St Michael's VA Junior School

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October and November have been busy months at St.Michael's and we are delighted to be able to share our news with you.

Firstly, October saw the retirement of our much loved cook Barbara, who had run our kitchen so well for over twenty years. Her colleagues in the kitchen, teaching staff and children were so sad to see her go but wished her all the best in her retirement. The children said they would miss her as she always greeted them with a smile!



Barbara says g o o d b y e . Come back soon!

In October, Year 4 enjoyed a special Roman Day when history was brought to life through activities such as Roman Legion training and learning how to make coil pots out of clay. They also tasted Roman food and took part in an archeological dig! The teachers and children dressed up in Roman costume and had a great time.

During October, Year 3 and 5 improved their artistic skills with special Art Days. Year 3 studied the artwork of Paul Klee and Year 5 looked at the work of artist Nicky Harwood, who specialises in painting cows. Year 5 learned some amazing facts about these incredible creatures, practised their watercolour skills and then produced their own cows paintings, whilst Year 3 created some amazing cityscapes.

This half term we were proud to promote the importance of the COP26 conference through running a special week of events in our school, focusing on celebrating and appreciating our environment. Pupils learned more about the world: understanding what climate change means and thinking about positive pledges they could make to help fight climate change at school and in their everyday lives. We held our own Climate Summit where classes pledged to help the environment in different ways. Eco-Council created a video to explain to the pupils what changes we have already made at St.Michael's over the last few years in order to become more environmentally friendly, such as planting over 400 trees in our 'Wood of Hope' and reducing the number of single use plastics in our lunches.



Poems and prayers written by our pupils were taken to COP26 by Bishop Graham.

In support of Remembrance Day we sold poppies and other items in school and raised an amazing £542.15 for The Royal British Legion. Children look part in assemblies to help them understand the significance of this day and the work of the British Legion charity.

From all the pupils and staff at St.Michael's, we wish you all the best for the festive season!