

FROM MRS ROBERTSON ...

It seems hard to believe that the sun is shining and that we have reached the end of the school year. What a year, if not 16 months, it has been. As a staff we would like to thank you for all of your support, flexibility and adaptability. The messages of support received and chats at the beginning and end of the school day have buoyed us up. September, I am sure will bring its challenges, but for now, it feels like we've reached a milestone. I hope that you all have well earned and well deserved breaks over the coming weeks.

Today in school we have all gathered (outdoors and socially distanced in our bubbles) for the first time in 16 months and it was lovely to be together, albeit bitter sweet as a significant number of pupils and key staff are still self-isolating. We missed you. It was fabulous to see the sea of red and white to celebrate the achievement of our England football team. Thank you to Charlie and Ethan in Year 6 for your inspirational letters written as Gareth Southgate now, to his younger self. It was also lovely to reflect on the England team as role models and how everyone in school has also shown courage and perseverance during the challenging times. Year 6 were centre stage as our Leavers, along with Mrs Elcock, who retires today after 24 years here at St Michael's. She is a legend who will be a very hard act to follow. Mrs Elcock led Year 6 away from our gathering with the whole

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From St Michael's, we wish you all a very happy summer break.

The Cherry Orchard entrance to school will open at 8.40 am to children in years 1 to 6 on Friday 3rd September.

New children starting in Reception should follow their staggered entry timetable already forwarded.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

LEARNING RESOURCES ...

You might like to take a look at the following websites over the holidays:-

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>



RECEPTION

Wow, what a year we've had! We can't believe the time has come to wish you well as you move onto Year 1.

Our final term in Reception has been a very exciting one. We have welcomed tadpoles and caterpillars into the classroom and the children have loved watching them change and grow as we talked about life cycles.

It was great to see the children enjoying taking part in lots of different activities on Sports Day.

We all enjoyed our theme days this year, thank you for all the effort you put into your wonderful outfits. We loved seeing our favourite Julia Donaldson characters come to life and the children were very excited to have a cake from the Highway Rat's cake shop. We had a busy day on Kenya Day learning about the country, some of its traditions and how it is different to where we live. For our final Muddy Monsters we all enjoyed celebrating at the Ugly Bug Ball both at school and at home.

Parents thank you so much for all your support throughout the year. During lockdown we appreciate that it was not easy for you at times but we hope you feel that together we got through it.

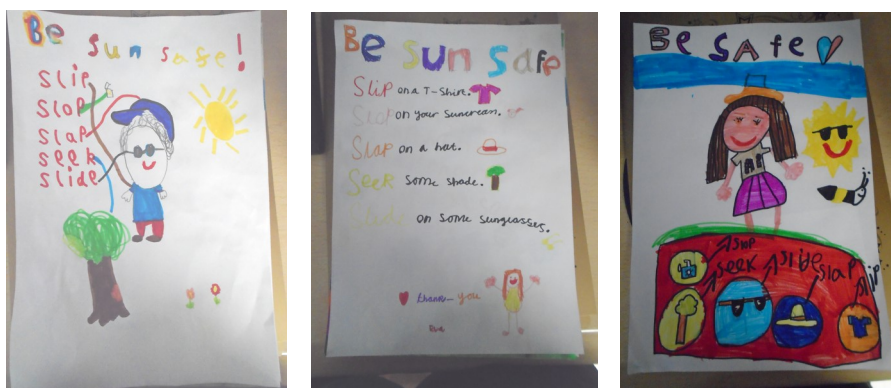
We are so proud of the children and all they have achieved this year; learning new skills, making new friends and showing resilience (to the crazy situations we have found ourselves in). It's certainly been a different year to the one we thought we'd have but along the way we've had lots of laughs and so much fun. It was been lovely to watch your children blossom and 'grow' as the year has progressed.

Children thank you for always doing your best and making us smile, you are amazing.



YEAR 1 - SEA AND SUN SAFE

As part of the 'Where's Wally at the Seaside' topic in Year 1, the children have been learning about how to keep safe at the seaside and in the sun. The children have been learning all about Grace Darling and why she is such an important hero for the RNLI. The children have been learning about what the different flags mean at the beach and have made posters to share a very important sun safety message. Please see some examples of the sun safety posters below.



