

# St. Michael's C. of E. Primary School

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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“But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.”  
Luke 2:19

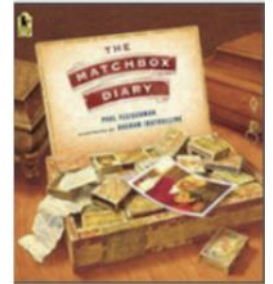


## Connecting with the past

**Week B**

Another week has flown by and I am grateful to my office team who have provided a lot of laughs along the way through some challenges in which I have had meetings pretty much full on, including three consecutive nights.

However, amongst this, I was able to support one of our Y6 children with a little bit of one-to-one tutoring on how to calculate percentages and spent the afternoon on Wednesday teaching 4E. There the focus was on special mementos, and two of the three I shared took me (and them) back over 20 years but like with any significant memories, revisiting them was just like being back there. I felt the children were able to capture this in what they shared with me and then went on to write about.



A really proud moment occurred on Thursday when one of our children who finds school a real challenge at the moment, chose me to share his work with. He had written in detail about the Statue of Liberty, including how the torch was originally planned to act like a lighthouse and in his drawing, had made a point of including her toes having read something about these. I was able to share with him some photographs of my visit there and he was really engaged which sadly to this point has not often been the case. Maybe this will help and shows again the power that engaging with children has.



As I mentioned to the children on Monday as part of “Earth Day” there are some big events coming up in the calendar. Next week is **National Gardening Week** and the Nurture Team have been working hard to involve everyone so expect to see some digging and planting taking place. Thanks also to Mr. Cottis (husband of the late Mrs. Cottis) who has been in helping to prepare some of the ground. Wednesday marks the start of **National Walking Month** – a parent spoke to me about dangerous parking on Maple Avenue again this week so maybe we can all embrace this and park safely away from the gates and walk those few extra steps. I for one will be trying to increase my movement so I’m going to try to walk every lunchtime, round and round the track. Maybe some of your children will join me for a stroll and a chat.

**Andrew Cumpstey**

## The week ahead – Week B

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Breakfast Club 07:45 – 08:45</b> Y3/4 Spotlight club; Y3 Boccia club; Kids with Bricks club; Y1/2 Cricket and Athletics Club
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Breakfast Club 07:45 – 08:45</b> Y4 Boccia club; Choir; Kurling & Boccia Club
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Breakfast Club 07:45 – 08:45</b> Y5 Boccia club; SCS Summer-sports; Yoga & Yoga Dance
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Breakfast Club 07:45 – 08:45</b> Y3 Animal Workshop; Y5/6 Spotlight club; Y6 Boccia club; SCS Gymnastics;
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Breakfast Club 07:45 – 08:45</b> Non-Uniform Day; SCS Football; Tennis

# Achievements



Ruben & Ivy (5BW) spent much of their session in Nurture this week not actually there – clocking up thousands of steps, they proudly delivered these packs to each class so that the teachers and children have all they need to cultivate the sunflower and poppy seeds which will in time hopefully fill the grounds.

Katie (4E) like many children, are enjoying their guitar lessons with Mr. Bartington on Fridays and last week, she passed her Grade 1.



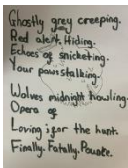
I look forward to hearing her and others play towards the end of the year.



On Saturday 20 April Braintree Division guiding held a handicraft exhibition showcasing 8 individual categories for any Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Leader to take part. The theme of the event was our wonderful world – “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”



Emily, Elena and Summers (6B) entered and all came away with certificates.



Elena has a 1<sup>st</sup> in making recycled jewellery, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in handwriting a poem about an animal.

Summer has 1<sup>st</sup> place with a collage of a Hawksbill turtle, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for recycling a plastic bottle into something new.



Emily placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in recycled jewellery, 2<sup>nd</sup> in recycling a plastic bottle 3<sup>rd</sup> in turning an item of clothing into something useful.



The girls points were added up and with others from the unit gained 1<sup>st</sup> place overall for Guides out of the 8 units in Braintree.

Sophie (4E) was placed in all her 4 entries with a 1<sup>st</sup> in recycled jewellery, 2<sup>nd</sup> in turning a T-shirt into something useful, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place with her cake decorating and plastic bottle craft. While Katie (4E) was placed 1<sup>st</sup> for her poem about turtles and 2<sup>nd</sup> for her recycling poster



Our own Mrs. Mayes won first place in flower arrangements for leaders at the same event.



