Unique and Valued

by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
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'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given—Isaiah 9:6

We come to the end of very busy term, which has seen so many high points and things to celebrate.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas and may we all give ourselves time to reflect upon the wonder and significance of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Don't forget that school begins on

Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 8.55 a.m.

School Collective Worship

theme: 'The School Values'

Wk 7 – Humility

Let this mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ, who being in the form of God and thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but took the form of a servant .... And humbled himself, becoming obedient to the death of the cross-Philippians 4:5-8

Well done Enitan!

A very big well done to Enitan in Year 6 who gained a distinction in her Grade 1 recorder exam earlier in the month. Thanks is also due to Mrs Rust for teaching her and preparing her for the exam.

Glad Tidings of Great Joy!

Well done and thank you to all of our children, teachers and parents for your hard work and support over the past few weeks. You have made this time memorable and special in the build up to Christmas. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed exceptionally well to their parents last Wednesday during the EYFS and KS 1 Nativity. Last Friday we raised £414 during our Christmas Market and cake sale. On Monday afternoon, our recorder group performed for 25 minutes in Oval Tube Station and raised an amazing £160 for 'Ropes Project', a charity that supports the homeless in South London. Then on Monday evening, a large number gathered during the school Christmas Carol Service, which was superbly led by children in Key Stage 2 through readings, carols and music.

The school recorder group busking to raise money for charity at Oval Tube Station.

Great costumes, loud voices, beautiful singing and great actions all on display during EYFS and KS1 Nativity.

Eager buyers during last Friday's Christmas Market.

An example of the fantastic goods on sale at the market.

What has been happening at St Mark's?

On Monday 12th December, children in Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic World War 2 Day as part of their topic on the second world war. They dressed up, participated in related tasks and then during the afternoon they worked with the gardeners from Urban Canopy to grow tomato and apple seeds and broad beans .

On Monday 12th December, children in Year 5 took part in a chess tournament involving three hundred and fifty other children across London and Kent. After only a term's worth of tuition, they played exceptionally well against children who have been playing for up to three years. James (pictured above) finished 3rd out of one hundred and fifty children. Here he challenges Mr Ingram during a lunch time chess club.

On Friday 16th December, children in Year 3 enjoyed a Greek Banquet to conclude their study on the Ancient Greeks. They have also made clay pots.

On Tuesday 6th December 2016, Year 4 visited the RAF Museum as part of their topic on inventions.

Stars of the Term

At the end of each term, teachers select 3 children who have demonstrated excellent achievement in learning, excellent effort in their commitment in their work and excellent collaboration in the way they have worked with others. So many children across the school demonstrate these qualities but the children below have been identified for Term 2:

	Achievement	**Collaboration**	**Effort**
Reception -	Joseph	Judith	Nadya
Year 1 -	Josiah	Ana	Lacara
Year 2 -	Kelvin	Daniela	Angel
Year 3 -	Ayla	Tolu	Rebeca
Year 4 -	Lauren	Janie	Sara-Amanee
Year 5 -	Hensi	Pierreice	Alicia
Year 6 -	Enitan	Genesis	Malakai

100% attendance Award Winners

Congratulations to the following children for achieving 100% attendance for the Autumn Term:

Reception: Rosana Alouoke Oladosu, Samuel Amofah, Rhys Creary, Jastin Velez Ardila

Year 1: Aysha Andrade, Sergio Parra Campoverde, Kailin He, Khloe Olusanya, Shary Alexandra Villamitar

Year 2: Kelvin He, Grace Jolaopa, Angel—Akonga Mosungu, Blair Mwine, Norris Osei Akowuah Ayman Saeed, Oluwatomiwa Shosanya, Bryan Vieira, Ethen Yohannes

Year 3: Omowunmi Toluwalase Alouoke Oladosu, Ruby During, Bethel Efrem, Tsion Abdi Essy Francisco Freitas, Stephanie Marin, Rebeca Marques Silva, Ayla Norridge, Anna Zhang

Year 4: David Aguilar, Jasmine Bennett, Katie Miranda, Jacob Norridge, Khanye Sterling

Year 5: Senay Efrem, Migle Precious Imsaite, D'Andra—May James, Mariette—Akonga Mosungu, Jason Njanjo

Year 6: Jayden Bennett, Ku– Yu He, Hayyan Marques, Toluwanimi El-Nia Onifade, Rebecca Oyeyemi, Terrence Peters– White, Joseph Alesseh Quayson, Rihanat Enitan Shittu, David Vulcu Alban

BIKE IT YOU CAN TOO

In partnership with Lambeth Council and Sport England, Sustrans is offering female parents at St Mark's the opportunity to learn to ride a bicycle for free as part of This Girl Can. The Bike It You Can Too course is for female parents who never learnt to ride a bike, or have not cycled since childhood. You will learn as part of a group led by an experienced instructor. The free course will take place at Vauxhall Primary every Wednesday morning 9:30 to 11:00 and will help you improve your skills and build your confidence. Don't worry if you haven't got a bike, you can borrow one (including a helmet) which you will have the option to buy for only £50 at the end of the course. If you are interested in taking part or would like more information about Bike it You Can Too, please contact Sam Jamieson at Sustrans (sam.jamieson@sustrans.org.uk).

Class of 2015/16

It was great to have 25 Year 7s return to St Mark's on Thursday 15th December for a reunion. They were pleased to be back at their primary school.

Parent Workshop

It was wonderful to see 22 parents present for our workshop on Improving Outcomes for Boys. We hope to run another one in the new year.