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The St Mark's News
11th March 2016
Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and children

We have come to the end of an exciting and eventful week! There have been fantastic learning opportunities in and out of the classroom.

Our Year 6 children have been away on school journey and we look forward to their return this afternoon. They have had a great time; eagerly participating in a range of outdoor activities. I am sure they will enjoy sharing their experiences with us.

In preparation for the Lambeth Music Festival, Year 2 had the opportunity to rehearse with Archbishop Sumner and Henry Fawcett Schools. On Tuesday 22nd March Year 2, the choir and some Year 5 pupils are performing at the Royal Festival Hall. Please come along, your support is welcomed and valued. More information to follow.

This term Year 3 have been learning to play the recorders. On Thursday they played in Collective Worship and we were delighted to hear the progress they have made in a short space of time. Well done Year 3 and thank you to Mrs Rust for her work and enthusiasm.

Two classes went on school trips this week. Year 1 went to the Natural History Museum to deepen their knowledge and understanding of their topic. Year 5 went to Into University, this is in preparation for a project they will be involved in when they get to Year 6 and creates awareness of the opportunities available to them when they leave secondary school.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Year 5 at Into University

Year 2 rehearsing with Archbishop Sumner and Henry Fawcett Schools in preparation for the Lambeth Music Festival.

School Collective Worship Theme:

Thankfulness

Bible Verse

In everything give thanks;
For this is the will of Christ Jesus concerning you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Year 6 School Journey

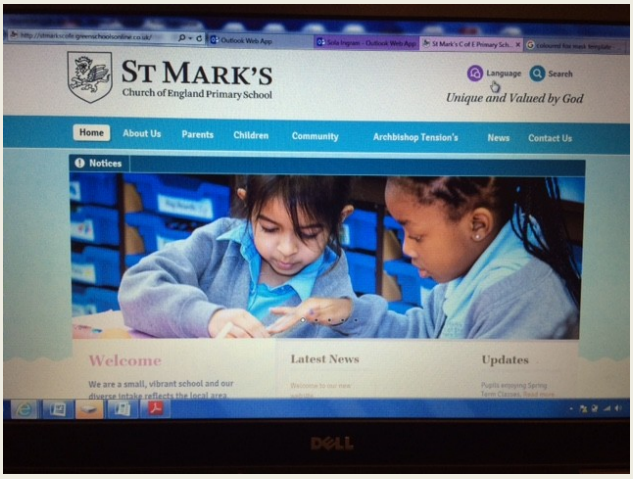
Carroty Wood in Tonbridge, Kent

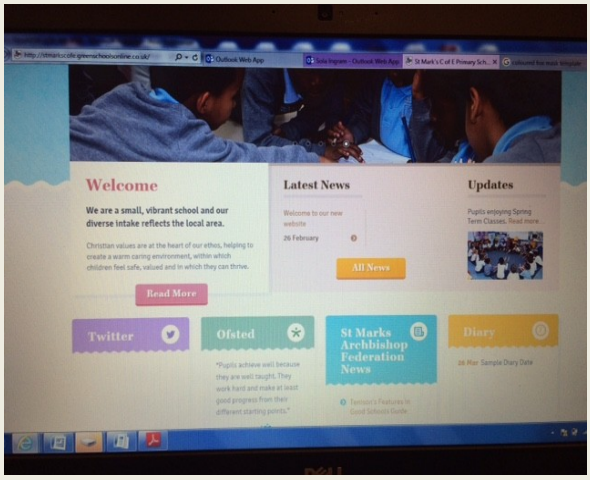
Our Website is Live!

Visit: www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk

Behind the scenes we have been working hard to develop a new, updated website which shows off all that is great about St Mark's. The website is now launched and we would very much appreciate your feedback so we can continue to improve it. To begin with, there may be empty spaces in some areas as we continue to add information and pictures.

If you would prefer for your child's picture to not appear on the new school website or prospectus that we are currently working on, please inform the school office as soon as possible, so that we can make a note of this and avoid using their pictures in these publications.





Governors of St Mark's

The Governors of St Mark's want the best for every child every day.

Rev Coulson, our Chair of Governors, comes in weekly to lead Collective Worship which centres around our school values. He encourages us to live out these values in everyday life.

Anjoum Noorani came in this week to speak to our Spanish-speaking pupils about what you enjoy about school and what we can do to improve it. This is all part of pupil voice and working together to create the best possible learning experiences for the pupils at St Mark's.

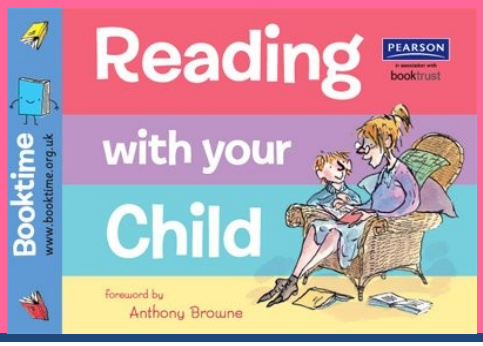
Thank you!

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 and Year 6 who all achieved attendance levels over 96% this week.

Reading with your Child

Booklets on how to best support your child reading at home went out this week. They are available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. There are some very useful tips and it answers some frequently asked questions.



Travelling Book Fair

At the beginning of the term we had a book fair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that supported us; it was a great success and we made **£312** for our school. This will be put towards purchasing high quality books.

TRAVELLING BOOKS

Maths Workshop for Reception, Year 1 and 2 Parents

Today we had a Maths Workshop. The focus was on how to develop children's counting and calculation skills and ideas were given on how to make Maths fun and relevant to everyday life.

Thank you so much to the parents who attended.

Cycle Confidence

Next week we have two Nationally Accredited Cycling Instructors coming to St Mark's to deliver cycling training to our Year 5 pupils. The children will end the week going on a long and enjoyable ride with the instructors.

They will be a awarded a Level 1 and 2 certificate.

Cycle confidence for Year 6 - Week Commencing 4th July 2016

Sports Relief—Friday 18th March 2016

Pay £1 and come dressed in Red and White!