



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

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During January, our Year 4 pupils attended Laches Wood. Whilst there, the children were able to participate in activities such as caving, axe-throwing and Viking games; they read maps and used GPS devices to solve problems and find crashed pilots; they learnt how to hang a hammock and even put bedding on their own beds!

We are overjoyed as all the children were well behaved and all had a go at new things, even when feeling a little unsure. Staff from the centre were extremely happy with their attitudes and manners and the cleaners even said they'd never had such an easy time cleaning the dorms!

Well done Year 4 - you have made us all proud.

All of the children have had a fantastic Number Day in school today. The children (and staff) all looked brilliant in their costumes and we have raised £156 for the NSPCC so far.

Please remember for the safety of everyone, to use the school's pedestrian access when coming to or from school. Please stay on the footpaths, do not walk across the car park and do not go through the vehicle gates.

Mrs J Wass

Headteacher

## Certificates and Special Awards

### Nursery

Tallula Riley

### Early Years

Matthew Norah-May Bella Hudson

### Year 1

James Joe Molly James

### Year 2

Harry Arthur Thomas Oscar

### Years 3 and 4

Sebastian Evie Bella Floss Noah Elijah Evi Lily

### Lunchtime Awards

Mabli

Ronnie

Izaak

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## Nursery

We have been looking at the painting 'The Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh. We have been getting creative with the paints and the playdoh to produce our own masterpieces!



## Early Years

We have had an exciting visit from the police for our Topic, learning about people who help us in the community. We have asked lots of questions and enjoyed sitting in the police car!



## Year 1



Towards the end of January, we were discussing the change in season and the beauty that arrives with Spring. We decided that we wanted to observe this beauty and have planted some winter flowers to watch them grow in our worship area.

## Year 2



We have been learning about the properties of shape and had great fun building our own 3D shapes.

We also worked in groups to retell an alternative fairy tale called 'Stinky Jack and the Beanstalk'.



## Years 3 and 4

We have been learning about sound in Science.

This week, we have been investigating how pitch changes.

We investigated different cymbal sizes, blowing down different length straws and also plucking an elastic band that had been stretched to different lengths.



Please ask us about how and why pitch changes.



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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

Will      Zach

## Early Years

Maya      Mabel      Emmett      Thomas

## Year 1

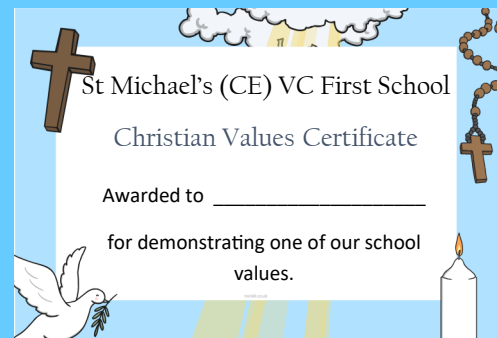
Hugo      Jessica      Esme      Megan

## Year 2

Sophie      Katie      Ava      Clara      Connie

## Years 3 and 4

Travis      Isobel      William      Tiffany      Edie      Leah      All of Year 3 for their Maths



## Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 6th February                         | Nursery Family Café 9.00-9.45am (letter emailed 26th Jan)                    |
| Wednesday 7th February                       | Early Years Café 9.00 -10.00am (letter emailed 17th Jan)                     |
| Friday 9th February                          | School Breaks Up at 3.30pm for Half-Term                                     |
| Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February | School Closed for Half-Term  |
| Monday 19th February                         | School Opens   |
| Thursday 29th February                       | Year 3 and 4 to Church   |
| Wednesday 6th March                          | Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm  |
| Thursday 7th March                           | Parents Evening 4.00-6.00pm<br>(No after school clubs apart from Wraparound) |
| Thursday 14th March                          | Year 1 to Stafford Castle  |

*Further details of all events will be sent out in due course*

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