



St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

Summer Term News

Week ending 28th April 2017



Mr Mallon



A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.
Henry Brooks Adams

We were deeply saddened to learn of Mr Mallon's death in the first days of this new term. Mr Mallon was such a kind and caring person and the messages that have been sent to the school, visitors we have received, and stories we have heard from his many years in teaching have truly shown the difference he has made to so many people's lives. He represented all that is good about our school and contributed so much in the 18 years he was both a teacher and Headteacher at St. Michael's.

Mr Mallon will be remembered for many things: certainly for the sharpness of his intellect; his sense of humour; the generosity of his spirit and for his unquestionable dedication to our school. Mr Mallon knew every single child. He cared about them all by showing them love and kindness. He was a calm, patient and positive person respected by pupils both past and present.

Mr Mallon was a compassionate man who always worked hard to do the right thing. Education has changed in many ways over the years, but he always ensured that the best interests of

St Michael's children came first. He valued his position as keeper and guardian of our school and continued the good work of our wonderful past Heads with thoughtfulness and integrity. Mr Mallon always made time for his staff and recognised their significant contribution to the success of St. Michael's. He celebrated their efforts and guided them daily. He will be remembered fondly for all he did for them.

Mr Mallon understood the importance of strong community links and supported numerous events organised in our local area. He brought our school into the Welwyn Hatfield Sports Partnership and also became a Headteacher Advocate, advising other schools in the most effective use of the Primary PE and Sport Premium. It was a proud moment when Mr Mallon visited the House of Lords with Baroness Campbell, to talk about St. Michael's and his passion for sport in schools. He made sure that our small school was known, supported and admired by everybody who he met. The significance of this approach has been evident in the outpouring of affection shown by people in the community far and wide.

The best testimonial for any teacher is the children they send off into the world, and year after year Mr Mallon encouraged those in his care to enjoy their studies and to use their faith and strong values to grow as individuals. He nurtured St Michael's pupils to become passionate about learning, confident and independent-minded, and the best they can be.

Our St Michael's school family has lost a valued Headteacher, colleague and friend. He was a beautiful soul and true gentleman.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this sad time.



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There are many words to express the love and respect we felt for Mr Mallon and in school we are remembering him in the following ways.

Book of Condolence

We have a book of condolence in school. This is open to all who knew Mr Mallon. Please contact the school office if you would like to record your thoughts.

Memories

We will be inviting the children, if they wish, to record memories they have of Mr Mallon and to post these into a school memory jar.

Donations

Please see the separate letter from the Diocese with details for any families wishing to make a donation in Mr Mallon's memory.

Collective Worship

Coping with loss is difficult for children and adults alike and our recent Collective Worship led by Rev. Lucy Dallas was so touching that we wanted to share her reading with you.

What is dying?

A ship sails and I stand watching till she fades on the horizon, and someone at my side says, "She is gone".

Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all: she is just as large as when I saw her... the diminished size and total loss of sight is in me, not in her, and just at the moment when someone at my side says "she is gone", there are others who are watching her coming, and other voices take up the glad shout, "there she comes!"... and that is dying.

Bishop Charles Henry Brent



Our value for the month of April is "Hope".
"Let us, who were first to hope in the Lord,
praise God's glory!"
John 3:16

News from classes:

Year 3 Swimming

Redwood class have swimming lessons this term every Friday afternoon. Water confidence is very important for all children and it has been good to hear how much they are enjoying these sessions.

Year 4 Tennis

Gracie, Joe, Freddie, Emily, Joshua, Tom, Jayla and Emma represented the school at a Monk's Walk family tennis competition last week. The standard of play was very high and our doubles pairs were proud of their performance against some stiff opposition. Well done team!

Reception

This week we have been learning all about healthy eating and so read the story Oliver's Fruit Salad. We thought about all the different fruits that Oliver bought and then we even made our own fruit salad. Afterwards we wrote a list of ingredients and then how we made the fruit salad. Here is a picture of some of us making the fruit salad.

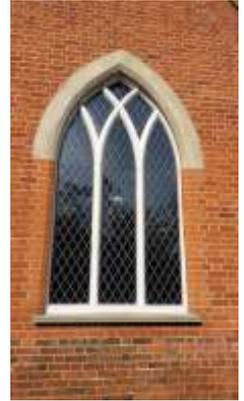


PE lessons:

Pupils in years 1-6 are having cricket coaching on a Thursday. St. Michael's pupils are participating in the 'Chance To Shine' national mission to spread the power of cricket throughout schools and communities.

Buildings

You may have noticed that our wonderful arch window to the old building has been beautifully restored in the Easter holidays. This has given additional light through to Oak Class and will retain the aesthetics of the building for years to come. Our thanks go to all involved in this project.



What's On:

1 st May	Bank Holiday
4 th May	PGL Meeting (Year 6) 5:30pm
8 th -11 th May	SATs Week (Year 6)
12 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED Funeral
18 th May	Cherry Class Y2 Assembly 2:45pm
25 th May	Willow Class Y1 Assembly, 2:45pm
24-26 th May	Year 6 Residential Trip (PGL)

Well done to the following children who were in Good Work Assembly this week.

Sycamore Class (Rec)

Veda and Aiden - writing about healthy food

Cherry Class (Year 2)

Keira and Lucas - alien poems

Redwood Class (Year 3)

Marcus - springtime haiku.

Elm Class (Year 4)

Jayla and Joshua - writing about animals and their habitats.

Beech Class (Year 5)

Shae - an explanation of the water cycle.