised, the gates are open to the road and lots of adults, known and possibly unknown, could be walking through.

Reception Parents' Evening: Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 9th March, 3:45pm-5:00pm

Reception are holding drop-in sessions on 8th/9th March between 3:45-5pm where you will be able to see your child's work and chat to the teacher about your child's progress and discuss any concerns you may have. You do not need to book a session.

Tasty treats at Parents' Evening!

And finally - I have an invitation to pass on from our lovely chef, Mrs Jacqueline Ball. If you are here on the Thursday evening, the kitchen will be showcasing some of the healthy and nutritional foods from our new menu. Please pop along to the dining hall and try some of the delicious meals our children are enjoying. Mrs Ball will also be available to answer any queries regarding any specific dietary needs of the children.



Parent Information Evening - a message from Mrs Rolland

Many thanks for your responses regarding the planned Parent Information Afternoon/Evening. This has been scheduled for Wednesday, 22nd March at 2:30pm-3:30pm and repeated in the evening from 7:00pm-8pm. More details to follow, but we will be covering English - for example spelling and phonics - and maths.

Mrs Betts-Hammond's Science Question of the Week!

(The answer will be hidden in the newsletter)



Q. Your tongue is home to special structures that allow you to experience tastes such as sour, sweet, bitter and salty. What is the name of these structure?

Year 5 - Tree Planting

Year 5 will be planting trees in a new forest that the Woodland Trust are creating in Essex next Monday.



St Michael's Year 6 Football

Year 6 Football has started again on Tuesdays after school from 3:40-4:40pm. Please inform Mr Smith, if there are any changes to the arrangements regarding walking home from school/collection after football since last term.

If your child has not been before and would like to join, they should see Mr Smith, who will give them further details.

World Book Day and Scholastic Book Fair

Tomorrow (Thursday, 2nd March) is World Book Day (WBD) and the launch of our Scholastic Book Fair, which is held after school from 2nd - 8th March.

You should have received your £1 WBD voucher via your children's bookbags yesterday, which can be spent at the Book Fair.



The WBD website www.worldbookday.com has lots of great reading ideas and activities to enjoy with your child. To celebrate WBD, we have organised a book review competition - the winners will receive their £5 Scholastic book token for the Book Fair shortly.

Last year we ran our 'Can you Get Caught Reading?' event for WBD. Parents sent in photos of their children enjoying a book in their favourite place and these now form part of a display in the school main corridor. If you have any new photos you would like to add to this, please email them to the office or bring a printed copy into school in the next week or two.

Don't forget to come along to our Scholastic Book Fair, which starts tomorrow and runs until next Wednesday, 8th March, after school, in the playground (or under the canopy in the side playground if the weather is poor). Please remember to bring your £1 book tokens, if you would like to spend them there!

Many thanks to those parents who have volunteered to help run the Book Fair so far. We are still a little low on volunteers, so please contact the school office if you can help. If you have volunteered already, please arrive at the school at 3:00pm to set up on the day you have already signed up for. Please come to the school office where you will receive your 'instructions', many thanks.



A: Taste buds

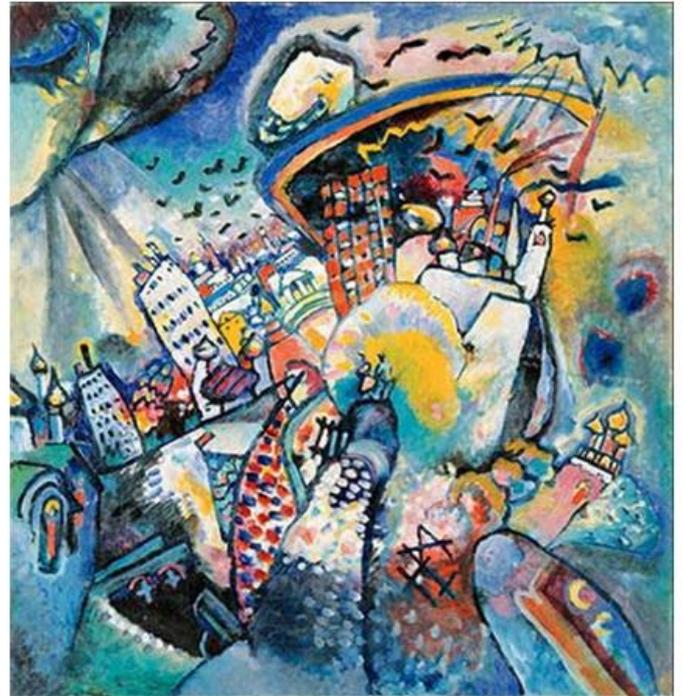


Our Artist this month is
Wassily Kandinsky

Interesting Facts

1. He was born in Russia in 1866 and died in France in 1944.
2. At the age of 30, Kandinsky decided to go to Munich and attend art school. He turned his back on a career teaching law and economics
3. He was inspired by Claude Monet's Haystacks painting, particularly the artist's use of colour.
4. He started to use colours to express his reaction to a subject. He believed that colour could be both pleasing to the eye in a physical way, and pleasing to the soul in a deeper, emotional way.

Can you work out how old he was when he died?
Can you produce some art inspired by Wassily Kandinsky?



Moscow I (Red Square) (1916)

Congratulations to Vedia in year 6 and Hannah in year 5, who were chosen to be our entries this year for the Mayor's Award for Visual Arts. Good Luck!

Contemporary Photos

The photographer will be in next Tuesday (7th March) to take contemporary class photos. We have both traditional and contemporary photos taken, because some parents did not like the traditional ones. A few years ago, we were going to change but found that some parents wanted to keep the same style throughout their child's school career. Now we just do both and parents can choose. Whatever your photo style preference, please make sure your child looks their shiny, gorgeous best on Tuesday!



PTA News

Family theatre trip to Annie starring Miranda Hart, Thursday 20th July 7:30pm Piccadilly Theatre, London

Tickets just £22.50 per person (top price seats usually priced at £69.50!). This is a family event and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Theatre goers need to make their own way into London, no transport is being arranged. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book, please email Sarah Massey (Olivia 4G, William 2B) at sarahjmassey@hotmail.co.uk. Tickets need to be paid for by **Wednesday 15th March** in order to guarantee our group reservation.

Date for Diary - Monday March 27, PTA AGM 7.30pm onwards in school

Please get this important date in your diary and try to come along to learn about what the PTA have been doing to raise funds and have a say in how the money is spent.

Summer Fayre 24 June 2017

Huge thanks to all who responded to our plea for help with organising the Summer Fayre - thanks to them it is back on for 24th June 2017. The first meeting of the new committee is tomorrow night - Thursday 2 March, in the Wonder - 8pm. It is not too late to get involved. Please come along if you are free.