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Christmas at St Michael's



Christmas at St Michael's is always a great time of year, students have so much to look forward to from Pantomimes, to Festive uniform day to all our Advent celebrations. This year we enjoyed a great snow day with many pupils stating that playtime 'was the best ever playtime'.

Job 37: 6 - 7

6 He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,'
and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'
7 So that everyone he has made may know his work.

Important Dates

Wednesday 4th January
Children back in school

Friday 6th January
Feast of Epiphany

Monday 9th January
Citizenship fortnight begins

Monday 16th January
After school clubs return

Tuesday 7th February
Safer Internet Day

Attendance for this half term:

1st place- Year 6 96%
2nd place- Year 4 92%
3rd place- Year R 91%

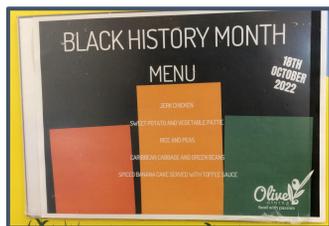
Attendance must be 100% because any absence affects children's learning and the more they miss the harder it will be for them to catch up.

Remembrance Sunday



Members of St Michael's year 5 and 6 took part in a very poignant Remembrance ceremony at Central Park in East Ham. Together with other Newham schools and representatives from the British Legion, they honoured those who died in wars so that we may be able to live in peace and harmony.

Black History Month



Olive dining produced a wonderful caribbean inspired lunch to celebrate the month.



Year 2 and 3 designed and made some wonderful masks inspired by the Mali empire and the Kingdom of Ghana.



Nursery created collages based on the animals of Kenya and year 4 created crochet pieces using recycled plastic bags based on the story they were reading by Gambian author Isatou Ceesay.



Class 4 writing winners

It is a raucous congratulation for the **Year 4s** from all at St. Michael's. Class 4 have worked hard and have come through victoriously on the winners' list for their writing success in an external poetry competition. Our future authors have paved their way well in the skill of their amazing poetry writing abilities. Their work will be published by professional publishers next year. What a success! Well done Year 4.



Anti bullying week 'Reach out'



To celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Socks Day 2022 was held on Monday 14th November. The children also participated in live lessons delivered by BBC and discussed what to do if they experience or witness bullying at school.

EYFS



The youngest members of St Michael's have had a great first term. They have all settled into school life very well and have enjoyed some fabulous experiences already. Reception had a wonderful school disco to end this term, they donned their party clothes and danced into the evening. Nursery enjoyed a great visit to the local fire station. All the children had a turn at using the fire hose and Miss Tucker delighted everyone by wearing a real firefighters protective clothing.



Meet our new Head Boy and Head Girl

Hello! My name is Danica Law and I am a student in Year 6. I hope you all have had a wonderful year and are looking forward to the upcoming year ahead, especially during Advent as we are preparing for Jesus' arrival. Within the year of 2022, I am positive that we have all had some ups and downs but overall, I am proud of the things we have achieved and the skills we have developed. To all the parents and careers, I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas as well as a *happy* new year!

Hi , I am St Michael's Head boy , Juan. I am a student in St Michael's Catholic Primary School. I am studying in year 6 and the school year is joyful and happy. I am pleased to say that I enjoy studying at St Michael's. The teachers are all friendly and the students (my friends) are all very kind.

The most exciting part of the year is coming up as well, Christmas. The joy is going to take place!

As a student studying in year 6 , the teachers are very encouraging with SATS coming up . I mostly look forward to it. I love studying at this school.

Well , I hope you have a lovely day and an extraordinary Christmas.

The First Christmas



EYFS and KS1 Nativity plays

The younger children in our school also reminded us through song, dance and drama what Christmas is really all about. In two traditional versions of the Nativity they spoke and sang of the long journey Mary and Joseph took, the visitors who followed the star and the star that guided them all the way to find the baby who came to bless and save us all. Their performances left us with the message of Hope and Joy that is what makes Christmas so special.

KS2 Carol concert

On Thursday the KS2 children gathered at St Michael's church to celebrate the birth of Jesus and this wonderful and Holy season. Through traditional carols and modern readings they told us the story of the birth of our Saviour. Year after year we are very privileged to have so many talented singers and actors fill the church with their voices and our hearts with a message of hope and joy.



Architect in school

Year 5 were supported by professional architects from Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (who designed Chobham Academy) to create their own model buildings. They visited The Africa Centre with the architects and worked together on bridge building projects. They were awarded with medals and certificates and were 'Highly commended' for their model making. Great job year 5!



Gold Star Awards!!



Well done to all the children who achieved a **Star award** this half term.

Riya	Saddah	Jacob
Neymar	Nikitha	Chloe
Mayan	Jayden	Juan
Cezar	Zion	Amali
Nevin	Annabel	Adeline
Thiago	Evelyn	Zenoha
Rayyan	Emelin	
Meyyan	Teo	
John	Angel	
Ayce-Nevae	Aliyah	
Carla	Joanna	
Samara	Danielis	
Cailyn	Valerija	
Kai	Ashna	