



St. Michael's Times

February 2024

Grandparents' Day

On Tuesday, 23rd January and Wednesday, 24th January, we celebrated Grandparents' Day.

Grandparents of some pupils visited the school, spent time in their grandchild's classroom with a cup of tea and of course, something sweet!

The classes really enjoyed meeting the grandparents and listening to their stories. It was a lovely experience for all.



Catholic Schools Week 2024

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week from 22nd - 26th January. The pupils participated in activities each day based on the following themes:

Service in Our Community of Friends

Service in Our School Community

Service in Our Family Community

Service in Our Local Community

Service in Our Faith Community

As part of our Catholic Schools Week assembly, Ms. Ibs' 5th class pupils read out the prayers they wrote during the week and the whole school sang two songs together, 'We Sing a Song to Brigid' and 'Thank You My Lord'.



Green Schools

The Green Team and our school community have been busy as we near the end of work for our Travel Flag. The committee have completed surveys and are currently running a travel to school initiative for the month of February called 'Walk on Wednesday' and 'Physical Friday'. The aim is to encourage everyone to walk, cycle or scoot to school across six dates in February and March. The Green Team will log how many people in their class walked, cycled or scooted to school and the class with the highest percentage of participants at the end of the six days win a prize.



The Green Team will be meeting the Environmental Officer with Meath County Council after our mid-term break to complete an environmental audit. The Green Team would like to thank everyone in our school community for all their cooperation and help with our Green Flag application.





Eason's Spelling Bee Competition

Sixty 5th and 6th class pupils participated in our in-school Spelling Bee Competition. Dylan Keane, in 5th class, was crowned our School Spelling Bee Champion. He will represent St. Michael's in the Eason Spelling Bee Competition County Finals. Well done to all who participated and congratulations to Dylan!

Book Sale

We held a second hand book sale in the school on Thursday, 8th February. Ms. Burke's 6th class pupils organised and managed this fundraiser. Pupils had the opportunity to purchase some fantastic books by Julia Donaldson, David Walliams and Roald Dahl, to name but a few, at only 1—2 euros a book! Thank you to all who donated and purchased books. We raised €704 which will be used to purchase new boardgames for all classes.



Anti-Bullying Week 2024

We celebrated Anti-Bullying Week in St. Michael's from 29th January - 2nd February. All week, the student council made announcements on the intercom about the pupils' activities. Pupils watched videos, participated in anti-bullying discussions, completed art activities and played games.



We finished the week off with an anti-bullying themed assembly. In this assembly, Ms. Metcalfe's 2nd class pupils said a rap, recited a poem and gave really good advice to their peers about what to do if they experience bullying in any form. Our 6th class pupils also recited a poem. All winners of the anti-bullying poster competition presented their winning posters and explained the messages their posters portrayed. It was a very informative assembly, enjoyed by all.



Confirmation

Congratulations to all of the pupils who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, January 26th. Thank you to Bishop Deenihan and Fr. Paul who conferred the Holy Spirit on the children. Thank you to all the teachers for preparing their pupils so well for this very special day. Thank you also, to Barbara Clarke, SNA in St. Michael's, for the beautiful singing on the day.



30 Days of Positivity

All pupils have taken on the 30 Days of Positivity Challenge as part of our wellbeing journey in St. Michael's. Pupils have been completing positive tasks such as drawing a super hero portrait of themselves, discussing people who inspire them, giving compliments to others and offering to help others. At the end of the 30 days, pupils will receive a certificate of congratulations for all their positive work.



Super Work Displays in St. Michael's



Well done to all pupils who have received Student of the Week certificates or have had their work chosen for display on our Good Work Wall so far this term.



Dates for your Diary

- Internet Safety Workshop (6th Class): February 20th, 2024
- Super Savers Club: February 20th, 2024
- First Confession: February 28th, 2024
- Wellbeing Day: March 1st, 2024
- FAI Schools Primary 5's Competition: March 1st, 2024
- Seachtain na Gaeilge: 11th - 15th March, 2024

