Unique and Valuable before God

THE ST MARK'S NEWS

Friday 13th November 2015

Assessment Week

Although we assess children's work on a daily and weekly basis through our marking and observations, next week we will be assessing children more formally to find out about their progress and identify what their next steps in learning should be. Targets that we will be focussing on this term along with the areas of the curriculum that will be covered are outlined in the class termly bulletin. Thank you for continuing to support your child/ren through homework and additional work.

Events for next week

Anti-Bullying Week—all week
(Look out for information for a special competition)

Thursday 19th November

Drama workshop for all classes with WW1 soldier

Friday 20th November

Year 5 Tag Rugby competition at Kennington Park

Year 6 Trip to Chislehurst Caves

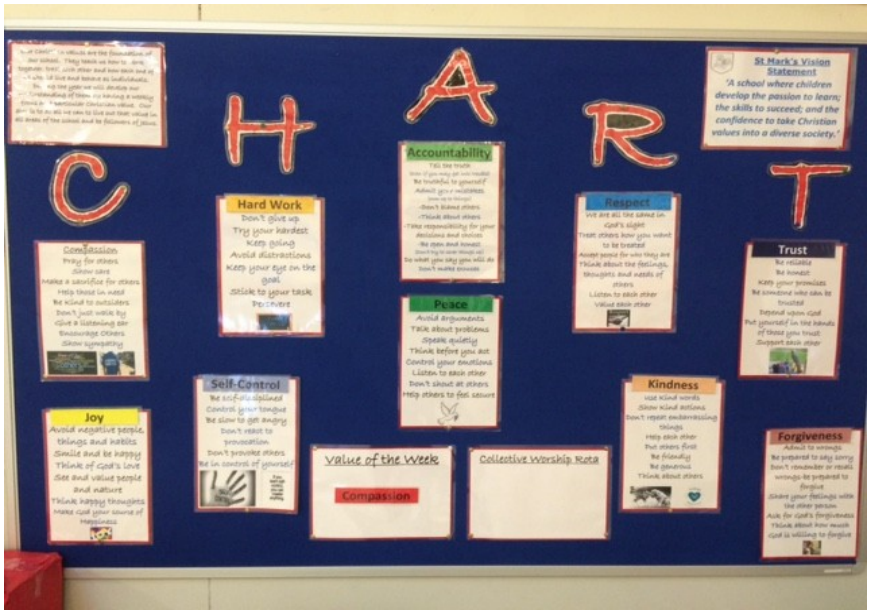
School Collective Worship theme:

'The School's Core Values'

Wk 2– Compassion

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven *you, so you also must forgive*

Colossians 3:12-13



Inspiring Writing across the school

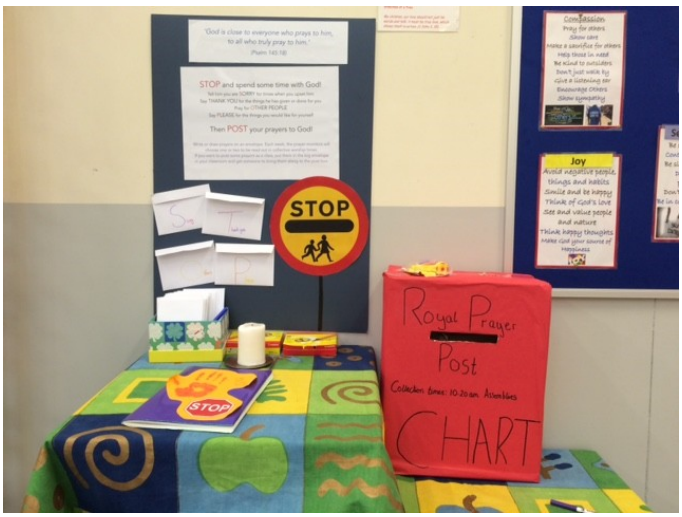
Within school we provide children with regular opportunities to write across the whole curriculum and during the course of the year we will be holding events that will inspire children's writing. Please continue to do the same at home by encouraging them to write: **shopping lists, persuasive letters for things they ask for; character and setting descriptions; the next section of a story; reports for topics they are covering; book reviews; songs and poems; cards and to take orders in role play.**

Attendance and punctuality

Attendance winners for this week are Years 3 and 4 with over 97% and punctuality winners are Reception and Year 1. Please keep up the hard work by ensuring children are in school and on time and in the line at 8.55 am please.

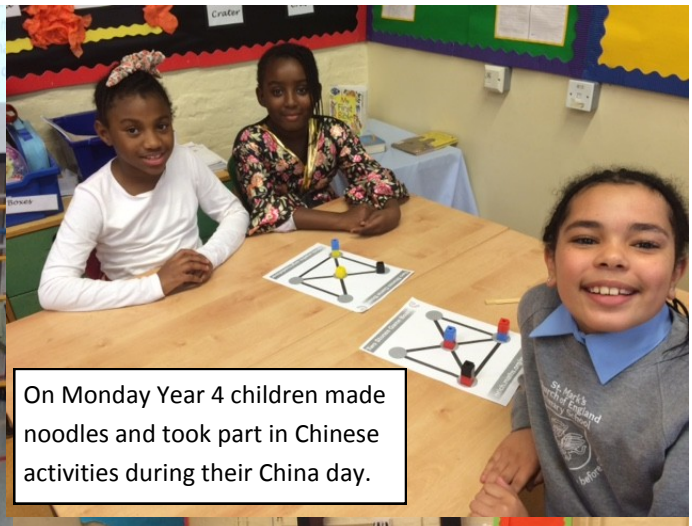
Let Us Pray!

