

St. Michael's Catholic Primary School

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Children in school have been working very hard over the past week. It was wonderful to share the first assembly of the year with our Reception Class and Y6 children, and with an overflowing hall! What a lovely way to begin our year of assemblies! Several classes have enjoyed trips out over the past week and Y6 are almost ready for their performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at Durham Gala Theatre.

Houghton Feast

Well done to all of the children who represented our school in the Houghton Feast Dash on Saturday. You were fantastic representatives of the school, running with a great spirit of determination. Also, well done to all of our children who took part in the Houghton Feast parade, representing clubs that they belong to outside of school. It was lovely to see so many of our children enjoying a wonderful community event. I hope everyone is enjoying all the fun of the fair this week!

Head Boy and Head Girl

A huge well done to Kian and Kendra, who have been voted in as Head Boy and Head Girl of our school for this year. They are wonderful role models to the rest of the school community and I know they will carry out their role with maturity.

World Mental Health Day #helloyellow

World Mental Health Day is taking place on Thursday 10th October. We ask that all children come to school in their own clothes and wear something yellow. We will be holding workshops throughout the day for the children and an assembly for parents at 2:30pm in the school hall. Impact NE will be leading the children in these workshops. Please try to come along to find out more about promoting positive attitudes around mental health.

Eco Club

The children of the eco club and Mrs Bennet would like to say a big "Thank you" to everyone who donated bulbs, seeds and other useful things for the school gardens.

Uniform

May I remind you that our school uniform policy states that trainers, black or otherwise, are not appropriate school shoes as they are not in keeping with the smart nature of the uniform. We ask that children wear smart black shoes as outlined in the uniform list. They may bring trainers in to school to change into at playtimes if necessary. Also, as the winter weather approaches, please be aware that children coming into school in boots should also change into shoes in school.

Jewellery is not permitted, other than the wearing of a wrist watch.

Our uniform is a very important part of our school identity, and it is often commented upon when we go out of school. I appreciate your support in maintaining the high standards of uniform and adhering to the school uniform policy in its entirety.

Parish Fayre

St. Michael's Church is holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November and we have been asked to run a hamper stall. In order to make as many hampers as possible, we would be grateful for the following, if you are able to help:

Reception- Packet of chocolate biscuits

Year 1-Small Christmas pudding

Year 2-Box of mince pies

Year 3- Small box of sweets/chocolates

Year 4- Small Christmas cake

Year 5- Small selection box

Year 6- Box trifle or brandy sauce mix

Please could these be brought into school by Friday 15th November.

Children's Mass

The school has been asked to lead Mass on Sunday 20^{th} October at 10am. Our children will be carrying out all of the ministries during the mass and we hope to see a big number of children and their families there.

Remember that Mass is celebrated each week on Saturday night at 6:00pm and on Sunday morning at 10am each week. It is always lovely to see our school families attending.

Parents Evening

We will be holding parent teacher meetings on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November. Further information is to follow.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your support with the coffee morning. We raised a total of £113.65 to send to this wonderful charity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. Wilson

Shakespeare Schools Festival

For the third year, the children from Y6 will be taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival. This year they are performing Twelfth Night at Durham Gala Theatre on Monday 14th October. The performance begins at 7pm and tickets are available from Durham Gala Theatre. The children have worked so hard in preparation for the big night, and it really is a wonderful project to be a part of. We hope some of our school family will come along to support them.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 10th October- World Mental Health Day Friday 11th October- Y5 tag Rugby Festival Monday 14th October- Y6 perform Twelfth Night at Durham Gala Theatre Sunday 20th October, 10am- Children's Mass Friday 25th October- Break up for half term

Scan the QR code below to a see a snap shot of learning in school.