MISS B'S WEDDING CELEBRATION IN YEAR 1

On 27th July, Miss Bialasinska will be getting married and returning to school in September as Mrs Geobey. In true St Michael's style, we couldn't let Miss B slip away quietly so Year 1 had a special wedding party! All the children donned their 'glad rags' for the day and we dressed Miss B up as the beautiful bride to be. In the afternoon, the wonderful Mr Walters played some live music out on the top field, where we had treats and danced to some of Miss B's favourite songs - straight from the wedding playlist! Miss B even had a special wedding cake to cut and practised her 1st dance with Bungle the Bear from the Rainbow Room (Mr Geobey has nothing to worry about!) We all had a very special day. A message from Miss B to the parents and children of Year 1:



'Thank you so much for all the very special messages and generous gifts - you made my last day at school as Miss B one to remember. Have a wonderful summer and thank you for such an amazing year in school - you all deserve a restful summer!'

If you would like to learn more about Grace Darling and staying safe by water, please see the link below:

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>

Listen to this catchy song and follow the sun safe rules: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fwa49vPr-3I>



YEAR 1 - SCIENCE

Year 1 have had lots of fun in science this term learning all about animals and plants. We have discovered that we have many animal experts and fantastic gardeners here in year one. We really enjoyed planting our cress seeds and kept a diary to record how they changed each week. The children also took their cress pots home every weekend to continue looking after them and one cress pot even went on holiday! Well done to all of our budding gardeners.



Linked to our growing topic we are extremely proud of Theo A from 1D, who has earned a green Blue Peter Badge for his work on caring for nature, the environment and our planet. Well done Theo!



Videos and quizzes can be found via the following links:

For Plants: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd>

For Animals: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv>

[Animals - KS1 Science - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv)

KS1 Science Animals learning resources for adults, children, parents and teachers.

www.bbc.co.uk



HOW TO EARN A BLUE PETER BADGE ...

Why not try to earn yourself a Blue Peter Badge too ... click on the following link.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>



During the summer holidays you might also like to enjoy some gardening activities. Click onto the following link for some really great ideas from the RHS.

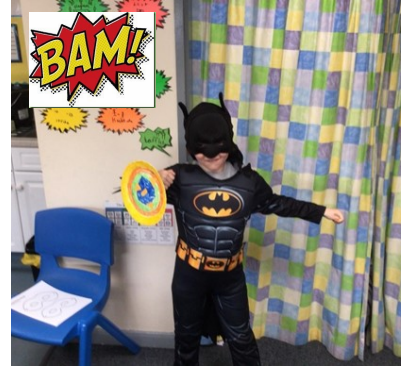
<https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities>

WHAT IS A SUPERHERO?

- A superhero is a fictional character.
- The superheroes we know of today usually have superhuman powers, for example have better senses, are stronger and faster than normal humans.
- Superheroes are courageous and noble. They usually have a colorful name and a special costume.
- Superheroes often have a sad story behind them that leads to them becoming a superhero. Batman's parents were killed in front of him so he dedicated his life to preventing the same thing from happening to other people.

YEAR 2—SUPERHERO DAY

On Monday 12th July, 2J celebrated Superhero Day in school. Everyone looked brilliant dressed up as their favourite superhero character and we were busy being creative all day. We made our very own peg dolls and we were also busy making some of our own superhero shields and masks.



KENYA DAY

On Wednesday 7th July, we celebrated Kenya Day in school. Everyone looked great wearing the colours of the Kenyan flag and thank you for everyone's kind donations. In total, we raised £206.39 which will help buy new tables and chairs at the school we are supporting in Kenya. During the day,



everyone had a great time doing some activities relating to life in Kenya, with a particular highlight

being some of the amazing artwork that children completed. We also had an update from Jeremy at Lichfield Life Church who had sent us some amazing photos showing how the school had grown during the past few years.



The following websites are full of interesting facts about Kenya so if parents and children would like to enhance their knowledge further, please hold down Ctrl and left click on your mouse on the following links.

[https://
www.natgeokids.com
/uk/discover/
geography/
countries/country-
fact-file-kenya/](https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/country-fact-file-kenya/)

[https://www.kids-
world-travel-
guide.com/facts-
about-kenya.html](https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/facts-about-kenya.html)

YEAR 3—USEFUL LINKS

Mediterranean Information Link

<https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key-stage-two/ks2-geography/the-mediterranean/the-mediterranean.html>

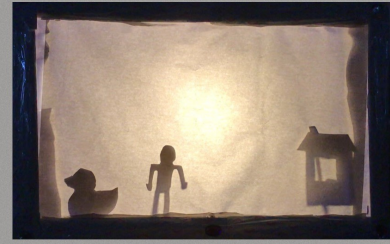
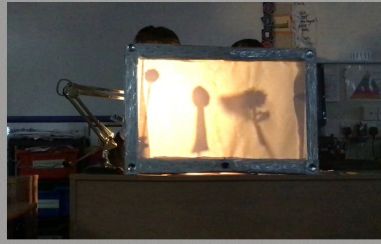
Ancient Greeks Link

