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It has been so good to welcome our families and our team back to St. Michael's this term, to enjoy the social aspect particular - it has been overwhelming to watch children reunite and to hear the nursery busy once again.

We are so proud of our team who worked throughout to offer a continued service, initially to

keyworkers' children and vulnerable children - adapting to every new change and still smiling!

As we head into the winter, and now a second lockdown, we thank families who are all following procedure when children have a symptom which requires a response - we know this is not easy for any of you, but thank you for understanding and caring .



We will be open as usual throughout this next stage and all children are welcome to attend as normal, and we are here to support families who experience any changes during this time. Updated procedures will be coming out early next week when we have

clarification of any finer details from Department for Education.

Over the past few months some of our team were at home and found this a time to reflect on family life . We are sorry to say goodbye to Kerry and Emma (Spider) who have both taken this time to move into the field of primary school education and enjoy hours which fit in around their own families. Kerry and Emma have been part of St. Michael's for 17 and 15 years respectively and will be missed by us all,



but we wish them good luck and thank you for everything you have brought to St. Michael's . We also say goodbye to Megan, who has been studying towards her Level III childcare through apprenticeship and has now chosen in career path .

Congratulations to Amy who has completed her apprenticeship studies, working towards Level III Early Years Educator - we are proud of you achieving this in unusual times Amy!

We also have staff who have renewed their Paediatric First Aid with Aquarius Training in half term , an interesting approach to the course with covid safe practice - well done everyone !

Are you taking part in the Monster 'Make Off' Challenge? The deadline for your monster picture has been extended to Wednesday 18th November. We can't wait to see all the entries – they will be judged on our Facebook page!

St. Michael's Monster 'Make Off' Challenge!

Make a monster using household objects – 2D craft, 3D junk recycled materials or even using pots & pans!

Join in the fun & email us a photo of your monster (without your child's face so we can use it on our Facebook page)

Please send your photo to:

monstermakeoff@stmichaels-nursery.org

£1.00 to enter

0-3 Years

Over 3 years

Closes Friday 13th November 10am

Look out on our Facebook page for judging!

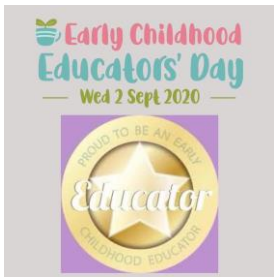


Dates for your diary

Funding for term time only children will end on Friday 18th December and restart 4th January 2021

Nursery will close at 6pm on Weds 23rd December and reopen on Monday 4th January 2021





A huge THANK YOU to our team at St. Michael's Nursery who have been amazing and inspiring during these strange and challenging times★

Happy Childhood Educators' Day to our team



St. Michael's Day 2020

For many, many years we have celebrated St. Michael's Day and nothing was going to stop us this year! The tradition continued where the children sat down to watch Sarah & Katie's annual puppet show. We were blessed with beautiful weather so there was plenty of space for the dragon to spring up on everyone and try and take the Angel's beautiful garden for himself. Thank goodness St. Michael was there to save the day!



Thank you to the talented Emma Hedge for making us a very special cake. Children even enjoyed their own individual cake for a picnic afterwards.



Happy Grandparents' Day 2020



4th October was National Grandparents' Day. We all know just how important our extended family are and our team have shared



here pictures of happy memories, their own grandchildren and their children with their grandparents too!

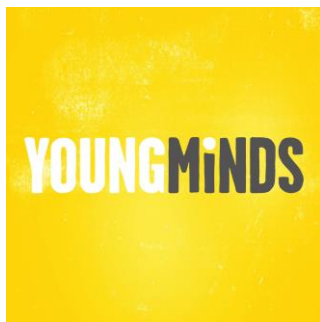


We are so proud of Zoe who ran the London Virtual Marathon on 4th October ...raising funds for Clic Sargent (a charity dear to our heart). Well done Zoe!



Congratulations and thank you to Katie for bringing good fun and outdoor adventures to St. Michael's Nursery for 21 years....happy Nursery Anniversary Katie Fox !

