



St. Michael's CE (VC) First School Newsletter

Number 04

4th November 2022

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term holiday. The children have quickly settled back into school and the classrooms and our school grounds have been busy with lots of different learning opportunities. I hope you enjoy finding out more on the next page.

As part of our online safety we will continue to send home our monthly newsletter which I hope you are finding informative. This half term we are also holding our Maths Evening for parents of children in KS2. This will be a good opportunity to find out more about the methods and application of skills that are used in the KS2 classrooms.

Our school open day will be held on Saturday 12th November 10am—midday. If you know of anyone looking for a school or nursery place please pass on this information to them. Many thanks.

Mrs J Wass, Headteacher

Certificates and Special Awards

Nursery

Anna Theo Jack Bella Layla

Early Years

Hugo Rosa Owen Mia

Year 1

Katie Kara Kaiden Sophie

Year 2

Chelsea Florence Dexter Sophia

Year 3

Millie Finlay Dima Billy

Year 4

Chloe Jack

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Nursery

We have been thinking about caring for our world. We have read 'Wonderful Earth' and 'Michael Recycle.' We built homes for animals using a variety of construction and parents were invited in to make their very own Noah's Ark. We made handprints to create a display- The future of the planet is in our hands! We also learnt to sing 'He's got the whole world in his hands'.



Early Years

We have started our new 'Celebrations' topic by learning about the festival of Diwali. We have been learning about how this festival is celebrated by Hindus. We have listened to the story of Rama and Sita and learned that diya lamps were lit to guide them home. We enjoyed creating our own lamps from clay and then painted them with bright colours and decorated them with glitter.



Year 1

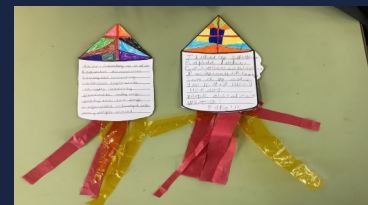
During 'Great Big Green Week' we took part in many different activities thinking about how we could look after our planet. We all made 'Pledgehogs' where we pledged to make a change to help protect the world.



We also looked at the artist Andy Goldsworthy and had a go at creating our own art using natural materials.

Year 2

This week we have been looking at Poetry. We have written our own acrostic and shape poems about Fireworks.



Year 3

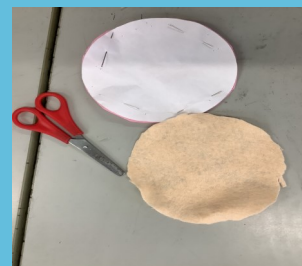


This half term we are looking at light and shadows.

In Science this week, we have looked at the importance of light. We investigated bags with objects in and had to try and identify the object without looking in the bag. We are very excited to carry out more investigations this half term.

Year 4

This week, we have started our new term of India. We have looked at maps and found out some interesting facts. In Design and Technology, we will be sewing a Diwali home decoration. We have had to learn to pin a pattern to material and cut it out – not as easy as it sounds!



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Christian Values Certificates

The following children have been presented with a Christian Values Certificate for demonstrating one of our school values

Nursery

Annabelle Ronnie

Early Years

George Eevie Lilly Annabel

Year 1

Zoja Sienna Theo Eden

Year 2

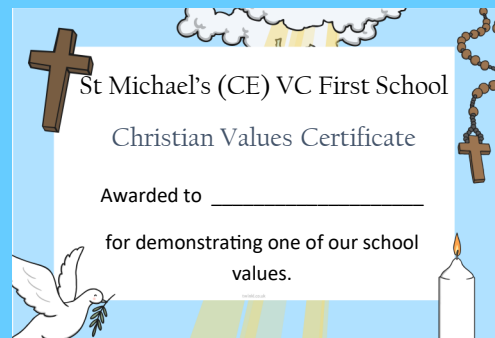
Noah Alyssa Tristan Teddy

Year 3

Indie George Scarlett Olive

Year 4

Ophelia Stephanie



School Council

We have made our first donation to the food bank at the Community Hub based in the Frank Jordan Centre.



Thank you to everyone who has donated.

The box is in the main reception if anyone would like to drop off any dried or tinned food.



In Geography we are going to be visiting Qatar on our Journey around the world. Qatar is an interesting country for lots of reasons. It has no forests, it is a country where the sea meets the desert and it is also the second flattest country in the world. Qatar is also special for another reason. It will be the first Arab country to host a special sporting event that will begin later this month.

Do you know what it is?

Mrs R James

Geography Lead

House Points

Week Ending 20th October

1784

1559

1162

1465

House Points

Week Ending 4th November

571

304

213

327

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The UNICEF Ambassadors were considering children that did not have access to water like we do. They completed a challenge to fill up a box using small cups of water. It took 90 cups to fill the container full of water. We then discussed how difficult it must be for people who need to travel far to get water and the impact on how they use the water. We considered how grateful we were for all our water.



This links with Articles 24 (The right to the best possible health) and 6 (The right to life).



Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th November	Yr 4 Parents Information Evening for Laches Wood 6.00pm
Thursday 10th November	Year 1 to Amerton Farm Year 4 to Church
Friday 11th November	Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 4
Saturday 12th November	Open Day 10.00am-12noon PTA Christmas Card Order Deadline
Monday 14th November	Last Day to Order Photographs
Tuesday 15th November	Reception Height and Weight Programme
Wednesday 16th November	KS2 Parents Maths Information Evening 6.00pm
Tuesday 22nd November	Football World Cup Themed Lunch
Thursday 1st December	Year 4 Advent Window Opening PTA Christmas Extravaganza 5.30-7.30pm
Tuesday 6th December	Nursery Christmas Activities 9.00am KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm KS2 Christmas Carols 6.30pm
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am Early Years Nativity 2.15pm
Friday 9th December	Early Years Nativity 9.30am
Monday 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16th December	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

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