

# Newsletter 20

## June 2024



Word of the Week –  
vision

Photos of the Month

### DIARY DATES 2024

#### July 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> - SPORTS DAY

Infants – am Juniors –pm

4<sup>th</sup> – Interfaith Panel

4<sup>th</sup> – Science Fair

5<sup>th</sup> – STEM Careers afternoon

9<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Morning

9<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 ETSP STEM Fair

10<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 Hertfordshire Mariners

12<sup>th</sup> – Class Swaps

12<sup>th</sup> – PTA Used Uniform Sale

15<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Greek Day

16<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Ukulele Concert

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> – Leavers’ Show @ 7pm

19<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 6 Leavers’ Service

10am – Raphael

2pm - Gabriel

Last Day at school – 22<sup>nd</sup> July @ 2pm

School Closes for Summer for children.

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Children back to school

We need help for our [Interfaith panel on 4th July](#) to discuss the two topics of pilgrimage and service. Do you have strong religious or non-religious beliefs? Would you be interested in talking to our [Year 4s about Pilgrimage](#) and our [Year 5s about Service and Charity](#)? We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone who is Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist.

We are also trying to organise a ‘[Seek Joy in Service Project](#)’ for Year 2. If you are involved with a local charity that would have opportunities for our Year 2s to come and help we would be interested in hearing from you. Some examples of the kinds of projects in other Year groups have been involved in include: Year 1 sorting socks and clothes for Grow Baby and Year 3 Litter Picking in the local area.

### Message from Mrs Bacon – ‘Love’

My last newsletter was in April and I feel like so much has happened since then - an action packed Summer Term. I am delighted to share the recent successes within our school community. Our Summer Concert was a musical extravaganza, showcasing the incredible talents of our children, with many hidden gems revealed, thank you to Mr Barnardo and the team for making this another annual success.

The Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood, Year 4's two-night camping adventure at Tolmers, and the Year 2 school sleepover were all resounding successes, highlighting the importance of these experiences in fostering independence. Over the past two weeks, I attended two Headteachers' conferences where a key takeaway was the importance of nurturing independence in our children. These trips are a vital part of how we achieve this, helping our students to grow and develop crucial life skills.

We have had some fantastic trips and visitors recently! On Monday, several guests joined us to celebrate Windrush Day, sharing their experiences with the children. One of our parents spoke to KS2 about polling stations and the General Election. Tottenham Hotspur visited for a few days, conducting training sessions for Years 1-6, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Year 5 participated in a Cycle Confidence course, learning to ride on the roads safely. There have been too many trips to mention them all, but I was fortunate to join Year 5 on their Tate trip, exploring the fascinating world of sculptures – great fun.

And July is set to be as action packed – so watch this space for the final newsletter of the year in 3 weeks.

So a huge Thank You to our staff for supporting our children in giving them a well rounded curriculum – with an aim to support all learners and enthuse all children. Learning should be fun!

### Vision and Values

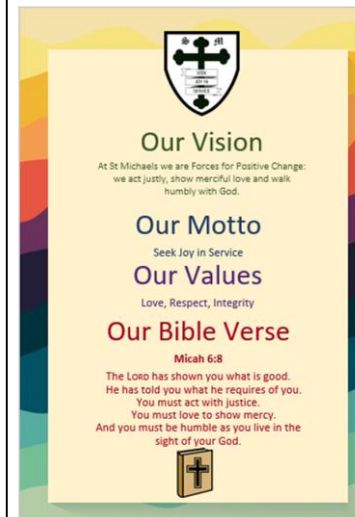
We are excited to share that we have recently reworked our school vision and values, with a firm focus on what they mean to US and OUR community. Our children are aware of the vision, values, motto and bible verse - understanding their importance and how we expect to live them out in our daily lives. However, it's not just about the children. As teachers, we embody these values in how we treat each other, the students, and our community. We want everyone in our community to be aware of our vision and values and to understand why they are essential for OUR school and OUR context. These values need to be part of our culture, continuing to strengthen our school as a place where we all belong.

We understand what the Lord requires of us.

Everyone is driven to understand their purpose; to know that they can impact change and to have aspirations.

As educators, we nurture the unique gifts of each child and encourage them to flourish.

We are all learners, with a strong moral compass.