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39>

Greek Myths Stories for Kids

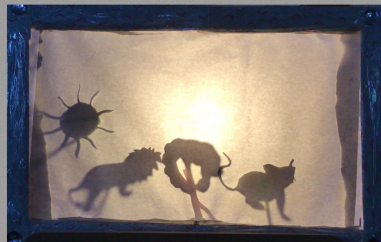
<https://greece.mrdonn.org/myths.html>

YEAR 3— PUPPETS AND PEDDLES!!



Shadow Puppet Shows

As part of our Science learning this half term, year 3 have been learning all about light. We have experimented with transparent, translucent and opaque objects and know that shadows and darkness is the absence of light. To take our new knowledge further, in English we have created our own shadow puppets to tell and perform well-known tales. We had great fun performing these to the rest of the class and had to think carefully about the size and shape of our puppets along with how close or far away they should be from the light source. LIGHTS. CAMERA. ACTION!



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school clapping them off the playground and back to their classrooms. Good luck Year 6 and Mrs Elcock.

We also extend 'Congratulations' to Miss B (who will return in September as Mrs Geobey) and Mr Freeth who are getting married this summer. They've been extremely patient and adapted plans and we wish them every happiness on their special days and for their future lives.

We are all looking forward to September, when school life should be a little 'more normal'. A separate letter will be sent later today outlining our arrangements for September. Whilst most restrictions have now been lifted, our management plan has to be responsive in the event of a local outbreak. We have looked creatively at how we can achieve this in a way where there will be minimal disruption to families.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well, and enjoy the summer break.



Beyond the Chartwells Kitchen: Smoothie Bike Challenge



On Thursday 17th June, 3F were very lucky to be visited by the Smoothie Bike!

Together we discussed what the health benefits are from drinking smoothies and talked about the five pieces of fruit and vegetables recommendation as well as the importance of eating a balanced diet. Next, in our groups, we selected up to four ingredients to go into our smoothie, making sure we thought carefully about the nutrition and flavour combinations of our creation. It was great fun pedalling the bike to power the blender, the drinks tasted **DELICIOUS** and we gave them some creative names too!

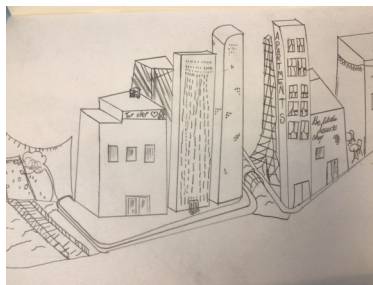
As 3G were isolating, their visit is rescheduled for the final week of term.

YEAR 4 - BRINGING OUR CITIES TO LIFE

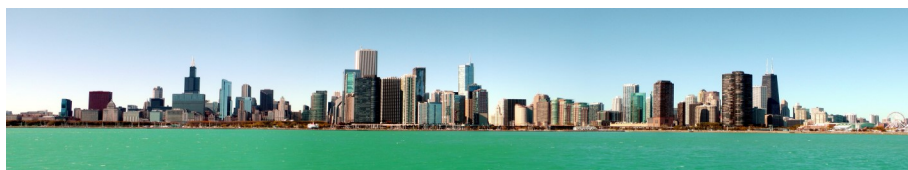
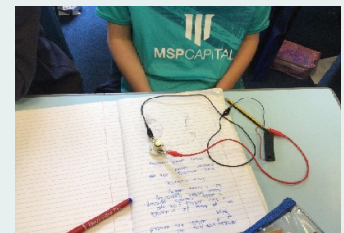
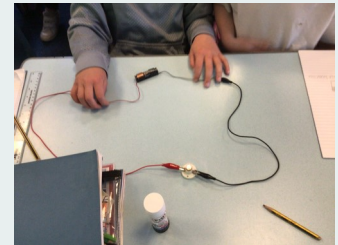
Here are a few things we've done in year 4.

In art we've focused on perspective drawing and drawn cities in a number of ways - pencil sketches and oil pastels.

In science we have made our cities light up by making electric circuits with bulbs and switches. We have tested materials so see if they are insulators or conductors.



ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT WORK





**wildlife
watch**

The Wildlife Trust have put together a range of outdoor related activities for children to complete.

They include mask making templates, colouring, cooking, investigating wildlife and some spotters guide to identify all sorts of wildlife. They are a great way to entertain children away from screens during the Summer holidays.

