

Year 6 Update – Friday 10th October 2025

Year 6 have been working hard this week preparing for the St Michael's One World Festival on Friday October 17th.

Please also see below for the report from last week's St Michael's Football and Netball Tournament

Religious Education

- October 4th was the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi and the RE and Chapel monitors led an Assembly on Thursday.
- We learnt about his life and how he turned his back on wealth to become closer to God.
- He is a particularly relevant Saint in the 21st Century due to his passion for caring for the environment.

One World Festival

- Next Friday, Year 6 will be attending the St Michael's One World Festival.
- The children will take part in performing a song to the other schools in the Watford Deanery and a collective worship.
- Please can you ensure that you have given consent for your child to go via the school gateway.

Community Afternoon

- Our annual community afternoon takes place on Tuesday 14th October in the school hall from 1:30pm and as always grandparents are very welcome to attend.
- Please ensure you inform the office of any grandparents who will be coming on Tuesday so we can ensure we put out enough chairs for them.
- Year 6 will be performing our song or parents in a special assembly on Friday 24th October at 9:15am.

Mathematics

- Over the last couple of weeks, we worked on efficient methods of mental calculation this week.

- The children were encouraged to use some of these methods as opposed to more formal written methods.

We looked at the following rules:

Place value – Digit position (addition and subtraction)

e.g. $0.008 + 1.23$, $12.56 - 0.03$

Place value – Using known facts (multiplication and division)

e.g. 0.3×10 , $150 \div 3$

Doubling and Halving (multiplication and division)

e.g. 160×35 is the same as 80×70

Equal sum (addition)

e.g. $1,999 + 457$ (adjusted to $2,000 + 456$)

Equal difference (subtraction)

e.g. $1,943 - 998$ (adjusted to $1,945 - 1,000$)

Partitioning (Regrouping)

e.g. 38×6 partitioned to 30×6 and 8×6

- We discussed the importance of remembering these methods to always check whether they can be used to solve sums more efficiently instead of automatically reverting to a formal written method.

Vocabulary: double, half, efficient, arithmetic, equal, partitioning and regrouping.

English

- This week Year 6 Padua have been typing up their 'Night of the Gargoyles' stories.
- These will feature in a class book of all their work we will also be sharing their stories via Teams over the coming weeks.
- Year 6 Lisbon have been writing their stories this week and will also be typing their work up in the coming weeks.

Pre-learning:

- Next week we will be starting a new non-fiction topic based on the book, Planetarium all about the planets and space.

St Michael's Football and Netball Tournament

Many congratulations to our football and netball teams who represented St Anthony's so fantastically at St Michael's last Friday.

Netball

We entered three teams in the netball tournament this year but due to the poor weather the format had to be changed as the netball courts were unplayable. The games took place indoors and due to the lack of netball court markings the players could go anywhere on court and basketball hoops were used instead. There were two leagues and the teams got to play several matches against other schools. All three teams represented St Anthony's in an exemplary way and showed sporting behaviour throughout the day. The 1st team did particularly well and managed to finish second in their league only missing out to St Catherine's on goal difference. Well done netballers!

Football

We entered four teams this year and as ever we were impressed by their attitude throughout the day last Friday in wet conditions. The 1st team showed real determination to make it to the semi-finals where they narrowly lost 2 – 0 to the eventual winners: St Joseph's. They were fantastic throughout the tournament and displayed fantastic sportsmanship during all their matches. The 2nd team did well and recovered from an opening defeat to win two and draw one in their remaining games but were unfortunately eliminated in the group stages. The 3rd and 4th teams displayed abundant character in all their games and despite four defeats in the group stages were incredibly supportive and encouraging of each other. Well done footballers.

We hope all the children enjoyed their day as much as the teachers who all spoke extremely highly of our children who were a credit to St Anthony's throughout the tournament. Well done Year 6!

Other information

- Year 6 Lisbon have swimming on Monday 13th October.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 6 team

