

Ash Wednesday

Reverend Padley visited both Top and Lower schools on Tuesday 28 February and burnt the palms from last year's Palm Sunday, to produce the ashes for the following morning's Ash Wednesday service in church.

During the church service, all children, staff and parents were given the opportunity to receive a cross of ashes on their forehead.



Visit to Holy Trinity Church

The children in Years 5 and 6 visited the 'Life' exhibition at the Holy Trinity Church in Frogmore.

This exhibition was introduced and funded by the Church and is being offered to schools across the whole of the UK.

The exhibition took the form of an interactive workshop through technology. The children were able to go into individual booths inside the church with their I-pads and listen to music and stories depicting particular stages of Jesus' life. They also got the opportunity to take part in an opinion based quiz, answering questions from what they had learned.

The whole event was hosted by parishioners and staff from the Holy Trinity Church who gave their time so generously to the children.



Safeguarding

Keeping the children of St Michael's safe is the priority for everybody at the school. The children are also very aware of the importance of keeping themselves safe through the teachings of the staff and their parents.

Alexandra and Eva C from Cats class made a poster for Mrs Rafferty which mentioned how safe they feel at St Michael's. Mrs Rafferty wanted to know what the rest of the children thought so she asked Alexandra and Eva to find out. They asked the School Council to help them. The School Council representatives asked the children in their classes if they felt safe. They said that they did and then they wrote down the things that help them to feel safe at school, on the playground, when using technology and out of school.

A display of the results of the research now has pride of place in the entrance lobby at Top School.

Some examples of the quotes from children:

At school – 'Teachers listen to us', 'We know who to tell if we think something is not right.'

In the playground – 'Stay behind the red line', 'I feel safe in the playground because there are teachers on the playground that can help you and keep you safe'

Out of school – 'I wear a seat belt in my car', 'I feel safe because my family are always there when I need them.'

When using technology – 'Do not share your password', 'I feel safe on line because I do not share my personal information with anyone,' 'I feel safe using technology because I always know which website I am going onto,' 'You need to report to an adult if you see something inappropriate or something that disturbs you. Never put your full name for someone might track you down. You should never be asked for your pin so if you are on the website you are safe.'

