



St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

Spring Term News

Week ending 23rd March



Our value for the month of March is "Friendship".
 "As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Luke 6:31



Well done to our Year 5 class!

Celebrating the Life of Stephen Hawking



At the close of our Science Week, we thought about the amazing life of Stephen Hawking. We talked about the courage and determination he had shown throughout his life and the incredible things he achieved, despite his disability. I showed the children a short clip of his daughter Lucy talking about her father's life and what it was like for her growing up with her famous Dad. Last week you saw the 'Ripping Reptile' class winners and below are the overall winners; Mattie and Tommy for KS1 and Louisa for KS2. Their models will be photographed and sent off to the County competition.



Our Easter Service

Thank you to Redwood Class (Year 3) for leading our Easter Service at St Michael's Church on Wednesday afternoon. The children spoke clearly about the Easter Story and Easter traditions across the world. Thank you to Mrs Renouf and Mrs Wadey for her beautiful piano playing.

Primary Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Leo, who was one of 3,700 children across the country to make it into the bonus round of the Primary Maths Challenge 2018. We are very proud of Leo's achievement!

School Council

Thank you to all who have donated chocolate Easter Eggs for the school council raffle. The children will be selling draw tickets next week in the hall at break times. The cost of 1 ticket is 50p. The School Council are also organising our annual egg hunt this year, which will take place during the final few days of this term. Next Monday morning, please bring your painted eggs to the hall before school if you would like to enter the painted egg competition.



There is no charge for this. If parents would like to come in at 9am to see the entries, please do so.

Beech Class Poetry Reading & Dance Festival



On Wednesday this week our Year 5 children read poetry, Roald Dahl's 'Revoltin' Rhymes' at Knebworth Care Home, as part of National Poetry Day. The elderly folk thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Later on the same day the class went off to the Hawthorne Theatre to practice and then perform their amazing Monopoly Dance on the stage. Thank you to Mrs Lewis for her wonderful choreography and to Mrs Woods and Mrs Fincham for accompanying the children. Two great performances in one day!



Budding Tennis Stars



Megan and Sam got to the Plate Semi Final of the LTA Herts Mini Tennis Competition. They played their semi-final matches on Saturday against Elliswick (with 2 other boys from Welwyn St Mary's) and got through to the final! The final was played the next day at Gosling Tennis Centre against Bishops Stortford where they came a close second.



Parent Council

Our Parent Council met on Tuesday 20th March. The Travel Working Plan Group fed back from their meeting last week with ideas about raising the profile of road safety issues. There was feedback about the Nativity at Christmas and about music in the school, as well as the planned summer concert. Thank you to both Mrs Woods and Mrs Leake for chairing the meeting.

The Friends of St Michaels

The cake sale competition begins with Oak Class (Year 6) selling cakes after school on Thursday (1:30pm).



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[The Welwyn Photographic Competition](#)

Don't forget, photographs can now be uploaded to the website, so keep looking out for that competition winning photo that reflects sport and leisure, in and around Welwyn. We have had a few entries already, but Mrs Bokmans and Miss Prentice would love to see more. Please ask teachers or the Office for the leaflet explaining how the children can enter, if you are unsure.

[Lego Therapy](#)

Mrs Holden is always looking for new initiatives to introduce to our children and she has already started some Lego therapy groups, with more due to start after Easter. Lego therapy is proven to help support communication skills, build confidence and self-esteem, whilst being very enjoyable too.

[Consultations for Years 1 - 6](#)

We hope to see many of you at our consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday of our final week. On the afternoons/evenings there will be tasters from the new dinner menu for the summer term, so please talk to Kelly our cook and try out the new dishes. Our School Governors will be present during the consultations and Kate Stuart will be available to speak about Pupil Well-Being and Pupil Premium, in the back room attached to the hall. Please do call in and have a chat. Please also talk to the teachers about our planned Maths Workshop, so that we have more of an idea of what to offer for parents after Easter. We would also like you to fill out our annual questionnaire, as your feedback is important to us. If you are bringing your child/children with you, can we please ask that they remain with you and sit in the hall, when you are speaking to teachers. Children should not be left unaccompanied in the classrooms. Year 6 children will be given feedback and areas to work at a teacher/pupil consultation to take place during the school day.

[School Catering Team Awards](#)

I am delighted to inform you that our kitchen team have been shortlisted from over 85 nominations for an award. The results will be announced at a Gala Awards Evening on the 17th May. We wish the ladies the very best of luck!

[Staffing](#)

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Lucy Large as our new Administrative Assistant. She will be working from next week in the school office, in the mornings. I know you will all make her feel very welcome.

[Good Work Assembly](#)

Congratulations to the following children who shared their 'Good Work' on Thursday, our final 'Good Work' assembly of the term.

Sycamore: Cerys & Harriet

Willow: Mattie & Abbie

Cherry: Benji & Ethan

Redwood: Joshua

Elm: Harry

Beech: Freya

[Value Certificates - Friendship](#)

Well done to these children for demonstrating our value of the month.

Sycamore: Oscar

Willow: Erin

Cherry: Gracie

Redwood: Rachel

Elm: Jenson

Beech: Eady

Oak: Hannah

[What's On:](#)

- 26.3.'18 - Painted Egg Competition
- 27.3.'18 - Consultations Years 1-6, 4-7pm
- 28.3.'18 - Consultations Years 1-6, 3:30-6pm
- 29.3.'18 - End of term 1:30pm
 - Oak Cake Sale after school (Friends)
 - Bunny Hop Disco (The Friends)
- 16.3.'18 - INSET day for staff
- 7:30pm - The Friends meeting (school hall)
- 17.3.'18 - Start of the Summer Term
- 7:30pm - Parish Council AGM (village hall)

[Attachments:](#)

- All: Easter letter from the Diocese
- Barracuda's leaflet