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END OF TERM NEWSLETTER, LENT 2011

Margaret McGovern of Jersey Hospice receiving a cheque for £7,000, raised from the 2010 Christmas Sale.



Interesting Fact: Whilst visiting us Margaret highlighted the fact that over the past 15 years St Michael's School has raised over £80,000 for Jersey Hospice.

This has been a very busy term for all departments within the school. Earlier in the term the Junior and Pre-Prep Departments thoroughly enjoyed the presentation of 'The Selfish Giant' at the Arts Centre. There have been various educational visits out of school to places such as Durrell, the States Chambers, and Pizza Express! The Jersey States Library read stories to the Pre-Prep and Junior children in conjunction with World Book Day, and on another occasion the Fire Service, (with fire engine in tow) visited Form 2 as part of the 'Sparks' education campaign.

The Music Department had a visit from Gina Saunders, a world renowned opera singer, who gave a workshop to the Chamber Choir. This Choir also recently took part in the regional heats of the Music for Youth Competition (we are at this time awaiting the results). The PE Department have also had a very busy term, not least with events such as our Festival of Sport and Rugby Sevens Tour. Here are some of this term's highlights:

Ski Trip 2011: Seventy one children and seven staff set off for a week's skiing in Unterwasser, Switzerland. The ski conditions were near perfect and everyone had a great time.

Children enjoy five hours of expert tuition in skiing or snowboarding (for more experienced skiers) each day. Apres ski included games, quizzes, and discos.



Ski 2012: All those who have applied for a place on next year's ski trip have a **confirmed place**. If you are interested in your child joining next year's ski trip (**Open to children who will be in Forms 1 to 6 inclusive**), please contact the school office as soon as possible as there are only a few places left.

Junior Department: 'History come to life'

Form 2 enjoyed an 'Anglo-Saxon Feast' as part of their History Topic this term. The children dressed in Anglo-Saxon costumes and there was much music and merriment!

Form 2 Anglo Saxon Feast



Form 1 enjoy a 'Greek Feast'

'Greek Day' for Form 1 took place on Monday 28th March. The children dressed up in 'traditional' Greek costume and spent the day in character, including a traditional Greek feast.



Form 1 Greek Day

Jersey Arts and Crafts Eisteddfod 2011

2011 Art Eisteddfod Awards

Well done to all our entries who gained: 2 Platitudes, 14 Golds, 21 Silvers and 8 Bronzes!



Our "Secondary School Board"



Annabel Jones' 'Platinum' winning entry

Music Department:

The Music Department have had a very busy calendar this term including, Informal Concerts, various Assemblies and the recent Music for Youth Competition in the UK. The term ended with a very splendid Spring Concert entitled 'Music Rocks', involving all choirs and orchestras. Well done to everyone who took part!



PPC's Penguin Assembly

Pre-Prep
A's
Easter
Assembly



The Spring Concert, 'Music Rocks', was enjoyed by all who attended. Silhouettes of a variety of music composers and entertainers added an extra twist to this year's performance.



Sport at St Michael's

This has been a very busy term for the PE Department. Here are just some of the highlights:

Inter-House Cross-Country:

The weather could not have been more perfect for this year's Cross-Country event, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



St Michael's Festival of Sport:

St Michael's Festival of Sport 2011 Earlier this month St Michael's hosted the 4-day Festival of Sport and was attended by some 500 children from the UK, Jersey and Guernsey who competed in Football, Hockey, Netball and Rugby Sevens Tournaments. Our girls' teams came third in the Travtel Girls' Netball Tournament and fourth in the Allen Plate Hockey Tournament. Our boys' teams also came third in their Indoor Hockey and Rugby Sevens Tournaments. Well done to all those who took part.



Netball League and Tournaments:

This has been a particularly successful session for our netballers with the Years 6, 7 and 8 teams (both 'A' and 'B') winning their Tournaments and Leagues and the Year 6 'C' team coming runner-up in their League. Well Done girls!



U11A Netball League and
Tournament Winners!

U11B Netball League and Tournament
Winners, and U11C team League Runner-up.



IAPS Small Schools Rugby Sevens Tournament:



St Michael's Sevens Team recently took part in the IAPS Small Schools Rugby Sevens Tournament at Oundle School, reaching the Cup Quarter Finals. Well done boys!

