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Celebrating Active Travel & Healthy Habits

It has been another busy and exciting week in school. This week, we have been thinking about healthy habits. At St. Michael & All Angels, we believe that small steps lead to big changes—especially when it comes to the health and wellbeing of our children. This term, we're proud to be championing a range of active travel initiatives that not only promote physical activity but also encourage independence, sustainability, and community spirit.

From our youngest learners in Preschool to our confident Year 6 leaders, every child has the opportunity to take part in exciting programmes that make walking, scooting, and cycling to school fun and rewarding. I have been thrilled to see such enthusiasm across the school and look forward to celebrating even more achievements in the weeks ahead! Happy Reading!

Mrs Berry

WOW Walk to School Challenge



Our pupils are embracing the WOW Travel Tracker, a pupil-led initiative that rewards children who travel sustainably to school at least twice a week.

Whether they walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or park & stride, they earn badges and help their class compete for the Safe Travel Cup Trophy! See above the different badges the children can earn.

As you can see, the children are already taking this very seriously, by logging how each of them have travelled to school at the start of the school day.



Travel Tracker Cup Competition

Each week, the class with the highest percentage of pupils travelling actively to school—whether by walking, scooting, cycling, or park & stride—wins the Safe Travel Trophy during our celebration worship.

Congratulations to Year 6, who were last week's winners!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page to see which class takes home the trophy next
www.facebook.com searching St Michael & All Angels Primary School

This special trophy was kindly purchased by our Year 5 pupils last year after they took part in the Calderdale Safe Travel Scheme. As part of the competition, they created a fantastic presentation promoting responsible travel and care for the environment. Their passion and creativity inspired us all—and now their legacy lives on in our weekly celebrations!



Living Streets Worship Sessions

On Wednesday, KS1 and KS2 pupils enjoyed a worship session led by the Living Streets team, learning how to use the WOW Travel Tracker and why active travel matters. It was a brilliant way to kick off the term and inspire positive change.



School Councillors Become WOW Ambassadors

We're incredibly proud of our School Councillors, who have also taken on an exciting new role this term as our very first WOW Ambassadors! These enthusiastic pupils are now at the heart of our active travel initiatives, helping to monitor how their classmates get to school each day and encouraging everyone to make healthier, more sustainable choices.

As WOW Ambassadors, they are responsible for using the WOW Travel Tracker to record daily journeys, celebrate achievements, and promote the benefits of walking, cycling, scooting, or park & striding. Their leadership is already making a big impact—motivating their peers to think about how they travel and why it matters.

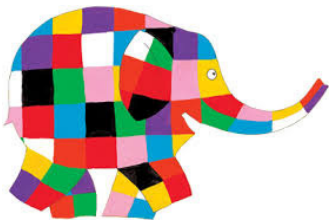
Celebrating Active Achievements Beyond the Classroom

At St. Michael & All Angels, we love to celebrate the amazing things our pupils do outside of school—especially when it comes to staying active! Whether it's football, swimming, dance, gymnastics, cycling, martial arts, or any other physical activity, we want to hear about it.

Every week during our celebration assemblies, children are invited to bring in certificates, medals, trophies, photos, or simply share their stories of achievement. It's a wonderful way to recognise their hard work, dedication, and passion—and to inspire others to get involved too!

If your child takes part in any active hobbies or has achieved something they're proud of, please let us know. We'd love to celebrate their efforts with the whole school community!

Little Feet: Elmer Walk to School – A Colourful Start to Active Travel



Our Reception and Preschool children have joyfully begun their journey with the Little Feet: Elmer Walk to School programme—a vibrant and engaging initiative designed especially for our youngest learners. Led by Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, this programme introduces children to the joys of walking and wheeling in a way that's fun, educational, and perfectly suited to their developmental stage.

Through storytelling, exploration, and movement, children are encouraged to develop healthy habits, build independence, and become more aware of the world around them. The programme is carefully aligned with the Early Learning Goals, making it a valuable addition to our Early Years curriculum.

As they take part in Elmer-themed activities, children collect stickers and certificates to celebrate their progress—adding a sense of achievement and excitement to every step they take. The initiative also supports important conversations around safety, environmental awareness, and community responsibility, all while keeping physical activity at the heart of their learning.

We're thrilled to see our youngest children embracing active travel with such enthusiasm, and we look forward to watching them grow in confidence as they continue their adventures with Elmer!



Things To Remember....



Important Reminders:

We've got lots of exciting things happening in school, so here are a few reminders.....



Book Fair - Continues Next Week

Our much-loved Book Fair remains in school until Wednesday 1st October, so do not worry if you have not had the opportunity to visit so far, as you have 3 more days!



Roald Dahl Themed Lunch:

Get ready for a splendiferous treat! Remember, on Thursday 2nd October, our wonderful kitchen team will be serving up a Roald Dahl themed lunch that promises to be as magical and mouth-watering as the stories themselves!

Inspired by the wild and whimsical world of Roald Dahl, this special menu will feature delicious dishes that pay tribute to some of his most beloved characters and books.

This scrumdiddlyumptious luncheon is not to be missed—so please make sure to place your order in advance. It's set to be a real treat for all our little bookworms and budding foodies!



Non-Uniform Day:

To mark the end of the book fair, and to coincide with the themed lunch, remember it is non-uniform day on Thursday 2nd October.



Staff Training Days:

A reminder that school is closed to all pupils on Friday 3rd October & Monday 6th October for staff training.



Our Door Is Always Open!

At St. Michael's, we believe in strong partnerships with our families. If you ever have a question, concern, or just want to chat, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our door is always open, and we're here to help.