



Newsletter July 2023

St. Michael's Middle School

"Each person, uniquely made in God's image, merits the best we can give"



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can hardly believe that I come to end of my first year at St. Michael's. It has been a very successful time with lots of great activities, events and achievements for both the pupils and the staff.

The end of the school year is always a mixture of emotions. It is time to celebrate the personal growth of pupils during the year, in particular the Year 5 pupils who have made an excellent start at St. Michael's, moving from first school pupils to middle school students.

We also have a chance to celebrate the successes of the year, including the achievements of the year 6 pupils in their SATS, the pupils who have passed music exams, achieved personal bests in sports competitions and earned awards such as the Arts Award. I hope that your child can identify with these and can look back on something they are proud of.

We have to say goodbye to some pupils who are either moving to a new school or moving onto the next stage of their education. We also bid farewell to some staff who are taking on new challenges. I hope that for all the people leaving St. Michael's today, you leave with good memories and we wish them all the very best for the future.

We also look forward to the coming year. We welcome new staff, new pupils and new opportunities. First, we have a chance to relax and reflect over the summer.

Thank you for your continued support over the last year and we look forward to welcoming you back to St. Michael's in September. Have a good summer.

Mr Ayling

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★ END OF ★ YEAR

★ AWARD ★ WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the pupils below who have been selected for an end of year award for their hard work. The awards were presented in assembly on the last day of term. Well done to you all.

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Jean Watts Award for Approach to Learning	Isabella G and Freddie H	Lillian B	Aniya Roberts	Olivia J
Jackie Belvoir Award for Progress in Learning	Toby S	Hetty Y	Isabella Minhinick	Tom B

Year 8 Leavers Awards

Governors Award: Macey C-C

Excellence in English	Olivia C-W
Maths	Onnalee C
	Noah C
Science	Theo M
French	Lily W
DT	Lucy W
Art	Annabel Mc C

Commitment to English	Sophie M
Music-Overall Contribution	Keziah M
Music-Singing/Performance	Macey C-C
Music - Instrumental	Toby F / Noah C
Music - Rising Star	Oscar C

Staffing Update



We are very sad to be saying goodbye to a number of our staff at the end of this term.

Mrs Gould is taking a career break and we hope to see her back at the school next year. She has worked so hard this year on establishing an outstanding careers programme and also in her many roles on the SLT team. We all wish the best for the coming year and the adventures she has planned.

Mr Arthur was described several ex-pupils as an 'absolute legend'. He has been at the school for many years and in this time has instilled a love of Science in so many pupils. He has decided to retire and enjoy a life after teaching. We have all enjoyed working with him and he will leave a huge gap to fill.

Mr Fountain is actually on his third leaving day from St. Michael's. We are all so glad that he came back to the school as a class teacher this year. His year 5 class have had a fantastic year and we want to wish all the best in a new role at Broadstone Middle School.

Mrs Panagiotidis joined us mid-year to take over 6T from Mrs. Thompson-Brown during her absence. We want to thank her for all she has done and, in particular, for helping her class successfully through the SATS.

Miss Wenninger is relocating to Oxford. She started at the school as a sports technician and moved into a teaching assistant role. She has remained hugely involved in sports, most notably swimming, and she will be much missed by staff and pupils.

Mrs Martin is starting her teacher training to become a History teacher. She has worked closely with pupils, mainly as a one-to-one teaching assistant and had a huge impact on a number of pupils lives during her time at the school.

Miss Tegerdine is leaving us to take up a position as a teaching assistant at QE School. We are sorry to see her leave but glad that her expertise is remaining within the Trust family of schools

We extend a warm welcome to staff joining us in September:

- **Mr Patrice** who will be joining the school as a Year 5 teacher.
- **Mrs Ribton** who will be joining the school as a Year 6 teacher.
- **Miss Armstrong** who will be returning to St. Michael's after a few years away from the school. She will teach Textiles alongside Mrs Antell.
- **Mrs Prosser** who is joining us from Corfe Hills School as our new Head of Science.

