Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
13th October 2017

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

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

Official launch and dedication of our new Early Years unit

Tuesday 17th October 9.00am

Stay for coffee, meet other parents, participate in our short dedication service led by Vicar Reverend Steve and have a look around our new school Nursery

Events for Black History

Please get involved in some of the exciting events planned for next week. Your contribution is very much appreciated. Due to Valerie Bloom's availability, we have changed the order of some of the events. Please see back pages for details.

Healthy eating across the school

We have started our big push on promoting healthier eating across all areas of the school and it has been pleasing to see children drinking more water, bringing in healthier packed lunches and children having an increased appetite for fruit. Reception class even made healthy scones this week. An interesting article appeared on the BBC website this week highlighting the dangers of child obesity. For more details see **www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-37116611**

Value of the Week

Thankfulness

BIBLE VERSE

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery	81.67%
Reception	90.43%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2—	94.17%
Year 3—	89.68%
Year 4—	97.24%
Year 5—	97.93%
Year 6—	97.33%

Punctuality

Please make sure that you are in the playground and in line at 8.55am. There is an increasing number of children arriving late to school after the register has been taken and the learning has started. Help children to be on time and ready for school.

Parent Survey Feedback July 2017.

Many thanks for the invaluable feedback that you have recently given us to help us to further improve all areas of the school. **Feedback from 59 families is below**. During this year we will work hard to respond to your comments and suggestions for how we can further develop all areas of the school.

	Overall Strength %	Overall Weakness %
My child enjoys school.	**97**	2
The school informs me about my child's progress.	**98**	6
My child is making enough progress at this school.	**95**	5
The teaching is good at this school.	**93**	2
I feel that my child is safe and well cared for at school.	**95**	1
Behaviour in school is good.	**95**	0
The school encourages my child to attend regularly and punctually.	**97**	0
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour.	**97**	2
The staff do not tolerate bullying and deal with it effectively.	**97**	2
The school takes account of children's views.	**92**	11
The school asks for my views and takes account of suggestions and concerns.	**92**	12
The school helps me to support my child's learning.	**98**	2
The school teaches my child to respect people from different back-grounds, races and religions, etc.	**97**	1
The school teaches my child how to deal with risks and behave safely.	**98**	2
The school is led and managed effectively.	**98**	1
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	**97**	2
	96	3

Update for Year 6 Parents

Secondary Transfer Deadline

Dear **Year 6** Parents, please be aware that all secondary school applications need to be submitted by **31st October 2017**. Please also be aware that a number of schools have supplementary forms that need to be completed and submitted **before** this date. See either the Lambeth Council schools website or contact the individual schools to obtain their supplementary form and complete it by the due date.

Next Week

On **Wednesday 18th October**, **Year 6** will be leading collective worship at **10.25am** in the school hall. Please come along to support them if you can.

On **Thursday 19th October**, our **Year 6** class have been invited over to Vauxhall Primary School to perform one of the songs from the Bessie's Wings opera. The performance will be streamed live onto the BBC's website at around **2.30pm**. They will be back by the end of the school day.

A message from our school Library Monitors

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Dear Children,

Please could you bring your old books to school next week, so we can use them in our new school library. We would like as many books as possible including picture books and chapter books.

<u>Books need to be</u>:

- **In good condition (please don't bring in tatty or damaged books)**
- **Suitable for children**

We will be in the playground next week ready with plastic boxes to collect your books.

Thank you, Mariette, Tomiwa, Lydia, Amanawit, Wendy, Gasim, Jasmine, Alicia and Romona (from Year 6)

Please get permission from your parents before you bring books to school.

E – Safety workshop-keep your children safe online

Lambeth

at St Mark's Church of England Primary School.

When: Monday 13th November

What time: 9.00am - 1pm

- Do you know how to keep your family and yourself safe online?
- Do you want to be able to monitor what your children are looking at online?

On this workshop you will learn:

- How to monitor what your child sees online and what practical steps you can take to protect them.
- How to identify the main potential threats to your child's safety from them being online regularly.
- At least 3 strategies for keeping your family safe online.
- How to keep yourself safe whilst online

You will receive a certificate upon completion of the course.