Congratulations to the whole of  
**Thompson**  
who won this week's  
House Point competition.  
**Lois Worboys & Hanna Guthrie**  
proudly collected the trophy on behalf of  
their whole team

**SCHOOL DISCO**

**FRIDAY 3RD MAY**

RECEPTION & KS1  
3:30 - 4:45PM  
KS2 5:00 - 6:15PM

TICKETS £3 EACH  
INCLUDES A DRINK AND SNACK  
AVAILABLE VIA PARENTMAIL

PLEASE DO NOT BRING HEELYS,  
MOBILE PHONES OR SMARTWATCHES

**NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY!**

**FRIDAY 3RD MAY**

Wear What You Want to school in exchange for an item from a colour from the rainbow!

All items must be new and in date and no perishable items please.

Reception - Pink  
Year 1 - Purple  
Year 2 - Blue  
Year 3 - Green  
Year 4 - yellow  
Year 5 - Orange  
Year 6 - Red

These will be raffled off in beautiful coloured hampers!

Thank you for your support as always!

The Friends of St Michael's School

**DIY SOS**

**ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!**  
**SATURDAY 11TH MAY 12PM ONWARDS**

Can you spare a day helping out the school?  
There will be a variety of things to help out and do from sweeping, trimming hedges, painting, fixing fences etc the list is endless!  
So whatever your skills we will be really grateful for your time!  
FOSM will be on hand with refreshments!  
Please let us know if you are coming to join us via ParentMail!

What have we spent money on this week:

We bought **£25.94** worth of tennis balls and some soft balls for playground 2



We contributed **£5.63** towards library supplies (balloons etc) to mark its re-opening.

Thank you to all of you who supported us with our Pre-loved Uniform giveaway and our very first "Sweet Treat Friday".

HOW DOUGH-LIGHTFUL!  
FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

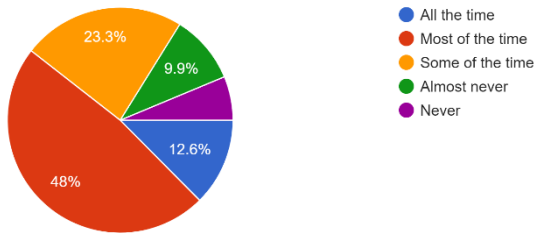
**Sweet Treat Friday Doughnuts!**

50p a doughnut  
Find us outside the FOSM shed after school!  
GF and alternatives will be available

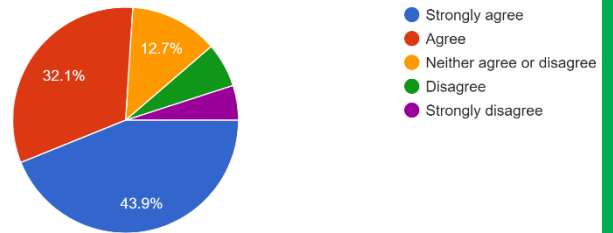
# Notices

This week, the children have all completed a survey asking them their views on a range of issues about life in school. Some of the results:

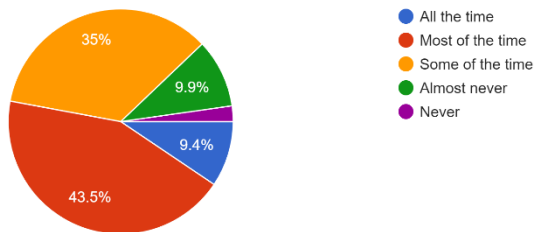
I enjoy school  
223 responses



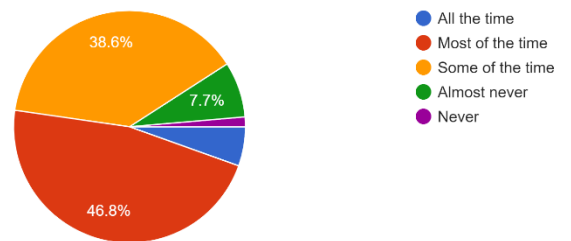
There is an adult in the school I can talk to if something is worrying me  
221 responses



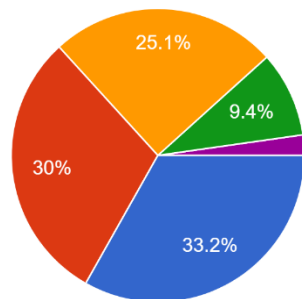
The behaviour of the other pupils in my lessons is good  
223 responses



