



St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

Summer Term News

Week ending 7th July



Our value for the month of June is
"Appreciation".

I sing a hymn of thanksgiving and tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalms 26:7

Fairlands Fun



Year 5 had a fantastic day out at Fairlands Valley Park. We had an action packed day: In the morning the children had the opportunity to walk the 'high ropes', climb up the climbing wall and race down the hill in go karts. In the afternoon they built their own rafts and they ventured out onto the lake - some got wetter than others and a lot of fun was had by all.

Whipsnade Adventures



Cherry Class had a wonderful time at Whipsnade Zoo. We enjoyed looking at different animals, had a lovely train ride around the park and listened to some fascinating talks about Lemurs and Birds.

High notes



Harriet Phoebe Izzy William

Year 5 pupils were treated to a live performance of some examination pieces played by their classmates last week. We were so impressed by their talent and the dedication required to pass music exams!

Setting a trend



Yet another one of our kind-hearted pupils has put others first by donating their hair and raising money for charity. Ella from Elm class had a hair chop for charity on Friday. She has had 10 inches (!!) cut off for The Little Princess

Trust who make wigs for children who lose their hair and also raised £480 (and still counting), for Breast Cancer Care. We are very proud, and pleased that she has helped two very worthwhile charities in the process. Ella looks ready for summer with her beautiful new hairstyle!



Mallon Challenge



On Wednesday each school from the Monk's Walk Sports Family provided one or two players to join together to create a 'Super Team'. Events were held in athletics, football, hockey and netball and matches were played between Team

Monk's Walk, Onslow, Stanborough and Sir Fred's. Mr Williams coordinated the event (which is now to become known as the Mallon Challenge) with the help of the other Sports Coordinators from our local secondary schools. Well done to all of our players, particularly to Thomas and Dylan as the hockey team came first in their section.

Sycamore lead the school

Here are some of the pictures from Sycamore's wonderful assembly.





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They taught us everything they knew about minibeasts, including the names of the minibeast, a fact about them and they even performed a song all about the life-cycle of a butterfly. Key Stage 2 pupils and The Reception parents then joined in - marvellous!

Class news

Elm

Year 4 spent Friday morning at Monk's Walk school participating in their own Commonwealth Games! The children enjoyed a variety of sports and the opportunity to meet Year 4s from many of our local primaries. As always, our children played with determination and smiles on their faces!

Redwood



Year 3's magical world of Harry Potter has reached a final stage with the completion of their magic wands! The children have been very excited acting out plays and coming up with a range of scenarios during which their wands and spells have needed to be used.

Classes for September 2017

Sycamore	Miss Tobin
Willow	Miss Dean
Cherry	Mrs Bokmans
Redwood	Mrs Renoef/Mrs Wadey
Elm	Miss Prentice/ Mrs Cox
Beech	Mrs Woods
Oak	Mrs Leake/ Mrs Fekete

As you can see we have a new member of staff joining us to work in Oak and we would like to welcome Mrs Fekete to the St. Michael's team. Our wonderful Teaching Assistants will be working in a range of classes with whole class, group and 1:1 support.

Transition

Our annual transition day is on Thursday 13th July. Children will **register in their usual classrooms** before attending an assembly from which they will leave with their new teachers. They will spend the day getting to know their way around their new setting, staff who will be working with them and a few routines and expectations. They will return to **their usual classroom at the end of the day for collection.**

We know that transition is tricky for all pupils (and staff!) and we also want to include parents in a smooth start in September and so we will be holding Parent Meetings in the first few weeks of term so that the teachers and parents can introduce themselves, staff can run through what happens in their year group and parents can ask any questions at this 'getting to know you' stage.

Office news

Starter kits

The Office have ordered stationery sets for September which comprise of the pencil case, pen, rubber, sharpener, glue and ruler that pupils in Years 4-6 will need for September. They will also provide colouring pens and pencils but these will not be put in the cases due to lack of space! If you would like to pre order one of these for your child the cost is £4 for Yr4-Yr6 and £3.50 for Year 3. Items will be named and ready in pupil trays for their first day in their new class!

We have opted for this system to ensure that all children have the same essential items for school and children no longer bring cumbersome pencil cases to school on a daily basis.

Local Charity

Your Tesco blue tokens (at the Stevenage branches of the store) can now be donated to the SPACE group. This is a charity supporting parents/carers of children and young people on the Autistic Spectrum, with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity (ADHD) and Related Conditions which offers support to our families and those in our community.



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A message from the Church Warden

At long last we are about to begin work on the church roof. This project should take about six weeks and I should be most grateful if you would discourage your children from entering the church yard during this time.

The building work is supervised by a health and safety officer, and should not present hazards, but it would be terrible if something went wrong, and an accident occurred.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Have a lovely summer.

PLEASE HELP - Sycamore Class (Reception) are looking for lots of new toys and resources to make their classroom even better. So if you have anything that you think maybe suitable for Sycamore please see Miss Tobin. Currently we are looking for the following; Calculators, bikes and scooters, toy cars, sand moulds, Barbies and Barbie clothes, baby dolls and clothes, Cosy Coupes (red and yellow cars), water and sand toys, pots and pans, a Wendy house, a real kitchen sink and real car tyres. Many thanks in advance, Miss Tobin

Good Work Assembly

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

Willow

Zach	Great use of connectives
Ellena	Beautiful handwriting
Tabby	Lovely descriptive writing

Redwood

Emily	} All of these children created amazing pieces of artwork in the style of Karla Gerard
Niamh	
Poppy	

Oak

Peter	}
Layla	

What's On

13.7.2017	Transition Day (all classes)
14.7.2017	Year 5 Gold Coast Games
18.7.2017	Music Assembly 9.15am
18.7.2017	1.30pm Yr5/6 Production performance to parents
19.7.2017	Choir to sing at Knebworth luncheon club.
19.7.2017	6pm Yr5/6 Production performance to parents
20.7.2017	6-7.30pm Leaver's Disco @ Village Hall
21.7.2017	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9.15am
21.7.2017	END OF TERM 1.30pm