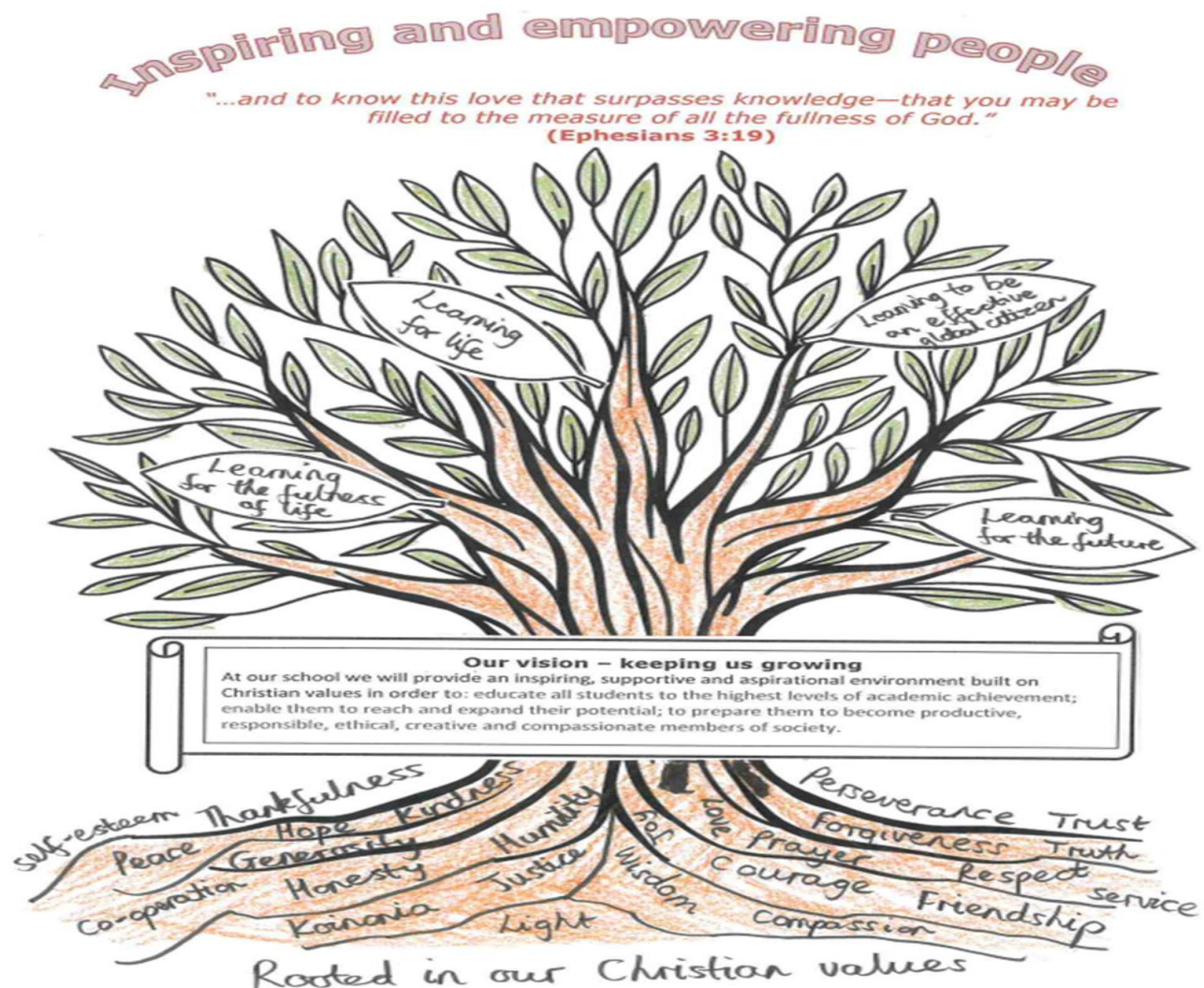




Our School Christian Vision...

"...and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."
(Ephesians 3:19)



Learning for Life : Our vision

At our school we will provide an inspiring, supportive and aspirational environment built on Christian values in order to: educate all students to the highest levels of academic achievement; enable them to reach and expand their potential; prepare them to become productive, responsible, ethical, creative and compassionate members of society.

Mission Statement: Inspiring and Empowering People

We will achieve this through::

- Delivering a strong Christian values based curriculum that sees children develop into lifelong learners who are outward looking.*
- Promoting a learning culture for all at St. Michael's, empowering our pupils and staff to grow in knowledge and understanding.*
- Inspirational and forward-thinking leadership that empowers all stakeholders to be part of a learning culture, committed to the pursuit of excellence and achieving the vision for the school.*
- Strong and effective partnerships with parents, the wider community and beyond.*
- Highly effective, creative teaching which motivates and inspires all children and supports them in achieving their best.*
- An engaging, innovative curriculum which challenges all children and is responsive to their needs and talents and actively encourages learning outside of the classroom.*
- Providing a nurturing environment with a positive learning culture, that is safe, exciting and challenging for all.*
- Providing high quality professional training to our staff and using the latest research to drive our work.*
- Providing our children with many opportunities to develop resilience, independence and self-awareness; to ask questions, learn from their mistakes and take risks, as part of an engaging, creative curriculum.*

Our Aims

Learning for the fullness of life

Jesus said 'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). He calls us to a full life in mind, body, heart and spirit. Therefore we believe the purpose of education is to nurture and enable every child to thrive and to be the person they are fully capable of being. We recognise that the curriculum encompasses everything children experience at school. Whilst our curriculum will promote high standards and accelerate academic progress, it is also about uncovering and nurturing the talents within each child, developing core values and virtues, growth mindsets and essential skills for life.

