



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

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Following our SIAMs inspection we are pleased to be able to share the report with you. We are very pleased to inform you that we have been graded overall as Good and the impact of collective worship graded as Excellent. The report highlights how children '...flourish, socially, emotionally, mentally and in their academic learning.' and identifies St Michael's as a '... welcoming and embracing school, where smiling is infectious.'

A full copy of the report has been sent home with your child tonight.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! It was wonderful to see so many people at our Christmas Extravaganza. Many thanks to the PTA, school staff and parent volunteers who made this event possible, lots of fun was had on the night. We will let you know shortly how much money we raised on the evening which will be used in school to support the children's learning and extra curricular activities.

We look forward to our Christmas Nativities and Carol Services next week, the children are very much looking forwards to sharing these with you.

Mrs J Wass  
Headteacher

## Certificates and Special Awards

### Nursery

Harry Bella Oscar Lily Annabelle

### Early Years

Bradley Abigail Joe Noah

### Year 1

Zachary Leo Zoja Benjamin

### Year 2

Jack Teddy Elijah Sebastian

### Year 3

Evelyn Lily Evilyn Freddie

### Year 4

Theo Isabelle Keira

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## Nursery

A Santa's grotto has been set up in the Nursery classroom, including lots of dressing up outfits and Santa sacks. We are learning about the story of the very first Christmas, playing with nativity figures, and creating lots of glittery Christmas craft. We even have our own Christmas elf called Tinsell! We are enjoying Christmas songs and one of our favourites is Jingle Bells.



## Early Years

Now the weather is getting a little bit colder, we have been thinking about animals which hibernate in winter. We have been on a hunt in forest school looking for safe places for the animals and have been building our own hibernation dens in class on the exploration table.



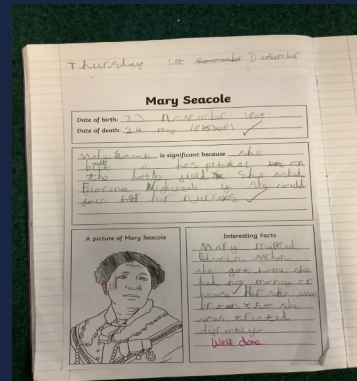
## Year 1

As part of our learning in English this week, we have been reading, writing and following instructions. We read instructions on how to make a CD fish - spotting the verbs (bossy words), we wrote instructions on how to brush your teeth and finally we followed instructions on how to make a pizza.

We have enjoyed learning about verbs and instructions!!!



## Year 2



We have been learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and writing factfiles about them.

## Year 3



We have been looking at how to stay safe on roads, to link with our focus story The Hodgeheg. We carried out our own research in order to put together a 'Road safety' booklet.

Yesterday, we had a very exciting visit from Dr Liam Harris, who taught us all about light and space. We learnt so many brilliant facts and hope that the children enjoy sharing some of these with you.

## Year 4



St Michael's were given the honour of being the first Advent Window to be opened in Stone on 1<sup>st</sup> December, and Year 4 were there to represent the school. We

really enjoyed singing for the substantial crowd that gathered and there were lots of positive comments about our voices and how well behaved we were from the onlookers. We're very grateful for all the friends and family that were there to support us in the crowd - thank you!



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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

Mabel      Ronnie

## Early Years

Bobby      Alfie      Mila      Millie

## Year 1

Ivy      Emily      Thomas      Edward

## Year 2

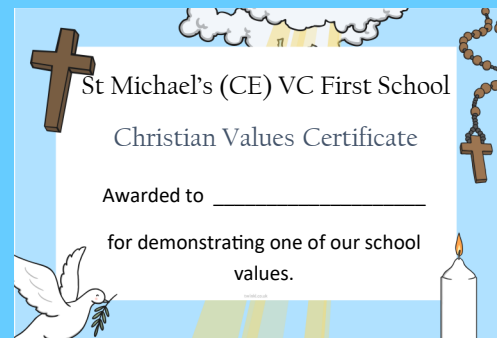
Jenson      Rosie      Amelia      Teddy

## Year 3

Jack      Alex      Edie      Luca

## Year 4

Eryn      Ayla



## Geography



We're getting ready for the final destination of the year, we're off to visit Father Christmas! What do you think you will need to pack? Does he live somewhere warm or somewhere cold? Your challenge is to try to decide what address Father Christmas lives at. Where is the North Pole? Is it on a continent or is it in an ocean? What other interesting facts can you discover about the North Pole?

## House Points

Week Ending 25th November

211

279

233

320

## PTA Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of our prize draw:

Oscar (Year 1)	Freddie (Year 3)
Rouke (Year 2)	Sophia (Year 2)
Annabel (Early Years)	Jack (Year 2)
Bobby (Early Years)	Thomas (Year 1)
Abigail (Year 3)	Oscar (Nursery)

## Staffing Update

We are looking forward to Mrs Andrea Lewis joining us on Monday as our new Finance Management Officer.

## Christingle

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Abbott from St Michael and St Wulfad's church for coming in to help us make Christingles today.

Everyone is welcome to join us at church on Sunday at 4.00pm for the service.

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The UNICEF ambassadors have been learning about how some children do not have access to health care. They learnt that these children are not having their rights met. They then designed posters to share what they had learnt.



### AED Donate

We are very pleased to be able to inform you that thanks to the generous donation from AED Donate we now have a defibrillator in school. They have also led training for a number of staff members on its use.

This life saving equipment will also be available for community use during school hours and has been registered with the emergency services.

In the new year we are hosting a training session led by AED on the use of defibrillators for adults within our school community. More details will be sent out in the new year.



### Diary Dates

Sunday 4th December	Christingle Service at St Michael's Church, 4.00pm
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
Thursday 8th December	Year 2 to Stone Library and St Michael's Church KS2 Christmas Carols 9.15am
Friday 9th December	Early Years Nativity 9.30am
Sunday 11th December	Mayors Civic Carol Service, St Michael's Church, 3.00pm
Monday 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	Themed Lunch: Party Menu
Friday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Donations to Birmingham Children's Hospital) School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Inset Day, School Closed
Wednesday 4th January	School Opens

Tickets will be required for the Christmas Performances .

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