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There has been so much fun and laughter around nursery in May and so much of this has been outside in the fresh air and sunshine .....nothing better than Vitamin D and a dose of Vitamin N (nature) !



Thank you to Katie for coordinating Five Things Wild fortnight for Kindergarten children, learning new skills and building on their knowledge about nature. Prior to this the children were learning about People Who Help Us, as part of our life-skills programme in readiness for the big wide world. Coming up this summer ... Pirates , Dinosaurs and Superheroes themes too, building on the interests of the children

It has been lovely to see Butterflies enjoying our newly enhanced Woodland play area, where tree stumps become paint easels, and the camp circle becomes ramps for trucks and cars. A snail ventured out to meet the Dragonfly children and happily sat on children's hands while they observed the little creature who came to play.



Kindergarten Transition to School reports are in the final stage of completion and the team will be making arrangements to share these with you in coming weeks. It is exciting to see the first of our Kindergarten go along to see their schools this week, or having virtual meetings with their new teachers. We have enjoyed chatting to the Reception teachers who are looking forward to their intake from St. Michael's. The School Leavers' group photo is a delight, thank you to Jayne Poole photography for making this great fun to put together.

Our congratulations to Amy and Ross on the safe arrival of their daughter, we are delighted to hear your good news!

We have a selection of Leavers' T-shirts ready for our Kindergarten children leaving for big school this September. We also have a number of St. Michael's hoodies and jumpers available. Please contact us or speak to a member of staff to order one. Samples available to see at nursery.

### Price List:

Leavers' Tshirt £9.50 size 3-4 year olds and 5-6 year olds ..

**Regular uniform, limited stock available at 2020 prices;**

Blue crew neck sweatshirt £9.00

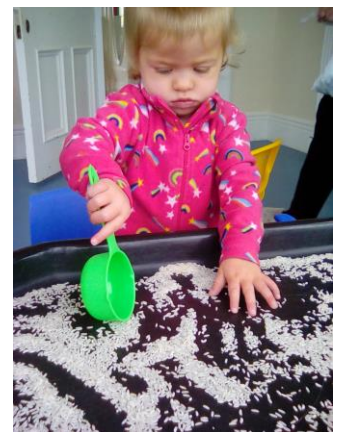
Blue Hoodie £12.00

Blue T shirt £8.00





# LADYBIRDS & BUTTERFLIES





Ladybirds have been getting creative and exploring the paint. Their Spring time display board is looking colourful but not as colourful as our hands and faces when using the paint brushes!!

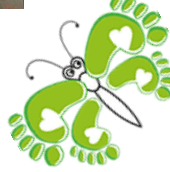
It's lovely having our own little garden straight outside of the playroom. We have been spending lots of time outside and choosing what to play with.

Butterflies have continued with the 'Spring' theme and have used lots of colour paint to print butterflies. This week we have been recycling bubble wrap to print honeycomb & gluing paper bees.

We've welcomed some children from Ladybirds and we are so proud at how well they have settled.



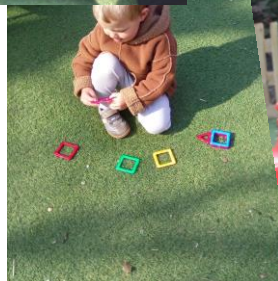
## DRAGONFLIES



Take a look at these colourful large scale murals the Dragonfly children have created. We just love the freedom of expression, the colour mixing and the skills that the children are developing exploring ways to apply the paint with brushes.



We are so lucky to be able to spill out onto the large lawn area and enjoy the freedom to play but also enjoy a snack with friends.





# KINDERGARTEN - LIFE SKILLS



Every year in May, we run a fortnight programme for Kindergarten children. Although a little different this year with the restrictions on visitors including the emergency services, the children didn't miss out on a fun packed fortnight of bush craft, forest fun, fables & team building games.

For a whole three weeks prior to Life Skills, the team covered the topic 'People Who Help Us' by turning the role play area into a hospital, bandaging their friends, learning what goes in a first aid kit, learning about the dentist, healthy eating and listening to stories and information books.



The Five Things Wild Tracker Fortnight including fun themes and activities including making an eco-m in a bottle, system making clay 'guardians of the forest', making a dinosaur swamp, learning Makaton to songs, lunch in the woods, Den Day & learning about landfill.

Please visit our blogs to see pictures & find out in more detail about each day.

[www.stmichaels-nursery.org/news](http://www.stmichaels-nursery.org/news)





# ECO-HEROES - NEWS



Cheeky Monkey paid a visit to Dragonflies to talk about Recycling. The children had lots of fun helping Cheeky Monkey sort through a bag of items including an egg carton, a plastic bottle, a yoghurt pot, a ball of foil and a newspaper. Everyone had a go at putting it in the recycling truck toy. We also enjoyed a story about Peppa Pig doing her recycling with her family. The children then made a recycling truck picture for their display about 'People Who Help Us'. Well done Dragonflies – Cheeky Monkey had a great time with you and he is very grateful for your help sorting through the recycling items.



## Dates for your Diary/Notices:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July Funding ends for Term time children.

Nursery closed Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August , Bank Holiday

Nursery closed for Christmas as follows

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December (closed) Reopens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022



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