



St Michael's Catholic Primary School

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Christmas at St Michael's

A heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of the performers for delivering a mesmerizing and enchanting carol concert that truly brought the magic of the first Christmas to life! Your performances were nothing short of spectacular, and the joy and spirit you infused into the church were felt by everyone fortunate enough to witness your talents.

The way you portrayed the story of the first Christmas was not only captivating but also beautifully conveyed the essence of the season.

We are incredibly proud of each one of you for your commitment, teamwork, and the joy you brought to the hearts of everyone in the audience. Your efforts have undoubtedly made this festive season extra special for everyone.

Wishing you a joyful and restful holiday season.



Important Dates

Thursday 4th January
Children return to school

Saturday 6th January
Feast of Epiphany

Monday 8th January
Citizenship fortnight begins

Friday 19th January
Citizenship fortnight ends

Tuesday 6th February
Safer Internet Day

Attendance for this half term:

1st place- Year 1 (97%)
2nd place- Year 5 (96.8%)
3rd place- Year 4 (96.7%)

Mini Vinnies



Mini Vinnies Trainers Day raised a whopping £207 for the local charity FoodCycle© Thank you to all who participated and well done to the Mini Vinnies for organising this awesome charity work- keep up the great work!

Black History Month



The focus for this year's Black History Month was The Empire Windrush. 2023 marked the 75th anniversary since the Windrush docked at Tilbury docks. The children spoke about the impact the Caribbean migrants had on Great Britain as well as the similarities and differences they would have experienced. Children looked at the journey on the vessel and explored different Historical sources to find out more life back then.



Anti- Bullying Week

- During the week beginning 13th November, we marked Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year was 'Make a Noise About Bullying'.
- At St Michael's during Anti-Bullying Week, we came together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying.
- We started the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday, 13th November.
- We asked all children to wear odd socks of any colour to school that day to show their commitment to standing up against bullying.

Choir

For two consecutive Mondays, St Michael's Choir and other schools travelled to St. Antony's Primary School in Forest Gate for rehearsals. In anticipation, the children crammed, memorised and practised the lyrics of 5 songs in preparation for The East London Community Organisation (TELCO) concert at the London ExCel on Wednesday 29th November.

On the day in question, it was a beehive of activity at the London ExCel with last minute practise, sound checks and then the thumping of the big drums. St Michael's Choir and the other schools were affiliated as The Newham Choir for the grand night. As the thousand or more empty seats began to fill up, the children's nerves evolved like a gridlock of emotions on the M25. In order to soothe their anxieties, their teacher and parents could only offer words of encouragement. However, as the roar of the drumming and the strumming of Master Chan's guitar fought for dominance in the arena, the children's nerves were spontaneously left behind in their seats as they ambled towards the stage to take their positions for their highly-anticipated ensemble performance.

As proud parents listened to their children's voices belting out syncopated beats to songs, among others, a song composed by the previous Year 6 of St. Michael's - Our East London Home. The applause from the audience raised the roof of The Platinum Suite and probably rang out to the nearby streets of Custom House. If the neighbours of the London ExCel did not hear the symphony of voices, perhaps they were fast asleep because of the time of the event. The event was held nearly past the children's bedtime, but that did stop the St. Michael's Choir and the other schools (aka The Newham Choir) let rip with sheer, exceptional, unmitigated, powerfully trained vocal cords, to celebrate TELCO's 25th anniversary in songs and amazing singing.



Mrs Edgar- Charles



The First Christmas



Year 2

The Year 2 Nativity featured some of the best singing so far this year and the children all put on great performances. The staff worked incredibly hard and were all so proud of how well the children done.

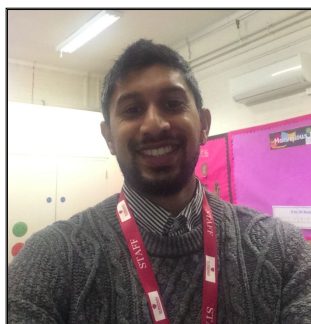
Reception

Reception class performed a brilliant Nativity play. The traditional and modern Christmas story taught us about love, giving, hope and faith. All children enjoyed taking part and experienced a fabulous performance experience.



Farewell

It is with great sorrow we are saying goodbye to our Reception teacher Mr Ramdial. Mr Ramdial's dedication, expert knowledge and hard work have been hugely appreciated by the children, parents and staff at St Michael's. We are truly sad to see him go. We wish him the best of luck with all his future endeavours.



To all the children who reached outstanding (gold) on the behaviour chart this term! Keep up the exemplary behaviour.

From us all here at St Michael's we would like to wish all of our families and members of the wider St Michael's community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.



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