## St Michael's VA Junior School

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We asked some of our children what their hopes and dreams were for the year ahead and the responses were really interesting and impressive. Many centred around caring for our planet. Alice said that her dream was for 'world leaders to take climate change more seriously'. Jack would like the problem of pollution to be solved. Tamara wishes that 'the world could all pick up their litter' and this is the dream of Oliver too, especially around the school, Furthermore, Isabella wants less pollution and littering and feels that 'some people don't care about their environment and take their beautiful life for granted'. Ruby's hope is that people will 'chop down less trees'.

Hannah has a dream, which is to use her creativity to inspire others, saying, 'My goal for this year is to write a fantastic story that will help people to understand why pollution is bad for the environment. It would help people know how important it is to keep the environment safe and why plants are so important for us. My other goal is to inspire people to go outside and have some fresh air but also to appreciate the world around them'.

It won't surprise you that many of our children wish that Covid-19 would no longer affect their lives and that they wish for their families to stay healthy this year. 'My hopes are that everyone will be safe this year and I hope no one catches Covid-19. I want this year to be a great year that we can all

remember.' said Olivia. Eva hopes that Covid will end this year too. Roman wishes that there will be no more lockdowns 'so that I can see more friends and have parties'.

When I asked the children about their dreams for themselves, Louie was keen to 'complete 200 reading books in one year'. Louie also wishes to make a history folder and Adam wants to study more history too! Adam is also keen to learn more about sport. Roman would like to improve at football while Olavo wishes to get 50/50 in our maths' 'Challenge 50' and he would like to get into the Gold Book for some 'great work'. Eva is keen to 'focus more', Ruby would like to 'do less screen time' and Tamara would like to 'get better at gymnastics'.

At St.Michael's our pupils like to make new children welcome and Isabella hopes that she can 'take care of any new people who join the school because they deserve to have friends to make them feel cared about and welcome'.

Joel has hopes to get into the High School of his choice and to go to his home country.

Finally, Alice would like to teach her dog how to do some tricks and how to behave this year! This is also the year that she says she would like to 'conquer her fears'.

We are proud that we have such caring and sensitive children who really want the world to improve for everyone. Interestingly, none of them had any materialistic goals. Not only do they want their families to stay safe, but by showing they value the planet, they also show respect for others, wanting everyone to enjoy a better world. They have many academic ambitions, which the staff will work hard to help them achieve!