



Our value for the month of February is Perseverance. 'Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.' Matthew 5:9

Writing Focus



Again, we were lucky to have Mr John Fowler in school working with Year 1, 4, 5 and 6 on

Wednesday. The cauldron was bubbling in the hall, as the lights were dimmed and the witches from Macbeth (Year 5 & 6) were brought alive in all their glory. There were some amazing, dramatic, written descriptions following the writing workshop. In Year 4, the children looked at Mac's Adventure and were involved in role-play, Babble-gabble, the smallest theatre in the world and planning the middle of the adventure using sound and looking at cause and consequence. Year 1 retold the story of Mrs Wishy-Washy with actions and created their own animals to jump into the mud in a variety of ways. It was a wonderful enriching experience for both children and staff, with lots for us all to take away and discuss at the staff meeting that evening. A huge thank you to John for inspiring us all!



Year 6 Archery Team



Last (extremely cold) Friday, our archery team went to Monks Walk for a competition. Everybody tried their best and, during the practice session, there were some high scores. In the main competition, Tabitha came 4th and Leo De Silva 3rd

out of the competitors. As a team, St. Michael's came 3rd. Well done to all of our archers.

Redwood (Year 3) class assembly



What a wonderful end to a busy week, when we were all treated to a performance by Year 3. They again dressed up as Romans and enjoyed sharing all their learning about this period of History. Boudicca's song was one we shall all be humming over the weekend - a very confident and dramatic performance! Thank you to Mrs Wadey, Mrs Renouf and Mrs Baxter and of course the children. Thank you to all the parents and carers that supported the class.

Special congratulations to the following children in this class for gaining their pen licence this week; Matilda, Camila, Oskar, Tim, Grace and Ashley.

Cherry Class (Year 2)

Cherry Class had a special visit from Stevenage Fire Brigade which linked with their 'Fire, Fire' topic. The children had a look inside the fire engine and enjoyed a fire safety talk, so that they know what to do if they ever see a real fire. Their homework was to check whether there are fire alarms in their homes.





Music Concert - Save the Date!



Both our Choir and Orchestra enjoyed their Monday practises this week and are looking forward to preparing for the concert in the Summer Term. Do not forget to put Sunday 8th July 2018, on your calendar and we will give further details soon.

School Council

Please support our School with their 'Onesie and Slipper' Day or 'Pyjamas and Dressing Gown Day' on Friday 23rd February, in exchange for a donation at the gate. Just to remind you, we would like the slippers to be brought in a bag to wear indoors only and alternative shoes or trainers to wear outside.

Welwyn Centenary Photographic Competition

Just a reminder over half term to look out for photos the children can take in and around Welwyn on the theme, 'Sport and Leisure'. Pictures can be taken on cameras, iPads and phones and are uploaded to our school section of the Welwyn Photographic Society, but not yet.

Staff News

We are very sorry to be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Liz Blyth at the end of this term. Liz has worked in the School Office for many years and will be missed. She has been of tremendous help to Mrs Poultney and me, as we started at St Michael's in September and her calm and supportive manner, as well as humour, is always appreciated. Mrs Poultney will continue to work in the Office full-time and will begin to take on more of Mrs Blyth's role and we are at present recruiting for an Administrative Assistant.

E-Safety

Does your child play an app called Roblox? It seems it is popular, particularly with KS1 pupils. Whatever apps you allow your child to use - including games - you should make yourself aware of any known risks. Perhaps the app encourages talking to strangers, or has been linked to grooming, or gives access to inappropriate content.

For more information on Roblox, go directly to <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents> and <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>

Afternoon Tea

On Thursday this week, I entertained 12 children to afternoon tea. They were the children who had received the most reward stickers in their class. As always, they were all very polite and helpful.

Sycamore: Georgie & Christopher

Willow: Isla & Mattie

Cherry: Scarlett & Oliver

Redwood: Finley & Lucas

Elm: Jenson & Olivia

Beech: Tom & Ella

Oak: Connor & Hannah



What's On:

12.2.'18 - 16.2.'18 HALF TERM

22.2.'18 - Scootability for Cherry (Yr. 2)

23.2.'18 - Onesie & Slipper Day (School Council)

27.2.'18 - Year 1 Phonics Workshop

1.3.'18 - World Book Day (Roald Dahl)
- Super Hero Lunch

6.2.'18 - Thinking Day

6.2.'18 - Reception (Sycamore) Consultations

7.2.'18 - Reception (Sycamore) Consultations

8.3.'18 - Author Visit

15.3.'18 - Cherry Class (Yr. 2) assembly 2:45pm

21.3.'18 - Year 5 Dance Festival (Hawthorne)

26.3.'18 - Painted Egg Competition

27.3.'18 - Consultations Years 1-6

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29.3.'18 - End of term 1:30pm

Attachments:

Herts. County Basketball Trials
Barracuda's Holiday Clubs