



Newsletter 13 . Spring Term 2015
Tuesday 17th March

World Book Day

Thank you to all parents and children taking part in World Book Day. School was filled with a host of characters, marvellous costumes and fun activities. Please see a report of the day on the reverse of this newsletter.

School Book Fair

Thank you for your much valued support of the book fair held last week here in school. The amount raised has enabled us to purchase £261.00 worth of books for school. These will enhance our library and class reading.

Young Voices Y5 and Y6 Wednesday 4th March 2015

Our Y5 and Y6 children took part in the Young Voices concert at the Phones4U Arena on Wednesday 4th March 2015. The children enjoyed the experience, some of their reports are available to read on the reverse of this letter.

Community Fundraising

Your support in buying the knitted Easter chicks to raise money for Francis House Hospice is much appreciated. The total amount raised was £477 and a cheque will be sent to Francis House this week.

Easter Assembly and Farewell to Revd. Vicky Johnson. Wednesday 25th March 2015

Our Easter Service will take place on Wednesday 25th March, 9.00 a.m. in church. All parents are welcome to join us. It will also be an opportunity to say farewell to Revd. Vicky who leaves us on Sunday 5th April to take up her new post as Residentiary Canon at Ely Cathedral.

Readathon – Tuesday 17th March 2015 – Friday 17th April 2015

Mrs Prole held an assembly this morning giving information to the children about the Readathon that is taking place over the next few weeks. The children have been given a pack today to bring home which explains how the initiative works. We would request that all sponsorship forms and money is returned to school by Friday 17th April 2015. The monies raised from the Readathon will be split between four charities Read Well, Roald Dahl's Charity, CLIC Sargent and Together For Short Lives and 20% of the amount raised will be allocated to our school for books in our library

Lunch Time Arrangements

May we take this opportunity to remind parents that their child's lunch time meal needs to be ordered by 9.30 a.m. Several children are still coming to the serving hatch at lunchtime with no meal ordered. Our lunchtime staff are happy to help the children with their choice of meal and accompanying vegetables however as 157 children are fed within a 45 minute period it is difficult to monitor every child. If your child does not like any of the food on their plate they may leave it. Alternatively children may bring a packed lunch into school

PTA Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 21st March 2015

Please inform the school office if you wish to attend this event as the PTA need to know numbers by Wednesday in order to purchase the necessary food and eggs.

School closes for the Easter Holiday on Friday 27th March and we return on Monday 13th April 2015.

Alison Drayton
Headteacher

Young Voices 2015

After weeks of hair pulling practice, the day was here! It was Wednesday 4th and Years 5 and 6 travelled to Manchester Phones 4 U arena with song words filling their heads as well as anticipation of what the day was going to hold! St. Michael's wasn't the only children to take part in this thrilling event but more than 3000 children all over the country took part. It was an experience of a lifetime. Amber Y6

Young Voices started more than 10 years ago and lots of cities take part. Our school has done this the first time with our music teachers. You can get souvenirs and t-shirts!

We were on a fidgety coach ride for 30 minutes until we reached our destination before we were pulled into the supreme arena. It was colossal! We only just made it in time for the three hour practice.

Soon after that, we had tea at 5.30 until 6.30. Urban Strides was here to dance and, might I put it, their moves were cool, awesome, incredible! At this point the parents and spectators arrived for a breathtaking performance.

Later on the performance started! Pop stars were invited to come along and star in some song including Unsinkable performed by Lucy Spraggen and the new band Mic Lowry! My favourite songs were the pop melody and Believe! It started at 7 p.m. and ended at 9p.m. The lights were so vibrant it would put neon to shame. It was stunning! It could blind!!

As the night came to a close, we were the first block to be called to go out of the concert. Mrs Prole and Mrs Tomlinson were holding up a first aid bag or a bright pink lunch box so we didn't get lost. It took half an hour to find our coach. Our coach was near dominoes pizzeria and Mrs Tomlinson stated %All the people who can't fit in the bus can go across the road!+this made me giggle. Amazingly, our coach had leather seats and a radio! It took 45 mins to get back home. It was as busy as a bucket load of scurrying beetles.

It was the best thing since sliced bread. Hopeful Young Voices will come back and give the new Y6's and Y5's an opportunity like this! Freja Jones

Wacky World Book Day

The excitement began on Thursday 5th March world book day - when everybody piled into school dressed up as creative book characters. All primary schools were doing it even the teachers; and this was no exception for St. Michael's. The day was packed with fun activities.

To set the school day off, we had a school assembly where each class had to do a Catwalk down the middle of the hall! Everyone had their chance to shine, whether it was walking around, striking a pose or just standing up. The day had only just kicked off, but we were already having the best time ever.

After having individual photos taken, we made exciting creative booklets, all about the character we were. Year 5 were doing the same whereas some classes did world book day maths. The school was buzzing with excitement. All the time this was happening all other schools were doing the same thing.

Lunch was over and another activity was about to begin. Some very talented people came in for the afternoon. They acted out - very well - some book we might have known. This was the last activity we had before assembly and home time. This was the best day ever! Amelia Reeves