



St Michael's Matters

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Friday 13th January 2023
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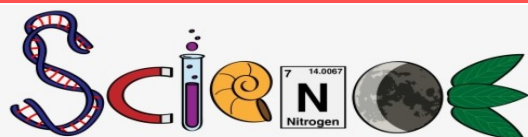
A note from Mrs Luff - This week I have visited the Infants, listened to a number of children read and given out some head teacher stickers, as I was so impressed with how well they are doing. Well done to the Year 6 children, who did a brilliant collective workshop assembly on Thursday, about respect. They did a fantastic job of delivering it in a fun, yet educational way, that all of the children really enjoyed.

Please take a look at the online safety and gaming poster, attached to the newsletter this week, and speak to your child/ children about potential risks involved with online gaming.



We are looking forward to the return of the school book fair at the start of February, the children will be bringing home a letter with all of the details on, next week. They will be in the junior hall on Monday 6th of February and in the Infant hall on Tuesday 7th February.

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend. Mrs Luff



This week, the children in Year 5 had to compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, as part of their science lesson. They had to do a solubility test, magnetism test, electrical conductor test, thermal conductivity test, test for hardness and finally a test for transparency.



We're consulting

Please visit our website for details of our proposed admissions arrangements 2024-25

<https://www.rainbowacademy.org.uk/admissions-arrangements-consultation-202425/>

You can submit your comments by emailing info@rainbowacademy.org.uk

or by writing to the Governance Lead at First Floor Offices, Unit 2, Marlin House, Agar Way, Pool Industrial Estate, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3SF.

Comments are invited by 26 January 2023.
Thank you.

Book Fair 2023

On the 6th and 7th of February, the book fair will be coming to St Michael's school. It will be situated in the Junior hall on Monday 6th February and the Infant hall, on Tuesday 7th February.



Reception school place - September 2023

The deadline to apply for a school place in a reception class, for September 2023 - is fast approaching. Please ensure you apply before 15th January.

Please click the link below, to start your application if you have not already done so. Thank you:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions>



Accelerated Reader Awards

This week the following children were presented with an award in recognition of their outstanding achievements, in becoming a Ready Reader 2: Esme P

Ready Reader 4: Morgan H

Independent Reader: Alice H-J

Well done to all of the children this week!

St Michael's - Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a BSL Communication Support Worker, please click the link below, for all of the details and an application form:

<https://www.rainbowacademy.org.uk/vacancies/>



Attendance

Below is a class by class breakdown of attendance from:
Monday 9th January - Friday 13th January 2023:

RD - 92.02%	1S - 88.78%
1R - 85.3%	2S - 89.43%
2M - 90.91%	3H - 94.98%
3C - 93.55%	4T - 92.26%
4J - 91.34%	5P - 91.56%
5G - 90.19%	6M - 90.95%
6D - 90.03%	

The winner's for class attendance this week:

KS1 - RD

KS2 - 3H

Overall school attendance average is: 93.29%

CALENDAR DATES

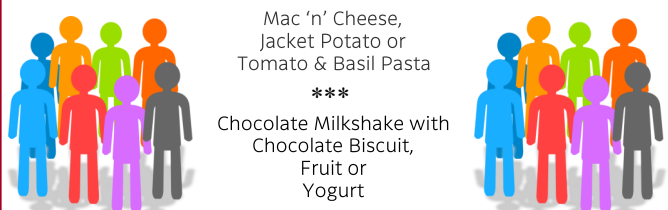
What's on this term?

Go to www.st-michaels-helston.org and click on:
CALENDAR DATES

Thurs 19th Jan	Census Day (See menu below)
Mon 6th Feb	KS2 Usborne Book Fair - Junior Hall
Tues 7th Feb	KS1 Usborne Book Fair - Infant Hall
Fri 10th Feb	*Half Term* School closed 13th - 17th Feb
Tues 28th Feb	Cross Country - Mullion School 4PM KS2 Peninsula Qualifier (Race 4)

Census Day - Thursday 19th January 2023

Next Thursday (19th January) is Census day, when our school meal numbers will be used to capture data for future funding. The Department for Education will use this figure, to adjust our funding based on whether our uptake is above or below a set percentage. Therefore we hope that you can help to ensure the uptake of meals is as high as possible. We would be grateful if as many children as possible could have a school dinner next Thursday. Please see the menu below. Lunch can be booked as normal, via ParentPay:



Star of the Week W/C 9th January

2023

These children received the
Star of the Week award this week:

1R - Hugo N, for keeping our learning environment clean and tidy!

1S - Hannah K for working extremely hard this week and for having the confidence to 'have a go'.

2S - Amy C, for her letter writing as Florence Nightingale.

2M - Ava J, for always working hard in all subjects.

This week's Junior assembly theme was about:
Respect

These children received the
Star of the Week
award in KS2:

3C - Ellie K-D, George C & Joey M

3H - Isla D & Daisy T

4T - Eva O & Freddie A

4J - Charlie B & Brooke M

5G - Kai H & Jasmine S

5P - Sebi C & Lex T

6D - Daniel W & Amelia B

6M - Ethan H & Orla S

HOUSE POINTS

Monday 9th January - Friday
13th January 2023

This Year's House Point Totals:

Blue (Fal) - 222

Red (Hayle) - 184

Yellow (Helford) - 220

Green (Cober) - 161

Well done to the Blue house
this week!

St Michael's School Nature tots

If you have a 3 or 4 year old child then come, with your child, and join us for our exciting and fun free Nature tot sessions!

Explore our fantastic grounds, take part in different activities and make some new friends!

Nature tot sessions will run on: Friday 27th January
Friday 24th February
Friday 31st March

from 1.30-2.30pm

For more information and to book a place please email:
mic-advice@rainbowacademy.org.uk

Online Safety & Gaming

Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.



Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.



Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others



Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others



Reporting and Blocking

Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support



To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub:
swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/

or scan the QR code



Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/

Report Harmful Content:
reportharmfulcontent.com



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