[https://
www.wildlifewatch.or
g.uk/activities](https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activities)

FOREST SCHOOL

Over the last term, Year 5 have been visiting Forest School to help tidy and improve the area. We cut back bushes and overhanging trees, tidied resources and installed a new bug hotel. We even moved a massive mound of bark that had been donated so the ground is less muddy. By providing a range of habitats, we are trying to encourage a wider variety of bugs and wildlife within our school grounds and are hoping to develop our outside areas further.



YEAR 5 NON-CHRONOLOGICAL REPORTS

Our writing focus this half term has been non-chronological reports and we have discovered what makes a great report. We have researched animals that live in the polar regions and developed our use of vocabulary to interest our reader. Using these writing skills, we have created our own WWII non-chronological reports with everyone in Year 5 choosing and researching their own focus. We have had a wide range of reports on topics such as: Children in the War, The Role of Women in WWII, Important Battles and Dunkirk, Famous Leaders, Vehicles of War and even family histories and stories from great-grandparents' lives during the war.

YEAR 6 - LEAVERS' PERFORMANCE WITH A DIFFERENCE

This year's Leavers' Performance had to be done a little differently and, like most things over the past 18 months, it went remote!! We were sad that we couldn't invite parents into school due to restrictions but were determined to give the children their leavers' performance experience, just in a different way!

Our budding actors took on the roles of various celebrities including Ant and Dec, Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Doctor Who and the Gogglebox stars to name but a few! The performance was recorded and shared with Year 6 parents to enjoy on their own sofas.....Giles



and Mary style!

The children did a super job and we hope this experience will be one of many memories they hold of their time at St Michael's. You will

be missed Year 6 – we wish you all the very best as you start this next exciting chapter at High School!

YEAR 6 - LEAVERS'S SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

We have missed our regular visits to Church this year but were fortunate that, with a lot of planning, our leavers' service could take place. The children participated in a lovely service at Church led by Chris Baker and were presented with a Scripture Union book. The service was live streamed to parents via Zoom. We hope both the children

and parents enjoyed it.

A big thank you to Chris for all his hard work and also to Ruth Bull

and all the other volunteers from Church who had a part in making this happen.



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH—JULY FAMILY PRAISE

You might like to click on the following link to enjoy July's Family Praise Service lead by Revd Linda Collins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3eTJnZr97I>

St Michael's Church Music Group

St Michael's Church music group is looking for more members. If your child would be interested in playing, or you fancy dusting off instruments you perhaps have not played in years, please get in touch with Richard

Brooks richard.brooks@ant-honycollins.com. The group is friendly and the music is not tricky. All group leaders have full DBS checks and operate in accordance with best safeguarding practices.

[Year 6 Leavers' Service](#)



FROM THE PTA

We would like to say an enormous thank you to the retiring PTA committee. Over the last 4 years they have worked incredibly hard putting on brilliant fundraising events (quiz nights, summer fayres, Christmas fayres, chocolate bingo and discos to name a few!) and have raised a fantastic amount of money to help our school and all of its children. The funds they have raised during their time on the committee have been spent on new chrome-books and laptops, which have supported remote learning, new chairs for the school hall and books for the library.

You will be missed as a committee and everyone in the school sends their thanks for your time and enthusiasm to the role.

JOIN THE PTA

If there are any parents interested in becoming part of the PTA team, please contact Stmichaels.pta@hotmail.com. Being part of the PTA team is lots of fun and a really good way to get involved in school life.

PLEASE NAME ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM/BELONGINGS

Thinking about getting organised for September? You can help raise funds for school by simply ordering name tags.

Don't forget to add the school's ID number **30219** before you check out. This can be found at the bottom of the checkout page.

My child's school/university is a member of My NameTags fundraising scheme. School ID: School ID

Thank you for your continued support.

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Please ensure that, before you start/return to school in September, all items of uniform, PE kit and other belongings are clearly named. It is very difficult to reunite unnamed items and if unclaimed they are disposed of at the end of each term.

ORDERING SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform can be purchased from Uniform Plus (01543 414520) and/or White Lodge (01543 250506). You can find lots of information within our document 'Standards and Safety in School' which details information about uniform and other important school practices - this document can be found on our school website.

