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The St Mark's Newsletter

26th February 2021

'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills and knowledge to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

Return to school on 8th March

Everybody has done an exceptional job during Lockdown 3, but I think that most pupils, parents and staff are now ready to return to school and we welcome the fact that all children across the school will be returning on Monday 8th March 2021. As you can imagine, we are busily updating our risk assessments and making arrangements for the return of all pupils. On Monday 1st March, we will send out a comprehensive letter providing guidance and details for parents in preparation for the return to school.

Parents evening

Many thanks for engaging in our new style parent evening meetings this week. Apologies if you booked for an appointment and experienced some technical issues. If you were not able to meet or speak with your child's class teacher, they will make contact with you next week.

Events

Please see details on pages 4 and 5 of school events that will be taking place this term. We hope that you can join us for our parent workshops. Miss Trott, our English Leader, has organised an exciting World Book Day for Thursday 4th March and your child's class teacher will share the details of the day with you soon

KEY SCHOOL DATES FOR SPRING TERM	
DATE	**DETAILS**
Tuesday 2nd March 2021	Early Years Virtual Coffee morning - 11.00am
Thursday 4th March 2021	World Book Day
Monday 8th March 2021	Science Week
Thursday 18th March 2021	Parent workshop on PSHE and local road safety
Monday 29th March 2021	RE Week
Wednesday 31st March 2021	End of Term 4—last day of term

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Flourishing friendships and Lent – Jesus's Friends

BIBLE VERSE

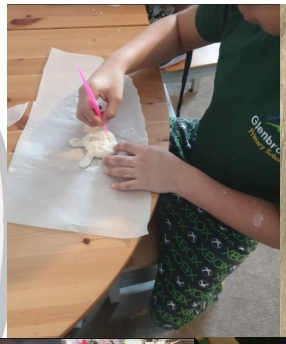
Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other
John 4:11

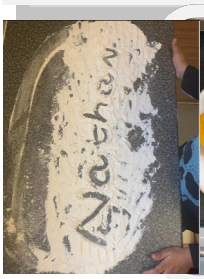
WELL DONE!

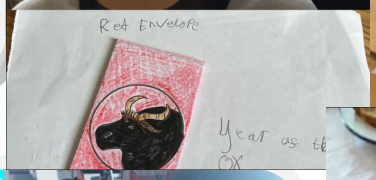
Fantastic daily participation across the school yet again. Well done children of St Mark's for all your hard work and engagement this week

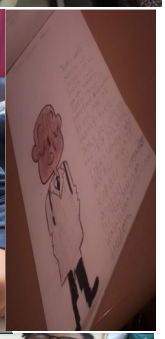
Keep it up!

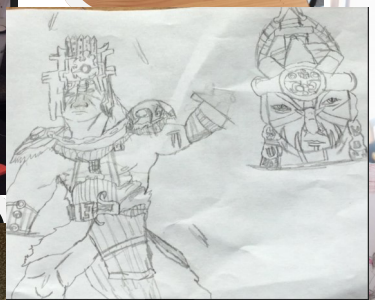
Screen Free Day #2- Well done to our children and parents for fantastic non-screen home learning.

