



Our value for the month of October is "Sharing".

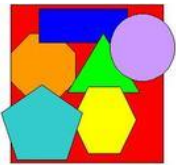
'I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me into your house' Matthew 25:35

Half term

I have again been able to spend time in classes this week, beginning with Oak Class on Monday. The Year 6 children were imagining what it was like to be an evacuee during World War 2. They were using Edward de Bono's thinking hats to explore all the feelings and emotions, the facts, the challenges and so on. It was a lovely piece of cross-curricular work. I have a book of short stories written by the class about 'The Battle of Britain' which I have really enjoyed reading. Thank you to Oak class.



In Willow Class (Year 1) on Wednesday, the children were having fun identifying the properties of 2D shape. They went on to look at repeated patterns and one group was looking at 3D shapes, using shape vocabulary, vertices, edges and faces - very impressive! Cherry



Class (Year 2) have been busy learning how to count in 10s, add 10 to a given number and then add 11. They were learning how to write a number sentence to support their adding. There were some numbers over 100 as the answers.

Today in Elm Class (Year 4), the children were continuing to study art by Picasso. They looked at different examples of guitar drawings showing a variety of techniques. The children then had a go out their own interpretations, using limited colours. What a lovely way to finish the week!

New Reading Books

We are delighted to have purchased nearly £2000 worth of new reading books for the school. Thank you to 'The Friends' for their generous donation of £1000 to help us with this purchase. We asked you to return all of the books by the end of this week, so we can begin sorting and integrating the books. We hope to have this done by the 2nd week after half term. Please don't stop reading over the holidays!

Beech Class (Year 5) Assembly

Yesterday afternoon Beech Class entertained us with a very colourful class assembly based around their History topic - The Ancient Egyptians. All the children were dressed up and they demonstrated a variety of the traditions of the time. They had already learned so many facts about the time, written stories, as well as acting and dancing. It was a wonderful presentation to complete the term. Thank you to the children, Mrs Woods and Mrs Fincham, as well as parents for providing the beautiful costumes.



A few reminders from 'The Friends'

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Quiz Night, as spaces are limited.

Thank you for donating sweets for the 'Winter Wonderland' today - we managed to fill two bins!

Remember over half term 'The Friends' would like the children to design programme covers for the Winter Wonderland. The design must be on A4 paper, portrait view with a ruler's width at the top folded over, this will be for the date, time etc. Draw and colour the design and put the child's name and class on the front. Please give these to teachers after half term. The winning designs will feature on the programmes and some other designs made into posters.

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Draw pictures for:

- Christmas Crafts
- Adopt a Teddy
- Santa's Grotto
- Christmas Gifts
- Bottle Tombola
- Jam Jar Hoopla
- Lucky Dip
- Sweet Tombola

Bags will be going home today with the children. Please have a turn out over half term and see if you can fill the bag. The leaflet explains which items to include. We need the bags back on 8th November.

NSPCC Visit

The NSPCC will be presenting an assembly for the children on Wednesday 15th November and children in Years 5 and 6 will have a follow up workshop on Wednesday 22nd November. Please see the attached letter with further information.



Autumn Term News Week ending 20th October 2017

Happy Holiday!

I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe half term and thank the staff, governors, children and all of you for your support. It has been a busy, but very enjoyable start to my Headship at St. Michael's School.

Club	Day	Year group	Provider	Location
Dance	Monday after school	Yrs 1-6	Mrs Lewis	Hall
French	Monday after school	Yrs 1-2	Hayley Lloyd Williams	Library
Badminton	Tuesday after school	Yr 6	Miss Prentice	Hall
French	Wednesday lunchtime	Yrs 3-6	Hayley Lloyd Williams	Library
Drama	Wednesday after school	Yrs 1-2	Mrs Love	Hall
Christian Club	Wednesday after school		St. Michael's Church	The Church
Football	Thursday after school	Yrs 1-6	Stevenage Football Club	The School Field
Choir	Friday lunchtime (Children will sign up)	Yrs 3-6	Mrs Wadey, Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Golding	Library
Table Tennis	Lunchtimes (Children have signed up)	Yr 6	Miss Prentice	Year 4

School Shop

Pencil case £1
 Pen 75p
 Pencil 10p
 Ruler 15p
 Glue stick 75p

Afternoon Tea

Congratulations to the following children, who had afternoon tea with me yesterday, as they earned the most gold stickers in their class.

Reception: Amelia & Gracie

Willow: Alessio & Mia

Cherry: Freddie & Ellena

Redwood: Camila & Sophie

Elm: Benjamin & Oscar

Beech: Sienna & Eady

Oak: Aleks & Olivia



What's On:

- 23.10.'17-Half Term
- 30.10.'17-Pumpkin Carving Compt. (Friends)
- 3.11.'17-Quiz Night 7:30pm (Friends)
- 8.11.'17 - Filled bags return date (Friends)
- 17.11.'17-Mufti Day for 'Children in Need' (School Council)
- 20.11.'17-Jack and the Beanstalk (Friends)
- 24.11.'17-Mufti Day for bottles for the Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 29.11.'17-Consultations Years 1-6
- 30.11.'17-Consultations Year 1-6
- 2.12.'17-Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 5.12.'17-Open Morning for prospective parents
- 13.12.'17-Carol Service

Attachments:

- NSPCC Letter to Parents
- Form for Dance Club