



5th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and experiences that have shaped our school community over the past months.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your unwavering support and cooperation throughout the year. Your involvement and encouragement has been vital in creating a nurturing and productive environment for our children.

This year has been filled with many accomplishments. Our students have shown tremendous growth, not only academically but also in their personal development. The year has given the children the opportunity to excel in exams, participate in various school activities, focus days and the dedication and hard work from the children has been truly inspiring.

Finally, I would like to wish all our departing students the very best as they move on to the next chapter of their educational journey. We are proud of all that you have achieved and are confident that you will continue to thrive.

Thank you once again for your continuous support and partnership. I wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer holiday when it comes.

Mark 6:1-6

Prophet Without Honor

6 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph,^[a] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth only to be met with scepticism in spite of all the miracles he has performed. It is both Jesus' wisdom and his mighty works that puzzle his relatives and the people of his home town. We often judge others people because we think we know them. Perhaps we really don't. We build our faith through honest conversations with others and not through talking about others. We will only get to know others through open and honest conversations.

International Day for Years 1-6

Thank you to all the parents who supported us for International Day. The children's performances provided much needed joy. The teachers and children work so hard; I am glad we were able to go ahead with the celebration in spite of the uncooperative weather. Thank you for being so flexible with the last minutes changes we had to make on the day to ensure that we could keep everyone safe and try if we did have a downpour.

A massive thank you to the parents who donated food and drinks for the event and for all the parents who helped with setting up, serving and tidying away after the event. We could not have done it without your support!

We will confirm the total amount raised shortly.

International Dance Federation World Championships

Congratulations to Ariella and Lily on their performance in the recent International Dance Federation World Championship event. They had a fabulous time at the IDF world championship representing England. The girls did amazingly well. England placed 3rd overall across the whole week (Ukraine 1st, Moldova 2nd) and the girls also surpassed themselves with the following achievements:

Ariella

- 1st place 'Song and dance man' tap quartet
- 4th place 'Annie' musical theatre troupe
- Ariella was also successful to the semi-finals stage with her solo fantasy acro routine

Lily

- World champion placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (3times, 3 different routines)
- 4th and 5th in her troupe routines
- Lily also placed 4th in her hip hop duet

The girls did St Michael's and England proud!

Music Concert

There will be a short music concert where the children who are having ukulele lessons with Front Row will perform as well as the children in the choir. The concert will be in the school hall on **Thursday, 11th July at 2:00 pm**; parents are warmly invited to attend.

Class swap

The children will have their class swaps on the morning of **Wednesday, 10th July** where they will meet their new class teachers. I will write to you on that day to inform you after the staffing arrangements for the next academic year.

End of Term

The academic year will end on **Thursday, 18th July 2024 at 2:00 pm**.

End of Term Mass

The school will be giving thanks for this school year and praying for a safe and happy summer in our final Mass on **Thursday, 18th July 2024 at 9:30 am** in St Michael's Church. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Start of Term

The new academic year starts for Year 1 to year 6 on Wednesday, 4th September. The children in Reception will start on Friday, 6th September. Existing nursery children also return on Monday, 9th September. New nursery children will be contacted confirming the date they will start.

School Uniform Donations

At this time of the year parents often begin to organize school uniforms for the next academic year. If you have any nearly new uniform that your child has outgrown, we would ask you to donate it to the school so another child is able to make use of it. Please bring any nearly new uniform donations to the school office.

School Uniform

As we draw closer to the end of the academic year; just a reminder about the uniform policy when you are purchasing uniforms for September. The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference <https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

As you replenish your child's school uniform over the next few months and in September please be aware of acceptable school shoe. Please be aware that trainers boots are not acceptable school shoes.



God Bless,

N. Scott
Head Teacher