YOUNGMINDS



We are very much focusing on children's emotional well-being at nursery. We provide a calming environment for little ones to feel safe and secure. Every room enjoys lots of stories, rhymes and singing. Our team are always on hand to offer lots of encouragement, praise and opportunities to play inside &

out.

On Friday 9th October we were invited to wear yellow to support the 'Young Minds' campaign'.

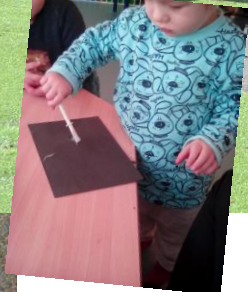


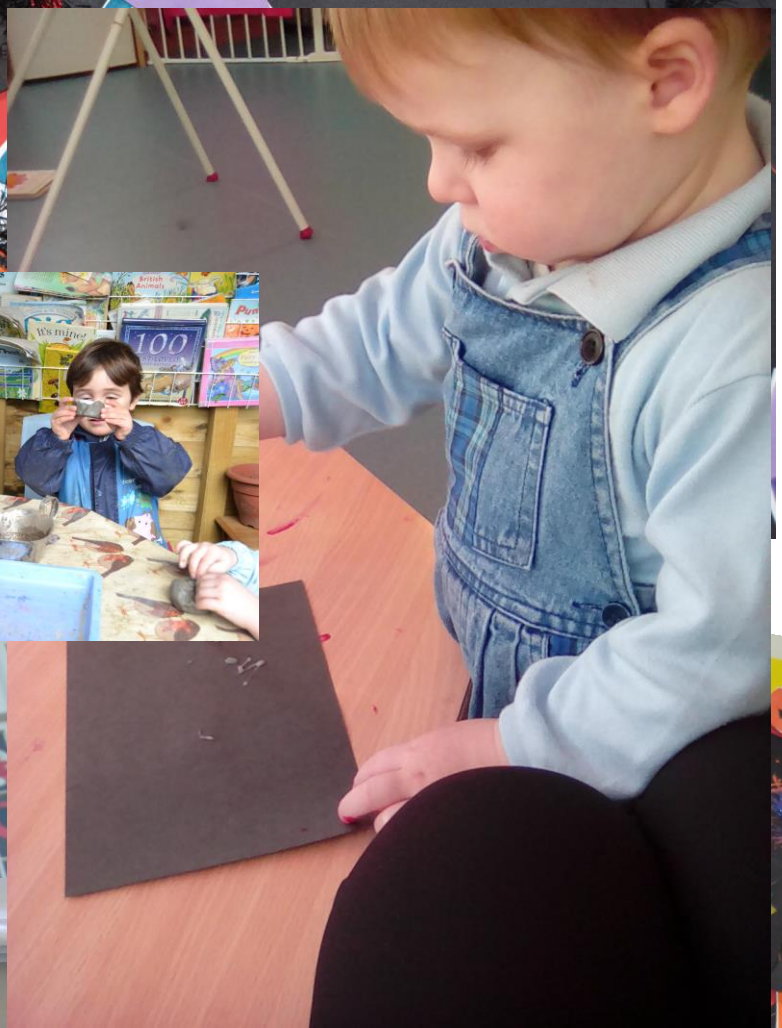
Wild Hygge in the Woodland

We practice 'Hygge' in nursery which is a Danish term to describe a feeling of cosiness, contentment & enjoying the moment. We have a beautiful woodland area where we offer 'Wild

Hygge' - we learn all about wildlife, plants, vegetables and nature. The Kindergarten children even have their own Forest name!







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ECO-HEROES - NEWS



St. Michael's Nursery

Winnie Butter-Jelly has a gorgeous new hutch complete with a ramp below into an exercise run. She also has a new exercise run for the garden so that she can enjoy fresh grass up by the woodland area.

All classrooms and communal areas have recycling boxes so that we can recycle paper, cardboard, glass, tin & certain plastics. Within the next couple of weeks, we will be forming a new Eco-committee. In the mean time, please continue to send us pictures of your litter picking and recycling efforts at home! You can even send us a message direct to our website.....

