

St Michael's School



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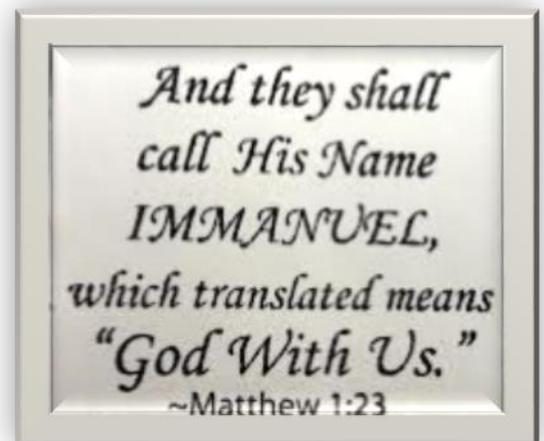
What a fantastic term this has been! It seems as if it were only a few weeks ago that children were settling into their new classes and we were welcoming new staff. Since then, Mrs Dew Jones has added baby Phoebe to the family, Mrs Awolola has joined us and Mrs Russell has become our permanent SENCO.

Every child in the school has seen at least one live theatre production and most have seen two. Museums, observatories and art galleries have been visited, admired and learned from. We have done our bit for the environment by planting trees with the Woodland Trust. Our themed week based around the anniversary of WW1 was brilliant and the much admired museum was the result of the efforts and generosity of parents, grandparents, staff and children alike.

Our programme of developing children into Young Leaders is really taking off. School Council take the opinions of their classmates to debate and even feed back to the Full Governing Body. We have trained a veritable army of young science leaders, PE leaders and club leaders. Our Tech Team Young Leader led and managed a team of eight (stagehands, sound and light board operators) with an amazing sense of both leadership and humility for one so young.

We have entered chess and all sorts of sports competitions. Mr Douglas has even started building up our first girls' football team! We have sent representatives to gym, athletics and dance festivals and we even won the Enfield Primary Schools' Public Speaking competition.

Our Christmas shows and services have been a real highlight! Right from Nursery children singing their songs for parents to Reception acting and singing their way through the nativity at church; the Infants slick performance of Prickly Hay to Year Three's leading of the congregation at the Gabriel and Raphael Carol Services. The Junior Show with children's confidence in singing and dancing solos, singing and acting in three different languages made everybody proud. For those of us privileged enough to see them all, it was lovely picture of children's growing confidence and pride in their own abilities.



Thank You

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts that have been sent in this week.

School Drop-Off

The traffic around the school is constantly increasing and we now have delivery lorries regularly on the corner of Brigadier Hill and Lancaster Road. Please do not leave your children outside the school gates on a morning before school starts. If your child needs to be accompanied to school, they are too young to be left unsupervised in the area outside the gates. A reminder to parents also not to park on the zigzags in front of the school as this endangers other children and pedestrians.

Absence

Just a reminder that all absences are marked as unauthorised unless the parent/carer has phoned the school and left a message on the absence line by 9:30am on the first day of absence. This must be followed up, in writing, with a letter – not email – clarifying the length of absence and reason for absence. We can only amend attendance data for up to two weeks following the absence – after that it remains unauthorised and will appear on school reports as unauthorised absence.

Year 6 – School Journey

Don't forget that your second deposit of £50 is due by the end of term at the latest please. All participants need to have paid £100 in total by the end of this term. The remaining balance (£280) can be paid in instalments at any time over the spring term, many thanks.

Free Swimming!

We are trying to promote swimming as an excellent way to get fit and stay healthy. Ahead of us taking all Year 2 and Year 3 children swimming as part of PE in February, please be aware that LB Enfield are offering free swimming at its leisure centres for all under 16s during the holiday. There is also free gym use for any siblings aged 14-16 years of age. Have fun! - Mr Floyd.

Lost Property

Many thanks to Mrs Pearson for taking the time to sort through the lost property this week and to return lots of named items to their owners. Unnamed items will be out on a table at the end of the day on Thursday in the playground. Unnamed items remaining after this will be donated to charity.

Nursery/Reception Applications

If you have a pre-school child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2015, the closing date for the admissions form is 15th January 2015. Any Supporting Statements from Churches need to be in by 31st January 2015.

Science Club

Science Club starts again on Wednesday 7th January when we will be making our own polymer and looking at how plastics are used. Other topics include electricity and making a "buzz wire". It is open for children in years 3 - 6, runs from 3.30-4.45 pm. Children are collected from the playground. There are currently 10 places available. Please email louisemlange@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a place.

Don't forget

School closes at **2:30pm** on Friday 19th December. Term starts for the children on **Wednesday, 7th January**, 8:55 am.

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DVDs of the Christmas Performances - For Sale

DVDs of the various Christmas performances are available to purchase priced at £6 each. If you would like to buy a DVD, please order one on the slip below and return via your child's bookbag.

I would like to order DVDs of the **Infant Christmas Performances** (includes the separate Nursery, Reception and Yr1/2 plays) and I enclose £.....

I would like to order DVDs of the **Junior Christmas Performance** and I enclose £.....

The DVDs should be returned via (child's name), who is in

class.....

Church News

St Michael & All Angels - All Age Christmas Carol Service

The All Age Christmas Carol Service is being held this Sunday at 10:00am followed by mince pies and coffee. All welcome. If any of the children would like to read a prayer, please contact Zanna on zannafloyd@hotmail.com.

St Michael's Church Children's Christmas Party - Saturday 20th December 2:15 - 5pm.

A fabulous party with Mr Marvel to entertain everyone with magic, music and fun! Bring and share party food, with an appearance from the big man in red with presents (please contact me to find out details ☺). Suitable for pre-schoolers and infants up to and including Year 2. Tickets £4, from Katherine Murphy (Niamh 2R & Kieran 1D) on 07776 250899.

PTA News

Merry Christmas

The PTA would like to wish a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all St Michael's parents/carers, children and staff. Thank you all so much for your continued support of PTA events and activities this year. We look forward to seeing everyone at even more great events in 2015.

My Nametags

Thank you to everyone who has ordered labels from My Nametags. So far we have raised £58! Please keep ordering and remember to use our **School ID 33585** thank you. <https://www.mynametags.com/>

Micro-Scooters

Are you buying a scooter for a Christmas present this year?

Just quote **102034** when you order from www.micro-scooters.co.uk and our school will earn 10% <http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk/accessories.html>