

## Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

As we come to the end of the Spring Term it is so lovely to be able to reflect on the last twelve weeks in school, during which we have been able to do so many of the things that we have not been able to do for such a long time. We have been able to invite parents into school to share in their children's learning, watch our speaking competitions and join with us for worship at St. Michael's Church. We have been able to worship together as a whole school, both in school and in church and have also enjoyed singing as a whole school again. We have enjoyed World Book Day, Careers Week, Comic Relief, our Upper Key Stage 2 Poetry Slam and our fantastic end of term Rock Steady Concert. We are all incredibly proud of how much the children have achieved this term and hope that they have enjoyed the term as much as I have.

### Speaking Competition

On Thursday afternoon, we held the final of our Reception, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 Speaking Competition. The finalists were all incredibly brave and did amazingly well for such young children. Congratulations to all of our finalists who did a fantastic job to reach the final and to our overall winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Palin Rogers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Simran Poonian
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Annabelle Merriott-Ward



### Skills Builder

We have now learnt about a number of our essential skills through the Skills Builder Programme this year and have two more skills to learn about next term. During the Summer Term, the children will be learning about problem solving and then creativity. To find out more about these skills, and others that we have learnt about this year, please visit the Skills Builder Homezone <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone>.



The activity below is an example of a Skills Builder challenge that children can complete at home over Easter, taken from the Homezone page. We would love to see any work completed at home next term.

#### **PROBLEM SOLVING**

*Consider the problem: you have been asked to design and make bird feeders for your local area, but you can only use recyclable materials as there is no extra money for making them.*



*Think about different designs for bird feeders and the household items you could reuse to make them.*

*Draw 4 or 5 examples you can think of for bird feeders. Label them clearly to show the recyclable materials you would suggest the feeders were made from.*

*Share your ideas with your family. Ask for their feedback on your design ideas.*

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*Which one do they like best and why? Which one would you like to have a go at making?*

### Skills and Values Home Challenge

This term, we sent out our Skills and Values Home Challenge for children, parents/carers and other relatives to complete to show how the children are demonstrating our 8 essential skills and Christian values outside of school. As some of our children might want to use the Easter Break to finalise these before handing them in, we will be inviting children to return completed challenge sheets during the first week of the new term and will be handing out certificates during our Celebration Assembly at the end of our first week back at school.

### Reading Race

We will also be awarding Reading Certificates after the Easter break. This will provide everyone with a little extra time to do some reading over Easter.

### Easter Egg Hunt at St. Michael's

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April from **10.00 am until 2.00 pm**, St. Michael's will be holding an Easter egg hunt, with teas and coffees in the Millennium room, and an Easter walkthrough. All families are invited to attend. Please note that this time has changed from the previous time provided.



### Easter Competition Winners

We were amazed at the fabulous entries that we received for our two Easter competitions. There were so many wonderful ideas and designs so it was extremely difficult to choose winners. However, five winners were eventually chosen for each competition. Congratulations to the winners below who have all received an Easter egg today.

**Easter Hat winners:** Simran Poonian, Millie Newell, Isaac Hammond, Harry Barton and Lucy Gooding-Matthews

**Decorated Egg winners:** Poppy Newell, Hayden Hemingway, Emily Bracey, Ellie-May Jacobs and Aida Hart-George

Congratulations also to all of our Easter raffle winners who won hampers or Easter eggs. In total the raffle raised £159 for the school. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

### Cross Country

Monday 28th March saw our most recent inter-school event take place – the cross-country finals! In the two weeks prior, each class held heats, where the fastest boy and girl from each of our house teams in each class were selected for the finals. The conditions on the day were a little wet and windy, but the children all ran excellent races – the adults were tired just watching! After all of the races had been completed, we calculated the number of points each team had accumulated. The overall winners were Thetford! A huge well done to all of the children in the heats and finals. Look out for our next event in the Summer Term!

**Mr Cornell**

### Name Change

Today, you will have received a consultation document about changing the school's name. This provides you with information about the process which will start after Easter. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask us.

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## Times Tables Competition Semi-Final

Several weeks ago, the children in Year 2 to Year 6 were given the opportunity to take part in times tables qualifying rounds. The two children from each class who scored the highest then went through to the semi-finals which took place this week. A huge well done to Meer and Talia (Year 2), George and Max (Year 3), Ben and Henil (Year 4), Freya and Caitlin (Year 5) and Yashica and Dax (Year 6) for taking part. They all did fantastically well and were very brave to stand up in front of an audience and verbally recall their times tables. Please join me in congratulating our finalists: Meer, Max, Henil, Freya and Yashica. The finals will be taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> April - very exciting!

**Miss Thompson**



## World Maths Day

On 21<sup>st</sup> April, we will be celebrating World Maths Day. The children are invited to come into school dressed as rockstars on this day to link with Times Tables Rockstars. The children will take part in a range of exciting maths activities throughout the day, including a whole school maths trail. To finish the day, Miss Thompson will be hosting the Times Tables Bee grand final, where the finalists will compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals. Parents of the finalists will be invited to watch the final.

## Progress Celebration Assemblies

Next half term we will be introducing a special celebration assembly towards the end of each half term to recognise pupils across the school who have made significant progress in different areas of the curriculum. Parents of children who have been awarded a certificate will be invited to attend this special assembly.

## Miss Bowers

We were very sad to say goodbye to Miss Bowers today but wish her luck for the future.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new teacher for Holly Class, Mrs Freeman.

## Help for Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Ukraine appeal. The collection has now ended.

## Reading Challenge

Please see the results of the Reading Challenge for this half term below.

Congratulations to Oak Class who have been reading incredibly well this term. They are the overall winners this half term and were just beaten by Maple Class this week.

	Silver Birch	Holly	Maple	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 21/2/22	48%	61%	73%	57%	80%	100%
WC 28/2/22	53%	62%	75%	52%	100%	100%
WC 7/3/22	48%	69%	85%	48%	88%	100%
WC 14/3/22	48%	62%	90%	60%	72%	100%
WC 21/3/22	53%	53%	75%	45%	96%	100%
WC 28/2/22	43%	40%	81%	38%	80%	76%



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## Class Attendance Tracking

	Silver Birch	Holly	Maple	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 21/2/22	96.3%	91.6%	89.7%	93.7%	95.4%	94.6%
WC 28/2/22	98.5%	96.4%	93%	92.4%	97%	95.1%
WC 7/3/22	96.3%	86.8%	98.4%	93.4%	97.3%	89.6%
WC 14/3/22	95.3%	98.3%	92.2%	91.9%	96.8%	96.1%
WC 21/3/22	93.1%	98.1%	97.7%	95.2%	93.7%	94.1%
WC 28/2/22	87.5%	98.2%	97.1%	93.2%	93.8%	94.6%

Congratulations to Holly Class who have won the certificate for the last three weeks of this half term.

Mrs Natasha Bennett

Headteacher

## Diary Dates 2022

Date	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	End of the Spring Term
WC 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Easter break
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Pupils return to school for the start of the Summer Term
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	World Maths Day – Dress as a Rockstar and Times Table Bee
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Year 1 and Year 2 Curriculum End of Unit Sharing event for Parents/Carers
Week commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Children return to school for the second half of the Summer Term
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Sports Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	<b>KEY STAGE 2 PERFORMANCES</b> Wednesday 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm Thursday 6.00 pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers Assembly