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SWEATSHIRT inc badge	£3.99
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PINAFORES	£9.99
TROUSERS	£6.99
TIGHTS (twin pack)	£8.99
SOCKS (pair Pack)	£6.99
NAME TAPES (IRON-ON OR SEW-IN)	£4.99
P.E. KIT	
T-SHIRT (CREW NECK)	£3.99
SHORTS	£3.99
PUMPS	£4.99
PUMP BAG	£2.50
BOOK BAG (std)	£4.99
RUCKSACK	£7.99
TAMWORTH STREET LICHFIELD 01543 414520 AVAILABLE ON-LINE WWW.UNIFORMSPLUS.CO.UK	

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WINNING ENTRIES

Colouring Comp ...

Isabella 1M
Charlotte 4AP

Brilliant Bakers ...

Lewis RO
Elise 1M
Rosie-Jo 2J
Archie 3G
Maisie 3G
Dulcie 4L
Amy 4L
Gracie 5JB

Pet Show ...

Freddie RO (Duckie)
Raynee 1M (Reggie)
Phoebe 2H (Waffle)
Lottie 3F (Shirley & Tess)
Rory 4AP (Arlo)
Finley 5H (Buster)
Lucy 6HB (Gus)

Name the Teddy

The teddy's name was Fudge and he went home to Izzy in 5H.

PTA VIRTUAL SUMMER FAYRE

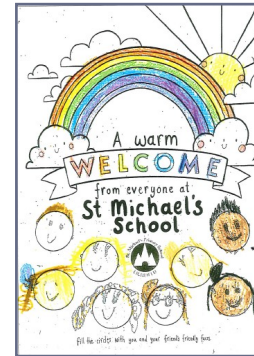
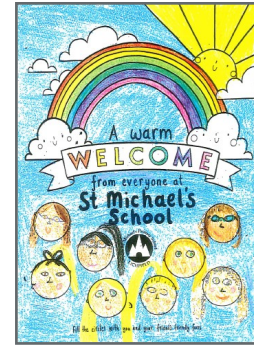
Who in the world would have thought we'd have to hold a 'virtual summer fayre' but we did and, thanks to everyone who supported the event, it was very very successful.

We had lots of fabulous entries to the competitions and we'd like to share some of the winning entries with you.

These beautiful posters will be sent out to our new Reception pupils welcoming them to our school.

Baking brilliance we have some absolutely amazing bakers — look at these delicious creations—beautifully baked and worthy of a place on any baking show.

And it didn't stop there—the Pet Show introduced us to some furry and feathered family members too. What beautiful pets you all have!



Brilliant Baking

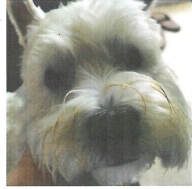


PETS AT HOME

We had some amazing entries to the Pet Show. Here are the winning entries.



Pets on Parade



Our PTA teddy was named Fudge and now lives with Izzy in year 5



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info@Lichfield.foodbank.org.uk

Summer Reading Challenge ...

Over the summer holidays you might like to join in the Summer Reading Challenge.



HOW TO TAKE PART

At your local library

- Visit your local Staffordshire library to sign up for the challenge.
- You will receive a starter pack containing all the items you need to begin your reading adventure - including a pull-out poster and stickers!
- Take out six books and get reading!
- When you have read your books bring them back to your local Staffordshire Library, and collect your completers certificate, medal and bookmark.

Online

- Sign up to the Reading Agency's easy-to-use website and create a profile at www.wildworldheroes.org.uk.
- Children set their own challenge to read any amount of books during the Summer.
- Collect rewards with additional activities and incentives along the way, including online badges, games and videos.
- Children can download a certificate once they have completed the Challenge.



ONLINE ACTIVITIES

There's lots taking place online during the summer too!

- Visit [Facebook/StaffordshireLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/StaffordshireLibraries) for fun creative activities taking place every Wednesday during the summer holidays.
- Check out our Creative Explorers program taking place at [Stafflibrariesculture.wordpress.com/creative-explorers](https://stafflibrariesculture.wordpress.com/creative-explorers)



Click on the link below to find out more the challenge and enjoy a virtual library tour

<https://youtu.be/FFQwEDCP5ig>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 1st September and Thursday 2nd September	INSET DAYS Staff Only	All day
Friday 3rd September	AUTUMN TERM BEGINS	
Friday 22nd October	INSET DAY Staff Only	All day
Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	
Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December	AUTUMN TERM 2 BEGINS	All day
Monday 20th December— Monday 3rd January (inclusive)	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAYS Staff Only	
Wednesday 5th January - Friday 18th February	SPRING TERM BEGINS Children and staff return to school	

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

You can click on the link below for this year's term dates:

<S:\MIS Shared Documents\DOCUMENTS 2020-2021\Term Dates\Term Dates Autumn 2021 to Summer 2022.pdf>