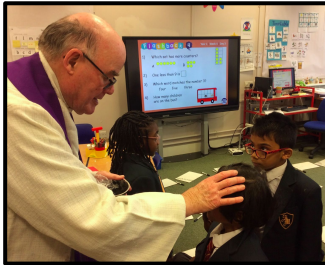




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Lent at St Michael's



During Holy Week, we remember what Jesus went through because of his love for us.

On Ash Wednesday Father Bob applied a cross of ash on all the student's foreheads.

Year 1 produced a wonderful play of the Easter story to an audience of pupils and parents, their singing and acting was West End worthy!

Ks2 have also staged a part of the Holy week story throughout the final week of term. Year 3 recreated the story of Palm Sunday, Year 4 portrayed the Last Supper, Year 5 enacted Jesus' arrest and Year 6 performed the stations of the cross.

Their hard work and effort was evident throughout.

Important Dates

Monday 17th April
Children back in school

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday - school closed

Monday 8th May Bank Holiday - school closed

Wednesday, 16th May
Class 1 Assembly

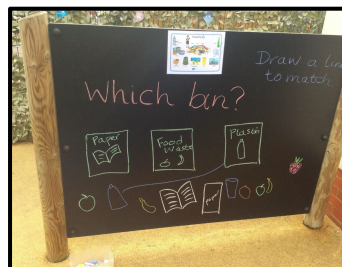
Friday, 19th May
Class 3 Assembly

Tuesday, 24th May
Class photos

Attendance for this half term: Spring

- 1st place- Year 5 97.4%
- 2nd place- Year 6 96.7%
- 3rd place- Year 1 96.6%

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.



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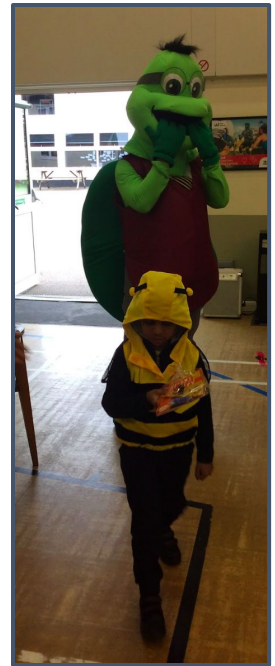
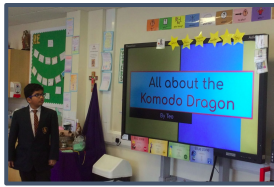
At St Michael's our youngest members in the Nursery enjoy a rich and effective curriculum, exploring important world issues like climate change and recycling.

Teachers support the children to become responsible members of our community as well as global advocates.

Book week

This year our focus for Book Week was Non- Fiction texts.

Pupils read non fiction books, answered true and false questions, researched animals and dressed up as some really amazing creatures big and small. The teachers were amazed at the effort and commitment pupils and families put in to make this Book Week one of our best yet!



Brilliant Club

On 5th January, 2023 a selection of children from Year 5 and 6 visited SOAS, University of London, for the launch trip of The Scholars Programme, organised by The Brilliant Club. The Brilliant Club is an organisation that supports **outstanding pupils** in non-selective state schools to progress to the UK's most competitive universities. The launch included a campus tour, a study skills session which included learning some Korean which our students loved!



Reading Ambassadors



10 year 5 and 6 students applied to become Reading Ambassadors to help support our journey to become a school with a culture of reading.

They are very proud of their new roles and have been exemplary so far, keep up the good work!



Citizenship weeks

Citizenship weeks for this academic year were based on the theme: 'Who is my neighbour- Our Rights and Our Responsibilities in taking care of ourselves and others'. The focus was on children's expectations and entitlement as well as addressing their responsibilities to others. The Gospel story of the Good Samaritan was a focal point throughout the fortnight as children explored the ideas of being a neighbour; what are the rights and responsibilities of a neighbour.

Another area explored during the week was the rights of children. They looked at their right to be heard; their right to get information that is important to their well-being; the right to protection from any kind of exploitation among many others.

Among the exciting things we did these two weeks were: a visit to Tate and Lyle; a visit to St Francis' Catholic Primary school; receiving visitors from CAFOD and of course are amazing Kickathon which raised a whopping £ 1,464.42 for the Salvation Army Night Shelter.



Young Voices

The school choir went to the O2 arena in January to perform in a mass children's choir call Young Voices. They were thrilled to sing with Heather Small from M People, the parents love the opportunity to watch their children perform.



Gold Star Awards!!



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

Riya	Poppy
Evaan	Meyyan
Ismael	Jiya
Ayva	Samara
Joseph	Jia
Elkanah	Radian
Janella	