The behaviour of the other pupils around the school is good  
220 responses

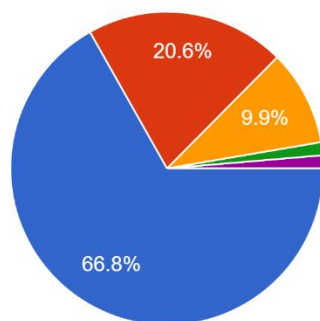


Is bullying a problem at school?  
223 responses



- It doesn't happen
- It happens and the staff are really good at resolving it, if they know about it
- It happens and the staff are good at resolving it, if they know about it
- It happens and the staff are not good at resolving it, if they know about it
- It happens and the staff do nothing about it, if they know about it

My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally  
223 responses



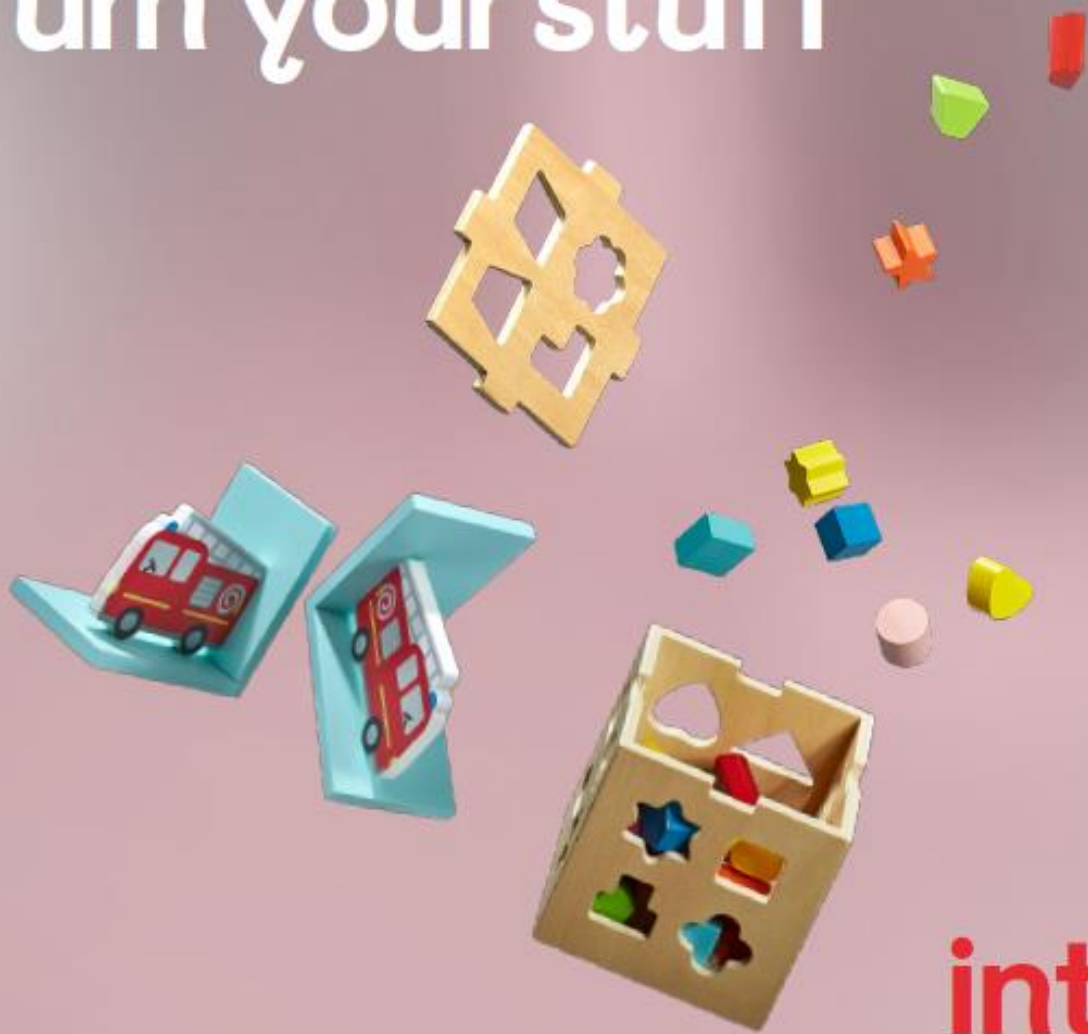
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

We are pleased that the children were able to complete this honestly to give us a picture of how they find school, which was overall positive. Staff will be continuing to work on the areas which still require attention to ensure the school is as good as it can be for each and every child.



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