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February 2024

Word of the Week –
spirituality



DIARY DATES 2024

March 2024

1st – PTA Spring Disco
1st – 8th – Travelling Book Fayre
6th – Reception Mothers Day Picnic
7th – World Book Day
12th – Yr 3 Synagogue trip
13th – Reception trip - Easter Experience
15th – Red Nose Day
non-uniform – wear something red
15th – Coffee Morning
19th – PTA Yr 2 Sale
21st – CBBC presenter assembly
22nd – PTA Talent Show
26th – Yr 5 Passion Service
Gabriel – 10am
Raphael – 2pm
28th March – 14th April – Easter
School closes at 2pm

April 2024

19th – Traditional Class Photos
23rd – St George's Day – uniforms for organized groups
23rd – PTA Yr 1 Sale
27th – PTA Quiz Show

May 2024

9th – Reception Sale
9th – PTA Coffee Morning
13th – Yr 6 SATs Week

June 2024

7th – PTA Disco
14th – Non Uniform Day
22nd – Summer Fayre

July 2024

2nd – SPORTS DAY

Message from Mrs Bacon

What a wet February this has been but how nice is it to see Spring creeping in?

As you know, the staff had an INSET day on 19th February, where we worked with several other local LDBS schools and gained a greater understanding of the SIAMS framework which is the process we are judged on as a Church of England School. We also went on to discuss spirituality and what that means to us and how we give the children opportunities to explore their own spirituality.

We had to celebrate Ash Wednesday a little late on Friday last week, but we had a lovely assembly by Father Stephen attended by some of our Governors – we were reminded of this special time where we ask for forgiveness and observe a period of fasting.

We had a great turnout for the Spring Term Parents' Evening, thank you – it was good to catch up with so many of you and I hope you had valuable conversations with your children's teachers and have got a clear grasp on how your child (ren) is developing with us here at St Michaels.

We are so excited about having Joanna Adeyinka-Burford from CBBC come in and do an assembly for us on 21st March – please support and buy a copy of the book and come and have it signed by her on the day.

Website

We hope you may have noticed the soft launch of our new website. Our aim has been to scale back the level of information to what is essential and useful to our school community. We are still working on it and will be seeking your permission to put photos of your children on it.

Please have a quick look at it – we are really hoping that the view on phones is easier to navigate.

Please bear with us as we continue to make improvements but we welcome support and any constructive feedback.

Mental Health Week

As you may be aware, the week before half term we celebrated 'Mental Health Week'

Throughout the week, Nursery to Year 5 took part in activities, that celebrated 'what is amazing about me' and 'how others see us'.

Year 6 did similar activities, which also included scenario cards. This gave the children the opportunity to see that we all react in different ways to different situations.

Lastly, after a very tiring half term for all, Nursery to Year 6 all enjoyed the Pixar Animation film 'Inside Out' – a movie which makes the learning and understanding of emotions an enjoyable one and shows children that experiencing all emotions is healthy and normal.

We also held 'Helping your child with anxieties' workshops for parents – we hope you found these beneficial.

Photos of the Month



Well Done to Mrs Betts-Hammond and our Debating Teams – I was so proud of every one of them at the ETSP Debating Competition at Chace Community School – Group B have made it through to the finals!

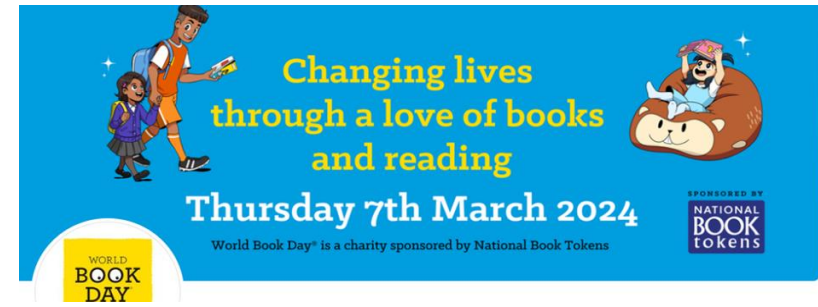


St Paul's Annual Schools Service

Looking forward to the delights of Spring - Mrs Bacon, Head Teacher

St Michael's C.E. Primary School

Love, Respect, Integrity



World Book Day Timetable		Who are you coming as? Who is your favourite book character? Could you be a character from a traditional tale?	
Thursday 7 th March	Books and Beanbags 9.05 – 9.40 am	Stories from around the World 10.00 – 10.40am	Bedtime Stories 6.00 – 6.30pm
	Come in, find a space and read to or with your child/children	Can you share a traditional tale with one of our classes?	Put on your pjs, grab your housecoat, cuddly toys, comfortable cushions/pillows and join us in the hall for a bedtime story

Mindfulness Message from Success Club

In Thinking Into Results, Year 5 have been considering how we can make a positive impact and 'seek joy in service'. Our recent focus has been on the power of whole body listening. Did you know proactive listening can involve ears, eyes, mouth, hands and feet?

Mindful moment: Stop and listen. What can you hear around you? Take it in, for 60 seconds.

Tony @ Success Club www.successclub.org.uk

World Religion Assembly

On Monday 5th February we had some very special visitors come to St Michael's. To celebrate World Religion Day we had different leaders from different faiths such as Sikhism, Islam, Humanism and Christianity come and talk to the children. The children in each year group had prepared some questions also. All the children were very excited and had interesting questions like, 'What festivals did the leaders celebrate?'

St Paul's Cathedral

On 1st February, a group of Year 6 children were able to attend St Paul's Cathedral's annual schools' service. The theme of the service was 'the heart of reconciliation', around 490 pupils took part in a service led by Bishop Sarah and Dr Krish Kandiah. It was an amazing experience and one we will be aiming to get more children to next year.

Travelling Book Fayre

The children were sent home with their £1 World Book Day tokens yesterday. Please make sure you come along and spend your tokens with the travelling book fayre. They will be with us for 5 days from Friday 1st March. Maybe find a book to share at our 'Book and Bean Bag'. Please let us know if you are available to help man the stand after school.

Communication

Please note we have tried to reorganise some of our email addresses, please note the following changes:

Office@st-michaels.enfield.sch.uk for general enquiries

absence@st-michaels.enfield.sch.uk to report your child's absence

admissions@st-michaels.enfield.sch.uk for admissions information

breakfastclub@st-michaels.enfield.sch.uk for Breakfast club updates

We hope this helps to direct your queries quickly to the right person.

English Corner - Handwriting

Ensuring the correct posture and grip for handwriting is crucial for your child to achieve neat and legible handwriting. To help you support your child with this, you may find the Oak Academy video below helpful. It provides clear instructions on how to sit properly, align the paper, and hold the pencil correctly. By following these guidelines, your child can develop good handwriting habits and improve their overall handwriting presentation.

<https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/english-primary-ks1/units/writing-lower-case-letters-in-print/lessons/introduction-to-skills-and-patterns#slide-deck>

Let us pray: Thank you that you are a generous God and that you give us so many good things. We are sorry that we are not always generous with others. Please help us this month to be kind, to do our very best, and to be generous when we are helping others. Amen