



KEY DATES

JANUARY

23rd

Forest 11+ Exam
Brentwood 11+ Exam

28th

O2 Arena
Young Voices Competition
(Choir)

30th

Chigwell 11+ Exam

FEBRUARY

8th

Forms V & VI
House of Commons Trip

9th

Form III
Ragged Museum Trip

15th - 19th
Half Term

22nd

School Resumes

26th

Forms III & IV
First Swimming Lesson

MARCH

8th & 9th

3:40 - 7pm

Parent Interviews

11th

Form V
Brentwood Football &
Netball Tournaments
(Pre-notified teams)

14th - 17th

Form VI
Bikeability

18th

House Netball & Football
(pre-notified teams)

Dear Parents,

As you can see, the school has been a very quiet place since we returned from our Christmas holiday. This is due to the fact that the Juniors have been preparing for their mid-year exams which have taken place this week.

Some people ask why we do formal exams from an early age so I thought I would take the opportunity to explain the reasoning behind them. First, it is our opportunity to assess the children's learning and adjust our planning for them over the next six months should patterns appear which indicate gaps in their knowledge. Second, it prepares those children who intend to take 11+ examinations in Form VI, allowing them to be comfortable and take the experience in their stride. On the subject of assessing learning, might I remind all of you to check and sign the children's homework diaries every day. It is really important that the children see education as a three-way contract and homework diaries are our way of communicating with you should the need arise.

In the next couple of weeks, the diary is looking very busy. The Choir will go to the O2 for 'Young Voices', Forms V & VI will go to the Houses of Parliament for a show around and Form III will go to the Ragged School, and there is more planned for after half-term so please make you have the correct dates and times in your diaries.

Fingers crossed the weather seems to be warming up and we have avoided the snow for now! Long may it last!

Mrs S-J Gooding

Headmistress

PE - Forms III & IV

Form III and IV have been enjoying PE at St. Michael's Hall. The children worked in circle groups, playing a variety of games, learning new skills and improving their team work. One game involved passing a ball with their feet which proved tricky but amusing. The children enjoyed the big circle game at the end called 'Days of the Week' where the ball was passed whilst calling out the names of the days of the week. If the ball landed on the person calling out 'Sunday', they sat down until only a few were left. The hall is a lovely space for lessons where the children have lots of space to run and move.

Mrs S. Jenkin



New Class Captains

The new Captains for each class this term are:

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| Form I - | Leila Abed
Avin Mathew |
| Form II - | Aryan Krishna
Amar Dhanjal |
| Form III - | Odafé Ayiwe
Charlie Pei |
| Form IV - | Simbo Femi-Olusanya
Jaspriya Grewal |
| Form V - | Arnav Gupta
Shreya Chowdhury |

