

KS3 MFL Film Competition

On 4th February some KS3 students saw history unfold in front of their eyes when they attended the 1st MFL film award ceremony. The competition was exclusively open to Y7, allowing these young language learners to display the language skills they had learned so far as well as their creative talent in a short movie. The movies were filmed by the Y7 with their own equipment and during their own free time on various locations around the school. To encourage the free flow of creativity, they could film about any topic—the only rule was that they had to use French or Spanish language instead of English whenever possible.

The award ceremony was the occasion to showcase the outstanding films made by the various groups but also to vote for the winner. The group who won the most votes were Chiedu (7S), Igor (7A), and Jonathan (7S) and Santiago (7S). Their movie was an adaptation of the popular program, the X Factor, with the “judges” and the “contestant” asking and answering various questions in French.

Enthused by the success of this event, the MFL department is looking forward to opening the competition to KS4 in the next “Festival de Saint Michael”!

However, in front of such exceptional quality of work, the MFL department decided to take all the students who participated to the Odeon in Surrey Quays to see Astro Boy.



New York, New York

Once again, year 10 had the exciting chance to ‘Wake up in the City that Never Sleeps’. Here is an account of that visit to New York.

Well, on the first night, after a long flight and transfers, we did sleep, obviously not until we’d had a burger from McDonalds though!

The next day began with a trip to a Deli which offered lots to choose from for breakfast. Being a Sunday, Mass took place straight after this and then we had time shop. There were shops everywhere; long streets full of big

left the subway were lights, lights everywhere. We had money for Pizza and some of us went to a place where they sold slices; they were massive slices! Super American sized.

Day three was walking. We walked to the place where they filmed Friends, we walked past Madison Square Gardens. We walked to Macy’s where we stopped to shop before...walking again, back to the Hotel. After lunch, we climbed to the top of the Empire State Building. The view is unbelievable: you can see everything; the people look like ants. That was a great experience.

Wednesday was Ash Wednesday so we returned to the Cathedral to get our ashes. After this came a boat trip to Staten Island (I got some great pictures of the Statue of Liberty) and then we got off at Ellis Island where

we looked at the lives of some of our ancestors. On the way back, there was a long walkway – and no members of the public - so we had a massive snow fight. During this, I ended up on the floor, with snow being rubbed into my face, unable to move because a great weight was sitting on me. That was funny!

On our last day we went back to Central Park for some free time. This included another snow fight and some of us went ice skating. Mr Mahon fell on the floor a couple of times – that was sweet revenge for the previous snow fight! Last minute



name designers. Again, lots to choose from!

That night we used the subway – which is very different from the Tube. We went to Times Square. This place was amazing: all you could see as we



shopping took place and then we had our final dinner in The Hard Rock Café. The food was beautiful. After this we were on our way home.

The visit to New York was a once in a lifetime chance that I will never forget.
(Barney Williams)

St Michael's Got Talent

Once again, despite some stiff competition, St Michael's won first prize at the XLP Southwark Talent show that was held on Saturday 6th March.

Despite some very stiff competition from Kingsdale, Notre Dame and Bacons College, St Michael's won first prize for the second year running with a dance group, made up of Nico Nouv, Doreen Boatang, Hannah Sofoluke, Cassie George, Josh Landicho and Chiedu Douglas- Mokekwa. Please congratulate them if you see them! They will now go through to the regional finals.

Cassie, Nico and Josh are also some of the school's best musicians and were also involved in two other music acts in the show. Another act from St Michael's that also performed brilliantly was 'Zoe And The Gang' comprising: Zoe Allison, George Marino, Michael Cullinane, Charlie Beales, Daniel Uwadiae, Kiesha Belvett, Cassie George, and Adem Veli. They performed 'The Scientist' by Coldplay.

Many thanks to all the staff who were involved in rehearsals – particularly to Mr and Mrs Lawrence, as well as to staff and students who turned up on the night to support our Students.

UK Maths Challenge

The UK Maths Challenge took place at the beginning of February. It's a tough challenge but, as usual, St Michael's students put in an outstanding performance. Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their certificates during assemblies over the course of the term.

Silver Certificate:

Tommy Wildego
Gabriel Bracken
Alexa Alarcon Mensah
Adem Veli
Michael Cullinane
Yitian He

Bronze Certificate:

Marija Sapkauskaitė
Taura Tighe
John Patterson
Michael Leoni
Ivan Beckley
Charlie Beales
Blessing Bakare
Thank you to Mr Khawaja and
The Maths Department.

Breaking News from the XLP Website: St Michael's has got more talent!

Nico Nouv's saxophone group, "Black And Gold" have also been chosen to perform at the talent show finals which means St Michael's make up 50% of Southwark's talent represented in the finals!

St Michael's School Shop Now Open!

You might be wondering who has been selling flapjacks, cookies and caprisuns at break. Well it is a new company called 'We Supply'. We will open on Thursdays and Fridays in the KS3 playground. We also plan to organise day and other trips for year groups.

In September we are going to train a couple of lucky people in Years 8 and 9 in how to run the shop so that after we leave it will be up to them to run it.

We will be doing surveys and questionnaires to find out what people like and hopefully we will get a new P.E. kit and equipment for the school.

CONFISCATED/LOST ITEMS OF CLOTHING

All lost or confiscated items of clothing must be reclaimed by **1st APRIL 2010**. All items will be disposed of after this date.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

5/3/10 to 19/3/10

Year 7	96.0
Year 8	95.3
Year 9	93.6
Year 10	93.7
Year 11	96.6
Whole School	94.9

DROP IN CENTRE

If you have any concerns about your child please 'drop in' to speak to Mrs Carr.

Every Thursday between:
10—11 a.m.

We offer advice and support on attendance or other related issues.

The Chaplain's Corner:

We are over half way through Lent and bearing in mind the theme of Justice, your children have done very well through cake sales for our main charity Cafod – the Haiti appeal.

In the lower school they will be bombarding you with requests for sponsorship this week as Year 7 walk two miles for Sports relief on Tuesday; Year 8 'give it up' for one day next Thursday. They will be giving up chocolate, sweets, talking outside of lessons, even possibly mobile phones or iPods. Ms Rughooputh says she will do this with them and the staff are sponsoring her (will she make it...?). Year 9 are carrying the Cabrini Society boxes around with them. This Catholic organisation works towards adoption, fostering and counselling services in the UK.

Thank you for all your support.

In you, Jesus lord of all our hope is sure and eternal.

In your death is the promise of life,

In your suffering is the faithfulness of god.

Keep us safe in times of trouble,

Keep us caring for others in trouble;

And when we care for each other, may we know you,

Lord of life, friend of all, now and forever. Amen

Key Dates for your Diary

23/3/10 (6 pm)	- Parents Forum
11/5/10 (4.30 pm)	- Yr 8 Parents Eve
18/5/10 (6 pm)	- Parents Forum
24/6/10 (6 pm)	- Prizegiving
29/6/10 (4.30 pm)	- Yr 7 Parents Eve
5/7/10 (6 pm)	- Yr 6 Parents Eve
13/7/10 (6pm)	- Parents Forum

'Direct parent access to school via e mail'

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