I was delighted to see the work of the prayer monitors this week. Working alongside Caroline from St Mark's Church, they created this fantastic prayer station in the main hall to encourage children across the school to reflect and to pray. Please also come and join our parents' prayer group every Monday at 9.00 a.m.

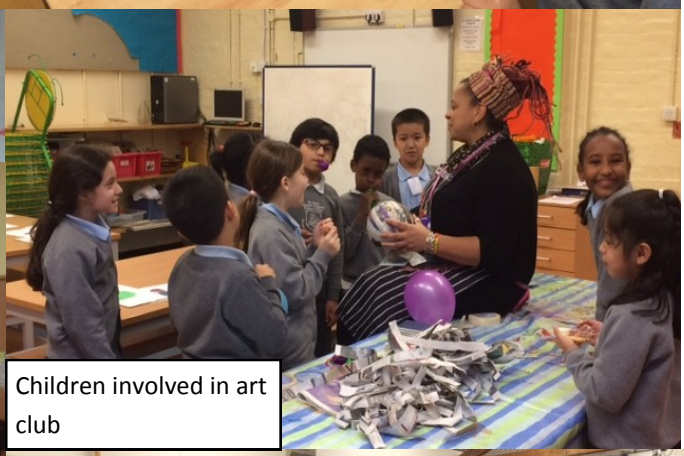


This week at St Mark's

Our fantastic recorder group lead collective worship on Thursday



On Monday Year 4 children made noodles and took part in Chinese activities during their China day.



Children involved in art club

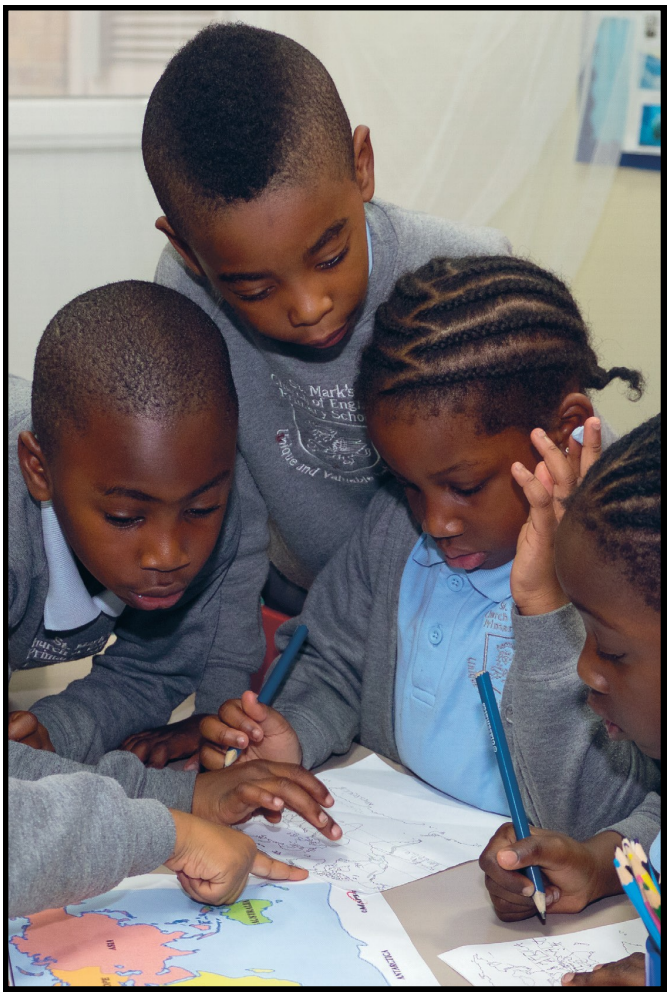
It was so wonderful to see over 20 parents present in our phonics training session to support early readers

Children involved in multi-skills club

On Wednesday I had the privilege of representing St Mark's at Archbishop Tenison's Remembrance Service, which was a wonderful occasion.

Children in St Mark's re-flecting on Remembrance

Come to the school office and obtain one of our marketing postcards



Our school

St Mark's School, located on the Oval Kennington borders, is well on its journey to securing outstanding outcomes for all of its pupils. Now under dynamic, new leadership, the school strives to be a hub in the local community and provide pupils with an excellent, all round education.

Open days & admissions

We would like to invite you to visit the school for one of our 2016 Reception Class Open Days on: **Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th or Friday 27th November at 9.15 a.m.** Please join us for an opportunity to tour the school and find out more about our plans and aspirations for St Mark's.