Sports News



It has been another fantastically successful year for the school sports department. Here are some of the major achievements from this year:

- U11 Cricket County Cup Winners (Finish 3rd in the South-West)
- U12 Cricket County Cup Winners
- U13 Cricket County Cup Runners-Up
- U13 Girls Cricket Runners-Up for Poole and East Dorset
- U11 East Dorset Handball (Runner up) 4th Overall
- U12 Girls Schools Games Rowing Team Silver Medal (**Molly Atkins - Silver**)
- U13 Girls Schools Games Rowing Team Gold Medal (**Esther Brooks - Gold, Bella Adams - Bronze**)
- Y6 Girls Football County Champions
- Y7 Football Girls County Cup Finalists
- Y8 Football 7-a-side County Finalists
- Y6 Football County Cup Semi Finalists
- Y7 Football Semi-Finalists County and PEDSSA Cups
- East Dorset Athletics Quad Kids Winners
- Yr7 & 8 Girls Rounders PEDSSA League Runners up (4th overall)
- Runners-up Gymnastics East Dorset Tumbling KS2 Competition
- St. Michael's Ski Team 3rd in the inter-school SASA

Well done to all of the teachers involved in running sports activities in the school and also to every pupil who represented the school this year.

Although it is always nice to win competitions, what is equally important is every child who taken part in some form of sport outside of lessons this year. We have over 50% of the school who do this regularly. If you have not attended a club this year, maybe that could be a goal for next year?

For all of the above reasons we are delighted to have been awarded the School Games Platinum Award for a fourth consecutive year.



We also want to acknowledge all of the pupils who have broken a school athletics record this year.

In the Howler Throw Event:

Year 5 Girls - Rosie St Q (22.5m)

Year 5 Boys - Finley W (33.8m)

Year 6 Girls - Bethany C (37.1m)

Year 6 Boys - Tom A (39.47m)

In the 400m:

Year 5 Girls - Lani M (1min 14sec)

Year 5 Boys - Jamie T (1min 18sec)



In **Year 8 Girls 300m** - Olivia C-W (49.15sec) beating the previous record held by Ismae T 2022 of 60.30sec.

In **Year 8 Boys 75m Hurdles** - Cameron H (12.68sec) beating the previous record held by Robert F 2010 of 13.5sec.

In **Year 7 Girls 300m** - Bella M (55.07sec) beating the previous record held by Bella A 2022 of 55.90sec.

In **Year 8 Girls 75m Hurdles** - Esther B (12.88sec) beating the previous school record held by Ellie S 2014 of 13.90sec.

In **Year 8 Girls Discus** - Olivia J (21.38m) beating the previous record held by Antonia F 2018 of 17.40m.

In **Year 8 Girls Javelin** - Olivia J (24.60m) beating the previous record set in 1997 of 22.78m.

In **Year 8 Girls Shot Put** - Olivia J (8.58m) beating the previous record held by Antonia F 2018 of 8.36m.

We want to say a huge thank you to all of the sports leaders who have helped in events this year. You have been great and I hope you continue to take up leadership opportunities at your next school.



Finally, it is tradition to give a selection of awards to our departing Year 8 students in recognition of their time at the school. Well done to the following pupils.