George Crane runs down the touchline, with Freddie Scragg in support at the IAPS Small Schools Rugby Sevens Tournament.

English Department:

Holiday Reading: Children in Forms 3 to 6 should read a minimum of two books during the holidays. The English Department would like children in Forms 3, 4 and 5 to **write a review on one of the books to be handed in at the start of next term.**

General Notes:

Reports: Thank you for supporting our Parents' Evenings. There are **written reports for children in Forms 3 and 6 only, enclosed with this mailing.**

Parents' School Survey: Thank you to all those parents who have completed the Parents' School Survey.

Use of the school playground after-school: May I remind you that after-school use of the school playground is only for those parents of Pre-Prep children waiting to collect older siblings from the Junior Department or from after-school clubs and **I would not expect it to be used after 3.45 pm.** Once you have collected your child/ren **please do not delay your departure from school as the senior children are still working.** Your co-operation would be most appreciated.

Advanced Notices for Trinity Term:

Staff: We welcome a new member of staff Mr Gareth Green, who will be joining us at the start of Trinity Term and will be teaching mathematics and IT.

Royal Wedding: As you are aware Friday 29th April has been designated a bank holiday to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Katherine Middleton. We will be celebrating this special event at school on the **first day of term, Thursday 28th April** with a special themed lunch for the children and later in the day a celebratory 'tea party'.

Morning Minibus Service: Please note this will resume on **Tuesday 3rd May 2011.**

Examinations: Common Entrance and School Examinations for Forms 3-6 will take place during the **week commencing Monday 6th June.**

Forms 1 and 2 testing: will take place during the **week of Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May inclusive,**

Pre-Prep C Key Stage 1 testing: will take place during the weeks **Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May** and **Monday 6th to Friday 10th June.**

Your co-operation in not making routine appointments for your child/ren during these weeks would be much appreciated.

School Fees: A reminder that next term the Governors will be reviewing the school fees for the 2011/2012 Academic Year and you will be notified of changes by letter in May.

Advanced Notices for Trinity Term (continued):

Activities' Week: Next term the senior school will again be involved in Activities' Week:-

Form 6	Rockley Watersports, Biscarosse, near Arcachon.	18 th - 24 th June.
Form 5	St Jacut de la Mer, Brittany.	20 th - 24 th June.
Form 4	Overnight trips to Herm and France and 1 day in Jersey.	20 th - 24 th June.
Form 3	Jersey based Multi-Activity week.	20 th - 24 th June.

Please note: Forms 4, 5 and 6 children will need their own passports to travel on these activities.

Please also note there will be a charge for these activities, which will be added to your next school account.

Important Dates for your Diary:

Nursery Summer Celebration: Friday 10th June

Pre-Prep Sports Day: Tuesday 14^h June

Pre-Prep C Concert: Wednesday 22nd June

Form 1 Summer Concert: Thursday 23rd June

Form 2 Summer Concert: Friday 24th June

Junior Sports Day (Forms 1 and 2): Tuesday 28th June

Senior Athletics Finals (Forms 3 - 6 inc): Friday 1st July

Forms 5 and 6 Performance of 'Joseph': Thursday and Friday 7th and 8th July, 6.00 pm.

Open Day and Prize-Giving: Thursday 14th July, at which our guest speaker will be Mr Craig Considine, Headmaster, Millfield School.

Advanced Notice: Summer Holiday Courses

Summer Sports Activity School: Mr and Mrs McAviney will be running their Summer Sports School during the weeks of 18th and 25th July. The activity will be open to all children currently in Pre-Prep A to Form 5.

Football Coaching: Mr Wheeldon will be running a three-day, Pre-Term Football Coaching Course in early September. The course will be open to children currently in PPC and Forms 1 to 5 inclusive. Dates and times will be confirmed in due course.

Please note: These are provisional dates and details will be sent out next term.

The school telephone will be answered during the Easter holidays between 9 am and 11 am each day. The uniform shop will be open by appointment only. To make an appointment please telephone Mrs Paula Shales on 07797 841 829 between 9 am and 12 noon only.

I should like to thank you for your support, and your children for the enthusiasm and commitment they have shown in all areas of school life.

I wish you all a safe and happy Easter break.

RICHARD DE FIGUEIREDO

March 2011