

St Michael and All Angels CE VA School Newsletter

Friday 3rd March



WELCOME BACK

FROM

SPRING BREAK



It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the break with the signs of Spring all becoming evident. We are looking forward to another exciting half term with Red Nose Day, a visit from Paralypiam wheelchair basketball player, Sophie Carrigill and preparations for Easter. There is also a plethora of sporting events for all year groups - from cricket and football to swimming and golf!

Staff and children alike are looking forward to a superb term ahead.



We say a sad goodbye to Miss Richards today as she leaves to spend more time with her family. We thank her for all her hard work over the last fifteen years and wish her the best in the future. She has been an amazing asset to school, in particular year 3, and we will all miss her tremendously. I would have liked to dedicate more of the newsletter to Miss Richards and her impact in school, but she has only permitted me to write a few lines! On behalf of the children, parents, staff and governors, thank you so much Miss Richards!



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

Thank you so much for all your efforts creating costumes for the children based on book characters for World Book Day. We really appreciate it! All the children -and staff alike- looked fantastic and some of the costumes were so creative! After much deliberation in relation to “dressing up”, the smiles on children’s faces and reactions from staff ensured it was well worth it!

Thank you also for your support with the book fair and book swap. School receives a percentage of the book sales and this will be used to replenish our library. Well done to Ava P. in year 6 who won the “book board” competition.

The Reading Amassadors did a fantastic job leading the World Book Day assembly and judging the “most creative costume” competition. They chose a person from each year group and awarded a prize and certificate. These were given out today during the celebration assemble.

Spread a Little Happiness

Our World Book Day assembly was made even more special by a visit from representatives of Airedale Hospital charity as part of their “Acts of Kindness” campaign. St Michaels received the most votes in a competition and therefore were rewarded with a very generous donation of books. Thank you so much!

Airedale Hospital and Community Charity launched its Acts of Kindness (#AOKAiredale) campaign in October 2021. The campaign is aimed to spread happiness and kindness among staff at the Trust and the local community.

Research shows that being kind to others can be beneficial to our own mental health. Helping others feels good, it brings us a sense of belonging and helps us to keep things in perspective. That’s why Airedale Charity created their campaign.



The Reading Ambassadors



World Book Day Assembly



Spread a Little Happiness



The Best Costume Winners



For more images please click [here](#)

St Michael Sports Assembly and Sports awards

Here are some pictures from our termly P.E Awards Assembly where children from every class receive certificates and medals for making excellent progress, giving extra effort in P.E lessons and taking part in sports competitions against other schools. We are extremely proud of our participation in sporting events in the local area and recognise the importance of developing interests in different activities in creating lifelong participation. We work hard to raise the profile of exercise and the importance of keeping fit in school, appreciating the effect it has on our physical and mental wellbeing.





Our Spring Term Parents Evenings will take place in school on Wednesday 15th March and Tuesday 21st March 15.30 - 18.00. Appointments should be made via Parentmail



We are excited to welcome Sports for Champions into school on the 17th March. Your child will be coming home tonight with the attached sponsorship form and information. You can also donate by clicking [here](#)

Sophie Carrigill is our visiting athlete (wheelchair Basketball player) who represented Great Britain at the 2014 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship in Toronto and the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Sophie Carrigill Achievements

2013: Bronze at European Championships (Frankfurt, Germany)

2014: Fifth at the World Wheelchair Basketball Championship (Toronto, Canada)

2015: Gold at the 2015 Women's U25 Wheelchair Basketball World Championship (Beijing, China)

2015: Bronze at the European Championships (Worcester, England)

2016: Fourth at the 2016 Paralympics (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

2017: Bronze at the European Championships (Tenerife, Spain)

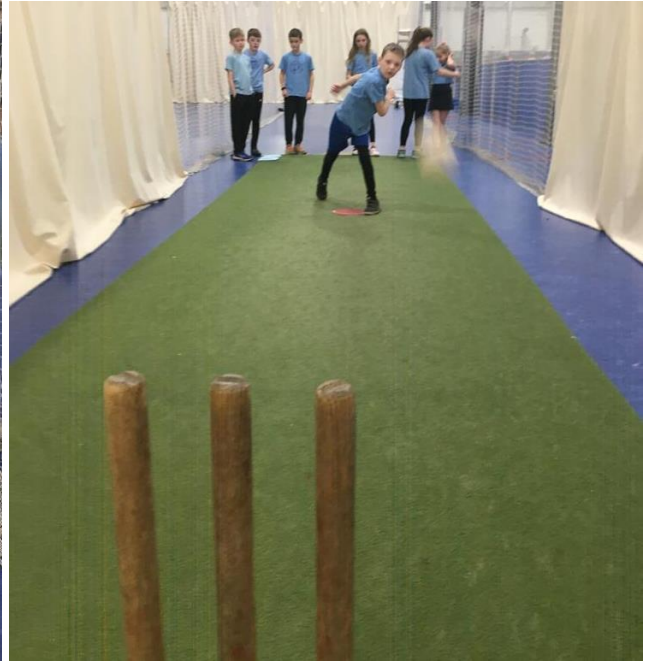
2018: Silver at the 2018 Wheelchair Basketball World Championship (Hamburg, Germany)

An aside- on 29 May 2021, she appeared on I Can See Your Voice with her boyfriend Josh Landmann, another Paralympian!

