

St Michael's VA Junior School

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At St.Michael's we are so happy that school has returned and is in full swing. Our children are continually surprising us and amazing us with their achievements, ideas and their caring attitude.

On 23rd September we had fun celebrating European Language Day in order to widen the children's understanding of the importance of learning languages and to celebrate the different languages spoken in our school, in Europe and around the world. The children also enjoyed working in teams to build some famous European monuments.

In October we celebrated Black History Month, focusing on how to become a better ally and learning about the significant achievements of key black figures in Britain and around the world. We are also proud to announce that the school has been recognised nationally for our commitment to improving race equality and have been awarded the silver level Race and Conscious Equality (RACE) Charter mark. Developed by SSAT and Fig Tree International, the RACE Charter Mark is for organisations who wish to demonstrate their commitment to action and improvement in race equality. Ann Palmer, CEO, Fig Tree International said: "I am absolutely delighted that St Michael's VA Junior School is receiving this recognition. This recognises their determination to make a difference, not only in their own school, but also in the local community. We applaud them for their work and aspirations to build a more inclusive society."

Furthermore, we celebrated World Mental Health Day on 8th October. At our school all the staff care greatly about our pupils' mental health, which is as important as their physical health and we encourage the children to

share how they feel. Each class has a special box which is entitled 'I wish my teacher knew' where they can write anything that is worrying them. Staff are always on hand to help children in any way they can.

Finally, we look forward to a busy second half of the term when we will be running our own Cop26 Climate Conference and will look at practical ways we can help the environment. The children also always enjoy the run up to Christmas and other winter festivals!

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Pupils celebrating World Mental Health Day. #HelloYellow