



3rd October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

⁵ *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"*

⁶ *He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.*

⁷ *"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸ Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"*

Jesus draws attention to the greatness hidden in something tiny. We too are tiny, but God empowers those who truly follow him to do great things. God can work through us, beyond all our hopes and dreams, when we do not get in the way.

Black History Month Celebration

Last week was the beginning of our annual Black History Month celebration. At St Michael's we are committed to racial and social justice. We realize that Africa is the home of the world's most ancient civilizations. However, due to slavery and colonialism, African cultures and civilizations have been ignored or have determined to have little value.

Therefore, we are committed to celebrating Black History as one of the many celebrations of diversity within our curriculum. It's important all our children see themselves reflected in history. It provides all of us with a deeper understanding of world history.

Our Black History topics this year are below:

Nursery and Reception: (Kenya) Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain - The Maasai

Y1: Mansa Musa, The Richest Man in the World

Y2: The Mali Empire and Timbuktu

Y3: Kingdom of Ghana

Y4: Great Zimbabwe

Y5: Kush / Nubia

Y6: Aksum/Ethiopia and Artefacts Debate

The children would like to share what they have learned during our studies with you at the times below. This will include singing and/or dancing as well as presentations of the work they have produced over the four weeks. We would ask that parents attend on their allocated day to ensure that everything runs smoothly:

Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 on Thursday, 20th October from 2:30 - 3:10 pm.

Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 on Friday, 21st October from 2:30 - 3:10 pm

Class Assembly - Class 6

We will celebrate the work that **Class 6** is doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Friday, 14th October at 9:15 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

RWI Workshop for Reception Parents

We would like to invite the parents of children in Reception to a RWI workshop on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 9.00am, in the school hall.

RWI is the Read Write Inc Programme which the school uses to teach Phonics and Early Reading. The workshop will be an introduction to the program and will provide information on how we use it in school as well as the support parents can give at home.

Please book using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/x8WeWcbKb372voXa9>

The deadline to book is Friday, 7th October.

Parent Advice and Support

We are in difficult times and need to try to support each other as best as we can. The school website has an advice and support section with links to organizations that can provide legal advice, debt management advice and food banks.

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/advice-and-support/>

If you need further advice or support please go to the school office and request an appointment with the Executive Head Teacher or Deputy Headteacher.

Newham Libraries

There are ten libraries across Newham, each offering a range of services and community activities. As well as a fantastic selection of books and other reading material of course. **The libraries also provide free computer and internet access.**

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries-arts-culture/newham-library-services>

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday 24th October 2022 to Friday, 29th October 2022.

The school will also be closed on Monday, 31st October 2022 for a staff training day and will re-open as normal on Tuesday, 1st November 2022.

God Bless,



N. Scott

Acting Executive Head Teacher