



27th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

We had a very special and humbling visit from Bishop Alan in our school on Wednesday, 22nd September. Bishop Alan led assembly with the children; answered questions that the children had prepared; told us a very potent story about forgiveness and spent some valued time with the staff and parents at St Michael's. We are grateful for all the work that Bishop Alan does for the entire Diocese and for his role as a shepherd.

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

³⁸ "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

³⁹ "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Causing to Stumble

⁴² "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.

⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.

Recall in your own life those to whom you are deeply indebted for the good advice and example you received from them. They may not even know of their effects on you: you never know when you are being watched because we are our neighbour's Bible.

Black History Month

The week beginning 27th September starts the launch of our Black History Month Celebration. Often, we focus on American Civil Rights, South Africa/Nelson Mandela, Mary Seacole. These topics are important and interesting. They are of global significance and can teach us a lot today. However, there have been black communities in Britain since the 1st Century and Britain

was heavily involved commercially, politically and militarily in many parts of Africa and the Caribbean.

As a result this year's focus is **Black Britain**, the children will look at the contributions made by black and brown British people over time.

Reception	Sheku Kanneh Mason
Year 1	Ethel Scott
Year 2	Sarah Forbes Bonetta
Year 3	William Darby
Year 4	Oluadah Equiano
Year 5	Ignatius Sancho
Year 6	John Blanke

The children will also explore the work and art of some young, up and coming Londoners.

Black History Month Workshop

We will be having a workshop for parents during our Black History month celebration - "**Race: How and why it's important to speak to your child**" The workshops will be in the school hall on **Wednesday, 6th October at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm** please sign up via the Google form that has been sent to you.

Birthdays

Now that restrictions are easing, we are reintroducing some of our previous system, one very important one is celebrating birthdays. We will celebrate with your child on his/her birthday, but as we are a healthy school, children may bring in a healthy snack, such as raisins, fruit bags etc. to share with their class mates at the end of the day. Please do not send any party bags, sweets or cakes in on their birthday as these will be returned to you.

God Bless.



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