Learning for life

We strive to prepare all students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens ready to meet the challenges of the future through providing opportunities for them to develop as both leaders and stewards. In partnership with families and community, our goal is to create relevant learning opportunities for students — both inside and outside the classroom — that help them develop the knowledge, critical thinking skills, and character necessary to succeed in a technologically advanced world.

Learning to be an effective global citizen

We seek to promote confident, active members of the school, local, national and global communities; people who are passionate about making a positive difference to themselves and others and who show an informed and respectful attitude to different worldviews alongside a passion for looking after God's creation and seeking ways to engage in and look after our environment.

Learning for the future

Our curriculum is designed to equip children to be curious and confident independent learners but also responsible, resilient and caring citizens in their community. As they leave our school, we want every child to be ready to take on the next steps in their journey to adulthood with a love of learning, positive attitudes and a rounded set of values and skills to guide them. Our school culture will systematically build habits and attributes that enable our children to face difficulty and uncertainty calmly and confidently and ultimately become a transforming influence in the world.

Journey to our Christian Vision



How would you like St. Michael's to grow?

...this is the question that we posed to our school community.

As a school we always spend time reflecting on our school – who we are and what we want this to be for our children and for our community. But we wanted all of our school community to stop and think about how we can not only grow as people, but how we want our school to grow in the future. We therefore set about collaborating with governors to develop a vision that represents what our school aspires to be. Here are some questions we posed to get our stakeholders to reflect on our school....

How can we continue growing as a church school?

What makes our school special now?

What would you like to change?

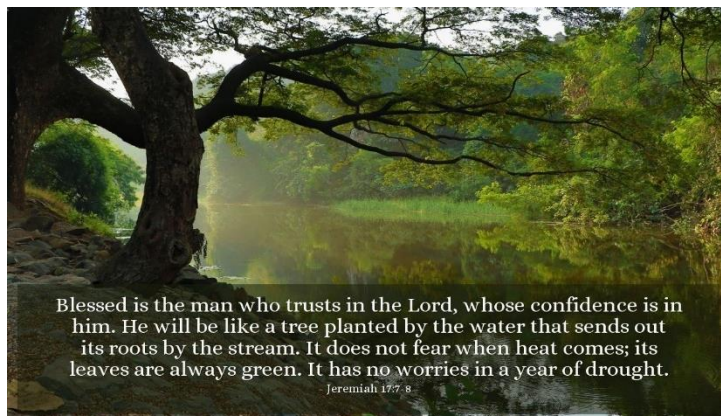
What should the future hold for us?

What could we be like in 5 or 10 years time?

How can we make our school even better?

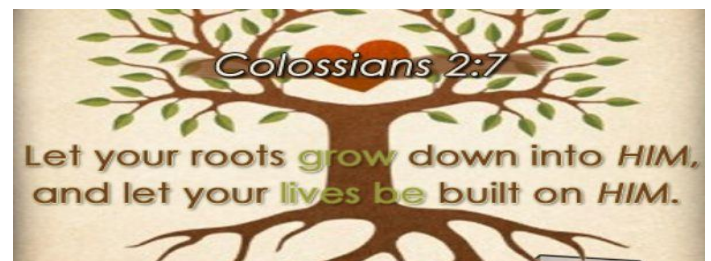
What became clear is that we are rooted in Christian values and this helped us to define our vision. The image of the tree helped us to be able to create a vision that even the youngest of our children would be able to understand, a tree rooted in our values with our school community growing to fruition.

Roots = this is what our school is already like and our current vision and curriculum.



Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought.

Jeremiah 17:7-8



Trunk = our foundation as a church school, with our values curriculum and child-centred focus, which holds the school together.

The leaves = all the things we do as a school to grow – this is the focus of our vision in terms of what we can do to continue changing and growing.

We are now aiming to turn our aspirations into reality by keeping our vision at the heart of every decision we make and continuing to take our whole school community on our journey.

Inspiring and empowering since 1818 – Our school prayer

As part of our 200 year anniversary as a school, our School Council, led by their classes, wrote a new school prayer. We wanted the children to have a prayer that they can always go back to, whenever they may need, and to give them some words that they know that they can always say to God.

Dear Father God,

Thank you for everyone who makes up our school community:
our St. Michael's family.

May our school be full of joy and love: love of life itself, love of one another, love of
all people everywhere, and love of God.

Bless us with a growth mind set for our learning and to show the values we hope to
possess.

Help us to show respect and contribute to the community inside and outside of our
school.

Aid us to show Koinonia and take responsibility for doing the right thing.

May the future be bright for everyone who makes our school a better place.

Amen