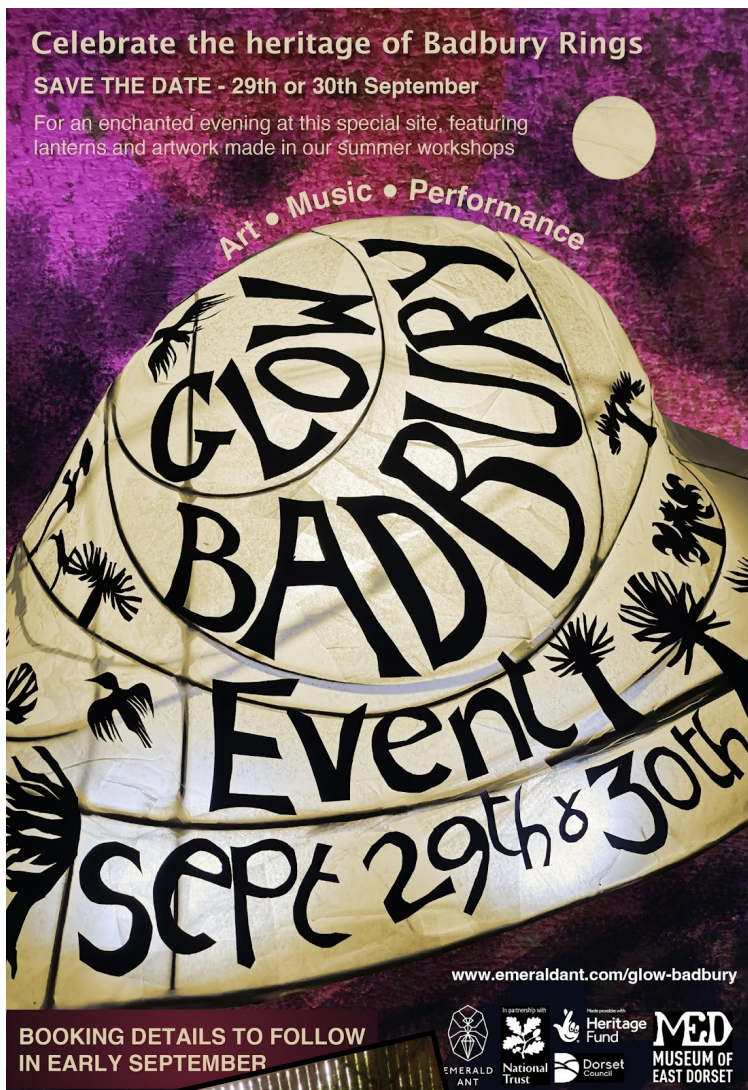
Record Breaker Shield - Olivia J

Sports Leaders Shield - Milly T

Most Improved Sports Person - Cameron H

Overall Contribution to Sport Shield - Luke S and Esther B





Pupils from across the school have been working with local artists and musicians to help create a stunning display of art, music and performance that will be taking place at Badbury Rings in September.

Pupils have been using a range of instruments in school to create a musical narrative that will be played around the event, including pieces symbolising the extinction of the dinosaurs and the appearance of man.

The art works are based around giant willow and paper sculptures of a cow and a roundhouse.

If you would like to take part in creating content for this event, there are a number of free drop-in workshops during the holidays. These include:

- August 26th at the Museum of East Dorset in Wimborne
- August 27th at The Reef in Colehill

Further information can be found at emeraldant.com/glow-badbury/



As always at the start of term, we will be having photographs taken of new tutor groups and individual pupil photos. These will be being done on the following dates:

- Wednesday 5th September—New Class Photos
- Thursday 6th September—Individual Pupil Photos



We were treated to a musical spectacular last week as the assembled St. Michael's Middle School musical community came together to put on a fantastic summer concert. We enjoyed pieces from a number of soloists and small ensemble instrumental groups alongside music from larger groups such as the school choir and school orchestra. We were also treated to two pieces of performance poetry and a great performance from our school dance group. A huge thank you to all of the adults involved in bringing the concert together with a particular mention to Mr Johnston. It was great to see so many people in the audience dancing along to the Grand Finale of 'You Can't Stop the Beat' from Hairspray.



Pupils for Praise

Every Friday, two pupils from each year group are selected to go and see Mr Ayling to receive praise and a reward for their hard work. All the pupils below have been selected since the last newsletter.

Year 5

Alice J
Elliott G
Alyssa C
Austin P
Tilly G

Year 6

Mollie L-J
Poppy C
Lily L
Dougie W
Evie P
Sonny B
Artem B

Year 7

Archie M
Rose L
Oliver W
Eliza A
Archie M
Felicity B
Sophia M-P
Riley B
Martha W
Rianne W-D
Ethan H
Isabella M
Dan K

Year 8

Onnalee C
Daniel S-J
Oscar D
Tom B
Zoe F
Lyla G
Ava A
Evie M
Alex G
Bella S

Congratulations!

House Point Totals

Here are the final house point totals for the year. Pupils earn 'epraise' points and these are added together to make their house point totals.

Hanham

65,731

Bankes

66,356

Gulliver

64,945

Paget

71,033

You can check your child's ePraise points total by going to www.epraise.co.uk and logging into the parents page.

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Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

Friday 1st September 2023	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Monday 4th September 2023	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 5th September 2023	First Day of Term
Monday 23rd October 2023	Half Term Starts
Friday 27th October 2023	Half Term Ends
Monday 30th October 2023	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 31st October 2023	Pupils return to school
Thursday 14th December 2023	Last Day of Term
Friday 15th December 2023	Staff Training Day

Spring Term

Tuesday 2nd January 2024	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	First day of term
Friday 16th February 2024	Half Term Starts
Friday 17th February 2024	Half Term Ends
Monday 19th February 2024	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 20th February 2024	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 27th March 2024	Last day of term
Thursday 28th March 2024	Staff Training Day (School Closed)

Summer Term

Monday 15th April 2024	First Day of Term
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May 2024	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 27th May 2024	Half Term Starts
Friday 31st June 2024	Half Term Ends
Monday 3rd June 2024	Pupils return to school
Friday 21st June 2024	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Last day of term



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