

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

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This week in school we have been having lots of fun celebrating Science Week.

The week started with our marble run challenge where everyone worked together to design a way of moving a marble from classroom to classroom around the school. Lots of science experiments have been taking place in the classrooms. We have also enjoyed looking at a huge range of activities and experiments that the children have carried out at home as part of our science week. We had over 70 entries which were all amazing, well done to everyone who took part!

Many thanks to all who came dressed in red accessories today to support Comic Relief. So far, we have raised £87 for the charity. If you would still like to donate please pay via SchoolMoney.

On Sunday at 10.45am, St Michael's Church are holding their Mothering Sunday Service at which our school choir is performing.

All families are very welcome to join us and you would be made very welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Wass

<u>Certificates</u>	and	Special	<u>Awards</u>
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Nursery								
Eliza	James	Theo	Evie	Mabel				
Early Years								
Beatrice	Evie	Alfie	Joe					
<u>Year 1</u>								
Theo	Connie	Elsie	Oscar	Thomas				
<u>Year 2</u>								
Bonnie	Noah	Tristan	Tilly	Alice	Dexter			
<u>Year 3</u>								
George	April	Scarlett	Alex	Chloe				
<u>Year 4</u>								
Lewis	All of Year 4							

Through God we Love, Laugh and Learn

'This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.' Psalm 118:24

Nursery

This week we have been thinking about how special our Mums are to us and we have made them a lovely gift for Mothering Sunday.

It is also science week and we are taking good care of the pansies we have planted, the special helper waters them daily. We are also learning about the life



cycle of a frog and have made playdoh caterpillars.

Early Years

We have enjoyed learning more about nocturnal and diurnal animals and their habitats this week. We have looked at similarities and differences between animals, e.g big ears, sharp beaks, long claws, and how these might help different animals. We then enjoyed exploring an animal matching game and using mirrors to explore lines of symmetry.



Year 1



This week, as part of science week we have had fun planting our beans and we are keeping a diary of the progress for English.

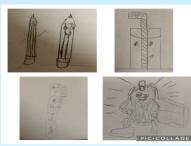
Year 2



We have been carrying out lots of fun science experiments for Science Week. One experiment explored the different ways to pop balloons from pins to fire.

Year 3

Over the past few weeks, we have been reading a book called 'Traction Man'. We designed Traction Man a new 'sidekick' using an everyday house hold item. We used adverbs to write a character description and then used our sidekicks in a Traction Man inspired story.



Year 4

We had a great time on our trip to the Canal Cruising Co Ltd as part of our topic work about Stone. After a lovely walk along the canal to get there, we learnt about both old and new narrow boats and the differences between them. We also learnt about how they prepare boats from the steel shell to become boats people can stay on for a holiday and we were able to work a lock to help the boat 'Annie' on its journey up the





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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

Eliza Theo

Early Years

Annabel Mabli Beatrice Lilly

Year 1

Arthur Dexter Benjamin Ivy

Year 2

Miles Harrison Elijah Tiff

Year 3

Luca Scarlett Niamh Billy

Year 4

Ginny Fergus



Geography



Did you all manage to work out where we are visiting next on our journey around the world? Well done if you used the clues to find out that we are going to be learning all about Portugal. Has anyone been to Portugal on their holidays? We would love to see some photographs if you have. Maybe you visited a famous physical or human landmark and could tell us all about it?

Mrs James
Geography Lead

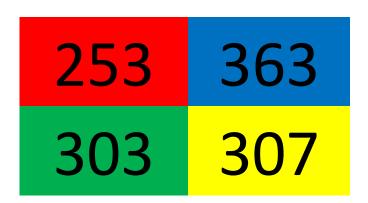
House Points

Week Ending 17th March



<u>House Points</u>

Week Ending 10th March



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Diary Dates

Sunday 19th March Choir to Sing at Mothering Sunday Service, St Michael

and St Wulfad's Church 10.30, all welcome

Friday 24th March UNICEF Cake Stall, 3.30pm on the playground

Monday 27th March Easter WOW Day

KS1 (yrs 1&2) Easter Worship 9.15-9.45am KS2 (yrs 3&4) Easter Worship 10.00-10.30am Tuesday 28th March

Nursery Easter Art Activity Session 2.30pm

Wednesday 29th March Early Years Easter Themed Café 9.00-10.15am

KS1 (yrs 1&2) Easter Worship 2.00-2.30pm KS2 (yrs 3&4) Easter Worship 2.45-3.15pm

Year 3 to Church Thursday 30th March

Easter Themed Lunch

PTA Chocolate Bingo 6.30pm

Friday 31st March Year 3 Roman Workshop

Year 1 to Stafford Castle Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April Easter Holidays, School Closed

Monday 17th April School Opens

May Day, School Closed Monday 1st May

Thursday 4th May Themed Lunch— Coronation Celebration

Monday 8th May Bank Holiday (King's Coronation) School Closed

Tuesday 16th May Early Years to Twycross Zoo

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June Half Term, School Closed

Monday 5th June School Opens

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July Inset Days, School Closed

Wednesday 26th July - Friday 1st September Summer Holidays, School Closed