What a great experience for Nursery and Reception from TeachRex – the children got to interact with baby dinosaurs, creating a fun and safe environment for learning.



Our rabbit Micah has been a huge success. He has a very busy lunch time which I think he actually looks forward to – he gets to have a run around, check out my office and get fussed over by the children. We love him!

*So proud of Yr 1 and their phonics screening, Yr 4 and their multiplication check and Yr 6 and their SATs: what a busy Summer Term- Mrs Bacon, Head Teacher*

# St Michael's C.E. Primary School

## Love, Respect, Integrity



### THE PTA

WOW – what a year! Every event has been a tremendous success, filled with joy and community spirit.

The Summer Fayre, in particular, was a highlight. It was a perfect embodiment of everything St Michael's stands for, with everyone coming together to interact and support one another. Visitors from the public also expressed their admiration for our school and the wonderful atmosphere. The day was packed with fun activities, including bouncy castles, tombola, candy floss, burgers, and a Pimms station – truly, what more could you ask for? And of course, the grand finale of gunging the headteacher, which, to my surprise, I actually enjoyed!

We are immensely grateful to everyone who helped make this event possible and to those who participated.

I am thrilled to announce that they raised nearly **£10000**. This incredible achievement wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and support of our PTA. Thank you all for making this year and every event so memorable.

**If you would like to get involved and support our PTA - please send an email to: [ptastmichaels@hotmail.com](mailto:ptastmichaels@hotmail.com)**

### A Parking Moan – 'Respect'

I need to address an ongoing concern regarding parking around our school. Recently, I have been receiving an increasing number of emails and phone calls from our neighbours, expressing their frustration over parking issues. This situation is becoming embarrassing and negatively impacting the reputation of our community. I kindly request that all parents and carers plan their journeys to and from school in a manner that ensures they can find a legal parking space. Unfortunately, some of the interactions between our parents and the neighbours have been less than respectful, and this is unacceptable. Our goal is to foster a positive relationship with our community, and your cooperation is essential in achieving this. Thank you for your understanding and efforts in making St Michael's School a respectful and considerate community.

### Autumn Term Clubs

We have been looking for activity providers that will support our children's interests for Autumn Term.

**Pathways** – We are delighted to announce we will be starting a new lunchtime club in September. The Pathways Explorers Club will give children the opportunity to explore spirituality and the big questions of life alongside the Bible stories that have helped shape our world. There will be games, crafts, storytelling, discussions and lots of fun. It is open to Years 3 - 6 and welcomes children of all faiths or none at all. FREE

### **CREATE**

Lamda – Yr 1,2,3 – lunchtime club - £4 per session

Musical Theatre – KS2 – 1hr after school - £8 per session

Performing Arts Club – Rec – 1hr after school (from Nov) - £8 per session

**Code Crazy** – Year 4,5,6 – Fri – 3.30 – £10 per session

Please look out for further information and book your children in to avoid disappointment.

### Celebrating Science and STEM together

We are excited about our upcoming science events happening this week. Here are the details:

#### **Science Afternoon – Thursday 4th July**

On Thursday 4th July, the children will enjoy a science afternoon at school, putting their enquiry skills into practice by taking part in a variety of investigations linked to their science topics.

#### **Science Fair with Science Gateways – Thursday 4th July, 3:40 – 5:15pm**

After school, we will be hosting St Michael's Science Fair 2024. Children and parents are invited to the hall for a presentation and activities by Science Gateways, a company specializing in children's engagement with science.

Following the presentation, parents and children can explore the year group stalls, where a range of investigations will be available. Our budding young scientists will be on hand to support and explain the science behind the activities.

#### **STEM Careers Afternoon – Friday 5th July, 12pm – 3:30pm**

At St Michael's, we aim to inspire our children to be the thinkers of the future. On Friday, the children will hear from a range of professionals who work in STEM careers. They will learn about different jobs, how to access them, and the impact these careers have on our world.

These events are made possible by the support of our fantastic parents and friends. Please come and support the children and the school as we promote the importance and enjoyment of science and share in your children's learning.

Let us pray: Dear God, Give us strength for the ending of this school year. You have led us, guided us, and cared for us. You have been our source of joy, love, and wisdom – thank you. Amen.