Sports News

Year 5 Cricket at The Leisure Box

The cricket season has commenced! On Thursday 23rd February, some children from year 5 were treated to a cricket taster session at the Leisure Box in Brierfield. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Swimming Gala

We wish the children well who will be representing St. Michaels in the swimming gala on Tuesday evening. If you are able to attend and cheer our children on, it would be very much appreciated.

Sports News

Year 2 Football at The Leisure Box

On Thursday 2nd March, Scarlett, Orla, Nora, Alistair, Thomas, Patrick and Alex attended a football taster session, again at the Leisure Box. They practiced skills and played games alongside children from Blacko and Reedley school. They represented the school well with excellent manners.



Pancake Super and Beetle Drive

On Shrove Tuesday, 48 adults and children attended the Pancake Supper and Beetle Drive at St. Michael and All Angels Church. Following the beetle drive everyone enjoyed pancakes and homemade cakes.

The prize winners were:

Highest score child: Louise Robinson

Highest score adult: Pat Collins

Lowest score child: Xennon Jefferson

Lowest score adult: Dean Roberts

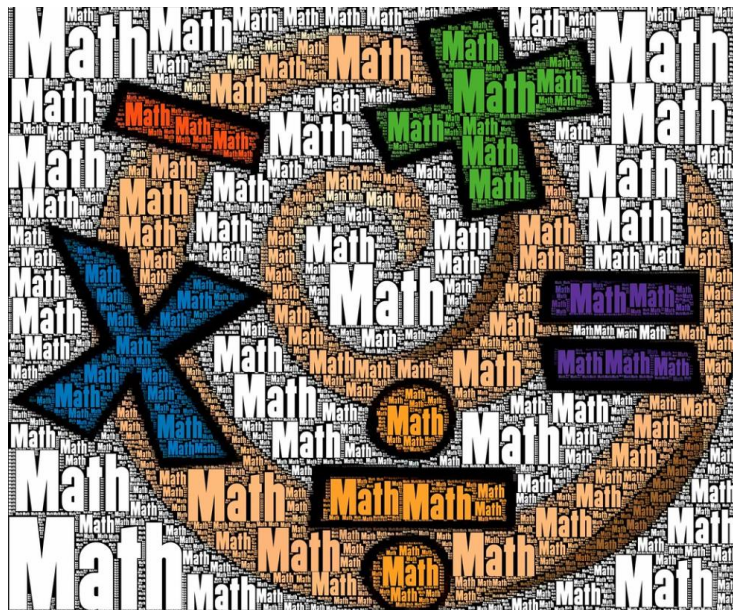
<https://www.saint-michael.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-church/>





Design a Front Cover

The Church are inviting all the children to design the front cover of their Spring booklet introducing Rev Andy Froud to the village. The booklet will be shared with all the homes in the village. May we kindly ask that all entries are handed into school by the 10th March. The winning design will go on the front cover of the Spring booklet.



On Friday 24th March, four year 5 children will be representing St Michaels in the Community Maths challenge at Lanesshaw Bridge!



Brook x Lil-Lets: Big Period Lesson Live

All young people should learn about puberty in a timely and age-appropriate way, to ensure that it is relevant to children's experiences, and so that they are prepared for the changes they will experience to their bodies, feelings and lives.

Young people should be able to empathise with and support one another during puberty, and so it is useful to teach all young people about menstruation so that everyone is able to have open, supportive conversations about it if they wish to.

For more information and to watch the video please click [here](#)



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the governing board. We meet twice termly for approximately 1 hour per meeting. If anybody is interested, please contact Wendy Phillipson in the school office.

Family Warm and Welcome



Drop in to our warm, fun, friendly, Family Zone

Help yourself to a free brew* and a slice of toast.

Play, read, and chat with other families

**Every Friday Morning
9.30am - 12.00pm**



Colne Neighbourhood Centre
(Formerly Surestart)
Walton Street
Colne, BB8 0EL

* Please bear in mind the risks of hot drinks around young children

Where with: Pals@WVall.com

Age 5 - 11

£1 per child

Friday Club

At The Exchange Project

(St John's Methodist Church, Colne)

Dates

**27th January
24th February
24th March
28th April**

Time

6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

**Games
Group Activities
Stories and much more!**

Please use the side Entrance

the exchange project





Safeguarding Concerns

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team.

DSL Lead Sara Richardson
Deputy DSL Michelle Coffey
DSL Amy Latham (Rebecca Lamb)

Dates for your Diary

Please click [here](#) for latest diary dates and information.
Please click [here](#) for the Church services.



Breakfast/Afterschool Club

Please could any requests for late cancellations/late bookings be directed to **Mrs. Stuttard via the school office number 01282 861338 then select Option 3.**

If there is no answer, please leave a short message with your child's name, class and date you want them to attend.

SEND News

Mrs. Lamb is the school's SENCO. Ms Richardson is the Acting SENCO whilst Mrs. Lamb is on maternity leave.

Information on PDA Pathological Demand Avoidance

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/diagnosis/pda>

SEND Local Offer

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>



Spring Term 2023 Second Half

The Christian virtue focus this half term is love.

The Growth Mindset focus is self belief.

"For God hath not
given us the
spirit of fear;
but of power,
and of love,
and of a sound mind."
2 TIMOTHY 1:7

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

