

The M Paper

Written by the pupils and staff at Michaelchurch Escley Primary School

Wednesday 16th May 2018

Attendance

Last week we were reviewing our school attendance and punctuality data. As a school we are committed to providing an education of the highest quality and we recognise this can only be achieved by supporting and promoting excellent school attendance.

National Overall Average = 96%

School Overall Average = 94.94% (this is LOWEST it has ever been)

Autumn Term = 95.70%

Spring Term = 95.37%

As you can see we have **dipped again** this half term and is now significantly below the national average with the trend going down. I am aware there has been a lot of unavoidable sickness in the last few weeks which has hopefully now passed. With us all working together, we can hopefully bring our attendance figures up again before the end of the year.

Sundays at the Spinney-Date Change

May's "Sundays at the Spinney" is moving to Friday 25th, after school. Tim will be running a really cool workshop all about moths. And there'll be a campfire, sausages, marshmallows etc. Come along for 2.45 til 4pm, £2pp. Kids - please make sure a grown-up accompanies you.



Gold Awards



George P: For his amazing constellation picture

Orlie: For being kind and thoughtful

Hazel: For showing great team work when mummifying a fish

Alice: For always listening and following instructions

Year 6: For amazing work during SATS

Theo: For his enthusiasm for cricket and athletics

Mrs Lane's Gold Award: Tallulah, for finding lots of different ways 12 m of fencing can be used in maths



Bay to Hay

On Tuesday 22nd May we are honoured to be part of the Bay to Hay event which involves several local schools. It is the brainchild of a head teacher from St Joseph's RC Primary School in Penarth. The plan is to carry a baton, modelled on the Olympic torch, from St Joseph's to the Hay Festival. Inside the baton will be letters from the participating schools urging the government and the United Nations to push forward with their goal to ensure that good quality, safe and effective education is available to everyone throughout the world.

The baton will be transported by a relay of schools walking the route all the way from Cardiff Bay to Hay on Wye. As we are the most remote school and have the longest stage, we will be riding the route by mountain bike from Michaelchurch to Craswall then on over the flanks of Hay Bluff and down to Hay on Wye County Primary School, a distance of around 16km. The trip will be guided Mr Crocker (a qualified Mountain Bike Leader).

We wish them luck and we will tell you more about it after the event.

Spoon Carving Workshop

9th June and
22nd September

All day workshop where you will learn the craft of axe, knife and crook knife. Covered area available if it rains in a lovely woodland setting. Includes lunch and beverages, tuition, materials and tools. Price £75



As recommended by The Sunday Times

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DIARY DATES-see website for more details

Thurs 17th May	Sapling Class Assembly 2.15pm
Mon 14th-Fri 18th May	SATS Week (Year 6)
Tues 22nd May	Bay to Hay (more details to follow)
Fri 25th May	Sundays at the Spinney session after school
28th May-1st June	HALF TERM
Wed 20th-Fri 22nd June	Year 5 and 6 Residential-Abernant Lake Hotel
Sun 24th June	Sunday at the Spinney 10am
Tues 26th June	Sports Afternoon 1pm-2.40pm
Wed 27th June	Reserve Sports Afternoon 1pm-2.40pm
Tues 10th July	Informal Parent's evening 2.45-5pm
Tues 17th July	Oak Class performance 6-7pm
Wed 18th July	Oak Class performance Reserve date 6-7pm
Fri 20th July	Leaver's Assembly 1.30-2.30pm LAST DAY OF TERM