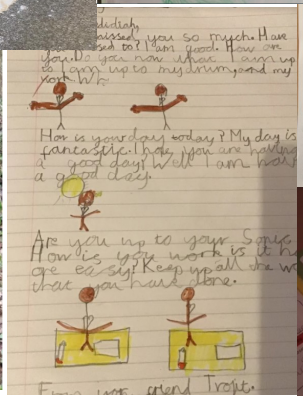


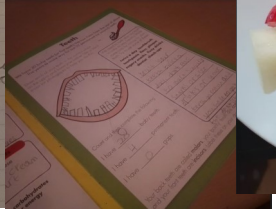




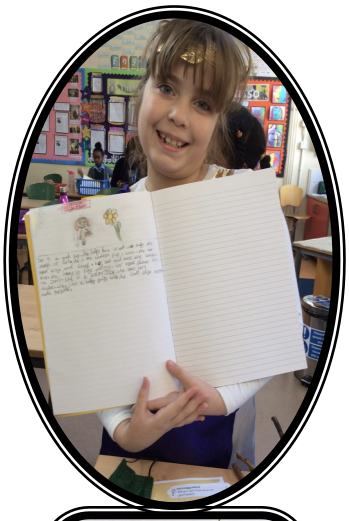




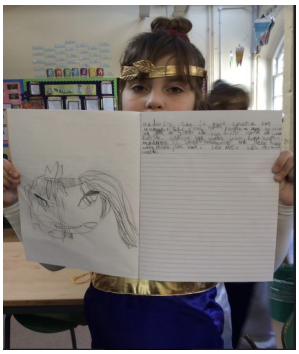




Year 4 Ancient Greece Day



Well done to Year 4 who had their own Ancient Greece Day last Friday during our second non-screen day. It was great that so many of you got in role as goddesses, journalists, chefs, story writers , artists and scientists and produced some excellent work during the day.



Term 3 Stars of the Term

	Joyful and Positive	Self control and collaboration	Leadership and Accountability	Effort and Hard Work	Kindness and Compassion
Juniper Class	Avery	Jacob	Jidcak	Ocyana	Suraiya-Rose
Oak Class	Trojit	Santiago	Eleanor	Madeleine	Trojit
Olive Class	Aquinnah	Kiarah	Eliana	Anthony	Erica
Palm Class	Brian	Nila C	Nyhla S	Seraphina	Lesley Ann
Sycamore Class	Ana	Mesgana	Tiago	Kamarni	Kailin
Willow Class	Brandon	Neriah	Esteban	Vivian	Neiyah-Li
	Making Links	**Trying their best**	**Being a good friend**	**Having their own ideas**	**Being involved**
Cedar Class	Esme and Jason	Ahmed and Brenda		Y'Israel	Kashia and Kamia
Ebony Class	Lewi	Sammy	Ezra	Betty, Eliakim, Yunus and Micah	Adelani

Lanyard Winners for this week w/c 22nd March in Years 1-6

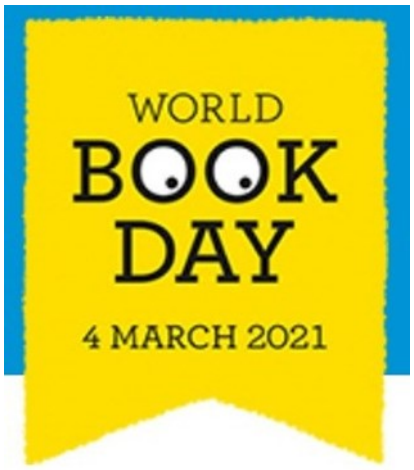
	Joyful and Positive	Self control and Collaboration	Leadership and Accountability	Effort and Hard Work	Kindness and Compassion
Juniper Class		Zenae	Shaare	Joshua, Lisa	
Oak Class	Destiny		Melek	Jedediah	Alejandro Erick
Olive Class	Benyam			Mara & Jerome	
Palm Class	Andres	Henrique	Leslie-Ann	Miguel	Ellie-May
Sycamore Class		Ore	Kamarni	Shary, Melissa, Maria, Lisset, Kailin	
Willow Class	Kadeem	Ethan	Valaria	Deborah & Nikaya	

A big well done not just to our Lanyard and Star of the Term winners, but to all children across the school for their excellent efforts

Notices for parents

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. The children will participate in a range of activities and events that teachers will share with you soon. Although we won't be able to do our usual parade of book characters, we still encourage the children to dress up as a book character at home and participate in the live class sessions and a whole school virtual meeting later in the afternoon.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home and read together with them on a regular basis. See suggestions below.



World Book Day!

Thursday 4th March 2021

A celebration of reading and writing!

Home Learning

This 'World Book Day' we will be celebrating the joy of reading and writing through a range of exciting activities. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for their class Google Meet that day.

At Home

Take time to share a story with your child at home.

Do this by:

• Finding a quiet, comfortable space in your home to share a book together;

♦ Picking a time when both you and your child can relax when sharing the book;

• Take the time to talk about how the story or characters made you feel and what you liked or didn't like about the book.

Parent Coffee Mornings
SAVE the DATES

Early Years

Tuesday 2nd March at 11 am via Google Meet

Developing Early Literacy and Numeracy

Link to be emailed out to Early Years parents on Monday 1st March

PSHE

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

Thursday 11th March at 9:30 am via Google Meet

More Details to Follow