

Dear Parents and Carers

Somehow we are already at the end of another term. As always, this term has been jam packed with opportunities for learning in so many ways. In this newsletter I'll try to capture some of those moments to celebrate the hardwork and progress of those here at St Michael's.

The whole school met with their peers from Kambwiri Primary School in Malawi. The children spoke with each other for half an hour, asking one another questions about day to day life, both at home and at school. There were some very startling differences, there was a definite sharp intake of breath from St Michael's pupils when they found out their friends in Malawi get to school for 7am! Some, in the older years, staying until 4pm in the afternoon.



There was much in common too – shared subjects and extra curricular activities. There were nods of agreement and smiles every time football was mentioned – players from both schools sharing their enthusiasm for “the beautiful game”!



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Year Six have completed their SATS – their first formal examinations. Despite their trepidation, they all showed that they can tackle everything that comes their way, working hard to complete the assessments to the best of their abilities with positivity and optimism. All this was helped along by the SATS breakfast they took part in each day, sharing food, laughter and chat before taking on that day's paper.



Well done to them all for demonstrating resilience and aspiration throughout. To celebrate the end of the tests, we took to the field with the rest of Innovators Class and Year 6 parents for some rounders and strawberries and cream.



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Explorers and Enquirers took their learning outside the classroom this term and went to visit Bodiam Castle. They met medieval knights within the walls of this local wonder. They tried on costumes, climbed the battlements, created some beautiful artwork and enjoyed the great outdoors. Pupils described it as "the best day ever" and members of the public, also visiting the castle, commented on how polite and well behaved our pupils were.



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Tuesday this week saw some time travelling in school. We welcomed Romans and Victorians into our midst. As part of their learning, pupils in Investigators and Innovators spent the day dressed in character of the peoples from their history topics. They became immersed in the eras through art, drama and food!



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Innovators and Investigators spent the end of this week getting wet! Learning new skills, teambuilding with peers and sharing many a laugh.



Fantastic weather greeted us both days at Rye Watersports. Pupils tried their hands at sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and paddle boarding. It was a day of trying new things, falling in (a lot) and working together to see all pupils succeed.



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Finally, we have created the Club sign up opportunities for Term 6. These are now bookable through Arbor. Clubs next term are:

MONDAY



Games, construction, computers, drawing and painting and much more....

TUESDAY



Innovators Class only – play rehearsals.

WEDNESDAY



Football drills, skills and games with Mr Mendes

THURSDAY



Rugby skills, discipline and games with Theo

FRIDAY



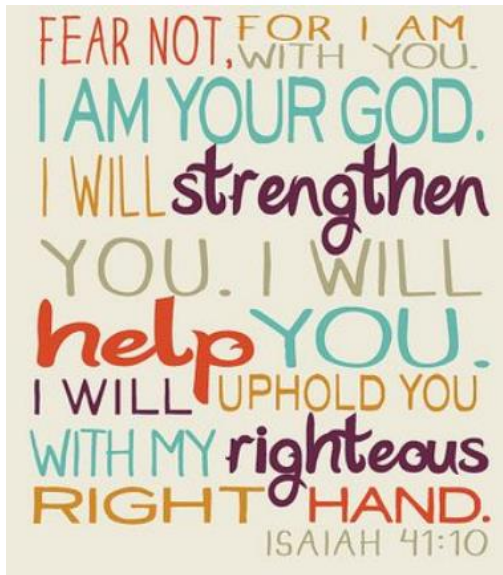
Fun and games for a Friday with Mr Mendes



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I hope you all have a good week during the half term break, whatever you may be up to.

I would like to leave you with these thoughts:



"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."

Winston Churchill

Please note that we return on Tuesday 2nd June.

Regards

Fay Churchill



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Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Time
INSET Day	Monday 1 st June	All day
First Day of Term 6	Tuesday 2 nd June	All day
Climate Change Programme – Innovators – Rye Harbour	Friday 5 th June	All day
Alliance Football Tournament @ Peasmarsch – Innovators	Monday 8 th June	1pm – 2.45pm
Diocesan Leaver's Service (Year 6 pupils only)	Tuesday 16 th June	10.30am
Wellbeing Day	Wednesday 17 th June	All day
Climate Change Programme – Innovators – Literacy session in school	Thursday 18 th June	AM
Me and My Mind Parent Drop In	Thursday 18 th June	2pm
Sports Day – held on Peasmarsch field	Friday 19 th June	1.30pm
Whizzability – Explorers and Enquirers	Monday 22 nd June	All day
Peasmarsch Chamber Music Festival – Performance @ St Mary's Rye	Friday 26 th June	10.30am – 2pm
Secondary Transition Week	Monday 29 th June – Friday 3 July	All day
"Moving up morning"	Tuesday 30 th June	AM
Batemans visit – Whole School	Tuesday 7 th July	All day
Climate Change Programme – Innovators – in school	Friday 19 th July	All day
Innovators Class End of Year Production	Tuesday 14 th July	All day
PSA Summer Fair	Thursday 16 th July	3pm onwards
Leavers' Service @ St Michael's Church, Playden	Tuesday 21 st July	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Last Day of Term 6	Tuesday 21 st July	All day
INSET	Wednesday 22 nd July	All day



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PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Investigators	Investigators	Innovators
Innovators	Explorers & Enquirers	Investigators	Explorers & Enquirers	Innovators

Extra-Curricular Provision

Please note that access to Extra-Curricular Provision is only available by booking through Arbor.

Activity	Day	Provider	Time	Cost (if applicable)
Breakfast Club	All	School	7.50 - 8.35	£4.50
Youth Club	Monday	School	3.30 - 4.30	£4
Innovators Play Rehearsal	Tuesday	School	3.30 - 4.30	N/A
Sports Club	Wednesday	School	3.30-4.30	N/A
Rugby Tots	Thursday	Rugby Tots	3.30-4.30	N/A
Multi-sports	Friday	School	3.30 - 4.30	N/A

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If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding please speak to:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Fay Churchill
- Vicky Isted



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Road Usage

This statement is for vehicle drivers who use the lane outside school.

- Parking directly opposite the school gate, adjacent to staff cars, either partially or wholly, creates a pinch point at the site where pupils need to access and exit the school. Any double parking is not permitted.
- Parking on the Yellow lines or in the bus stop is not permitted.
- Careful navigation, at an appropriate pace, is necessary to ensure the lane is a safe environment for all users.
- All who use the lane do so considerately and with the safety and wellbeing of pedestrians as our utmost priority.

An accident outside school or in the lane could, potentially, be fatal.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

School Uniform

At St. Michael's we take pride in our uniform and expect all children to wear the correct school uniform as follows:

General uniform:

- Burgundy jumper or cardigan (school badge preferred, but optional)
- Grey skirt, pinafore or culottes
- Grey trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt (school badge preferred, but optional)
- Black shoes with appropriate fastening. No trainers, sling-backs or boots.

Summer wear:

- Red gingham dress
- White polo shirt (school badge preferred, but optional) and grey skirt or shorts

PE kit:

- Coloured T-shirt according to the pupil's House assignment. May be blue, green, yellow or red (school badge preferred, but optional)
- Black shorts
- Black joggers
- Black plimsolls or sports trainers