<https://www.stmichaels-nursery.org/get-involved>



1.4 MILLION wearable school uniforms are thrown away each year



Nearly half of parents don't want their children wearing second-hand clothing



Half of families own items of clothing they have never worn



www.mynametags.com



Keys to emotional well-being



Christmas is Coming....

We are planning some very special activities with the children, plenty of festive fun and our traditions will have a tweak to ensure they are covid safe....

Christmas Post

The children will have their own post box in our entrance area, from the 1st December with last collection date of 11th December. The mail will then be kept safe for a week before our elves deliver the post to the children in the nursery to bring home. Look out for an email soon!

Christmas Jumpers – Not a fundraiser - just for fun!!

We love this event but with so much washing to do at the moment we have designated dates to ensure that every child gets a chance to wear their Christmas jumper the same day as their friends!

Tues 1 st Dec

Mon 7 th Dec

Thurs 17 th Dec

Weds 3 rd Dec



Father Christmas Visits

We have just heard from Father Christmas that he will be calling in to see the children on Thursday 17th December! His reindeer are rested and ready for their flight to North Devon!

Because he prefers colder weather, Father Christmas will be visiting us in the garden and children will be able to give him a wave and sing to him from a safe distance and he will leave a sack for each group to share– how exciting!

If your child will be in, please could you wrap a small gift (to the value of no more than £5.00) for your own child, clearly labelled and hand to a member of our team discretely (please avoid sweets and chocolate)

Please ensure your present is handed in by Monday 7th December latest, these will then be stored and left untouched until the Big Day.

This year, sadly, we are unable to invite parents or children who do not attend on that day, to join us. However we will capture the moments & put the photos on our digital screen



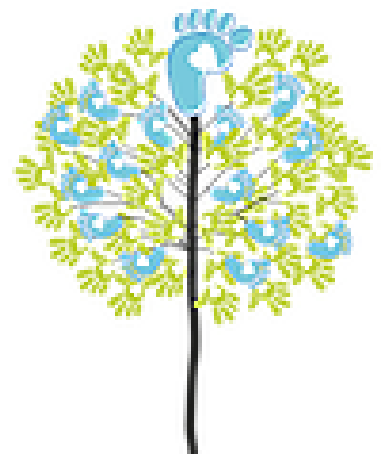
Christmas Advent Box

Instead of the Christmas Shoeboxes this year, we would like to invite you to help us collect much needed provisions for the North Devon Foodbank.

From 1st – 18 th December we will have collection boxes under our pram shelter if you would like to contribute a tin or two....

DRIED MILK
INSTANT MASH POTATO
LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
RICE PUDDING
TOILETRIES
CEREALS
TINNED TOMATOES
PASTA
PASTA SAUCE
TINNED FISH
HAM
SPAM

CORNED BEEF
CHOPPED PORK
BISCUITS
TEA BAGS
SOUP
SPONGE PUDDING
(TINNED)
SUGAR
TOILET ROLL





Symptoms checker



Only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to get tested –

- A high temperature
- OR new, continuous cough
- OR loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Visit 111.nhs.uk/covid-19 if you're not sure.

Symptoms	COVID-19		
	Mild to severe	Cold	Flu
		Gradual onset	Rapid onset
Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
New cough	Common (usually dry and continuous)	Sometimes	Common (usually dry)
Recent loss or change to sense of taste or smell	Common	Rare	No
Fatigue	Sometimes (common in children)	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare (sometimes for children)	No	Sometimes (for children)
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Do it for your **FamilySchoolDevon**

Protect your child from flu

Parents must complete an online consent form for their child to get the flu nasal spray

All primary school and year 7 children will be sent a link to the online consent form from their school

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray

If your child is aged 2 to 3, or has a long-term condition, like asthma or diabetes, contact your GP for a vaccination

Protect your child and those around them. Get the flu vaccine

<https://schoolmms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon> | 0300 247 0082






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