If you would like to attend please give your details to the school office

WHERE:
Black Prince Community Hub,
5 Beaufoy Walk (off Black Prince Road),
Lambeth,
SE11 6AA

WHEN: Wednesdays 4pm-5pm

Street Cricket is being promoted by Chance To Shine, a national charity on a mission to spread the power of cricket throughout schools and communities.

Street Cricket was launched in 2008 to bring cricket to children in London. In 2011-12, the programme was expanded into Birmingham, Bristol, Dewsbury, Hull, Liverpool and Manchester.

It has now reached more than 38,000 youngsters and is taking cricket to new people in new areas that would otherwise miss out on the chance to play. 85% of participants since 2008 were not members of cricket clubs.

You don't have to book, just turn up. You don't need to bring any special kit, just wear your own trainers.

Street Cricket is a fast moving game. It's designed to be played in crowded urban environments using five- a-side football pitches, basketball courts and sports halls.

"We believe that competition is a key motivator for young people and we want children to enjoy sport competitively and in the right spirit"

CONTACT: John Monday jmonday@surreycricket.com 07850089374

Events to celebrate Black History Month

Monday 16th October Capoeira Workshops

Dance Da Liberdade will be in during the day to showcase their skills, share the background to Capoeira and to work with classes across the school.

Tuesday 17th October Country Profile Day- (change of date)

Children across the school will focus on countries well represented by the families at St Mark's and learn about songs, language, food, culture, facts and other details relating to these countries. Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Eade (Deputy Head) to see how you can contribute and support.

Year 6- Jamaica
Year 5 – Bolivia
Year 4 – Trinidad and Tobago
Year 3 - Nigeria
Year 2 - Brazil
Year 1 - Ghana
Nursery and Reception - Portugal

Wednesday 18th October 2017 Hero/Heroine Day

Different classes will learn about the lives and contribution of individuals who they may not have learnt or heard about before.

Events to celebrate Black History Month

Thursday 19th October 2017 Valerie Bloom Day (change of date)

We are pleased to announce that Valerie Bloom, the famous Jamaican poet will be visiting the school to lead poetry workshops with classes across the school. She will lead a whole school assembly at 10.00am. Please come along and enjoy her poetry in the school hall.

Friday 20th October Cultural Dress Day

Children can dress in their cultural clothes or national flag colours and bring in a donation of £1 that we would like to give to Kidcare International, who run projects in Kenya and Uganda. We would also like children to bring in one item from their country of origin which they can share with their classmates.

Friday 20th October International Evening 6.00-8.00pm

Between 6.00-8.00pm the school will be holding an international celebration evening to mark the end of term and to celebrate the schools diversity. There will be music, food, dance and Gospel singing.

Unfortunately, tickets have now sold out.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

Worlds of Possibilities: Big Draw, between the lines.

Saturday 14th October 1130 – 2.30pm

FREE (suitable for age 5 – 11 years)

Merton Arts Space, 35 Wimbledon Hill Road, Wimbledon, SW19 7NB 020 8274 5791

For more information email: gwen.ramsey@merton.gov.uk

Free family drop-in animation workshop at Merton Arts Space Come take part in an artist led animation workshop as part of the Big Draw and National Libraries Week. Learn drawing skills and take part in a collaborative animation workshop inspired by the National Libraries week theme Worlds of Possibilities. Work as a family to get creative in the new arts venue the Merton Arts Space with of artists Maggie Nightingale, Gwen Ramsay and Anna Nunhofer. Drop in family activity. Limited space.

Herne Hill Festival: Young Musical Talent in our Community

Saturday 14th October 3 – 5pm

St Saviour's Hall, Herne Hill Road, SE24. www.hernehillfestival.org

Tickets: £5/£3

In Harmony Lambeth, based in Vauxhall, brings 150 young musicians together every week after school to make music in orchestras, choirs and ensembles. The children have different levels of experience and quickly make the journey from learning to making a sound on their instrument, to performing at various well known venues. The Holst Symphony Orchestra is our most advanced Orchestra

Adventureland at Royal Academy of Arts

Sunday 15th October 11am – 3pm.

FREE Suitable for all ages.

Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0BD

020 7300 8053 www.royalacademy.org.uk

Come explore, climb and play in this drawing and constructing collaboration. As part of the Big Draw, create and animate drawings of daydream playgrounds with the help of artists. Join in using found and fun recycled objects to bring your drawings to life. Inspired by *Jasper Johns: 'Something Resembling Truth'* transform objects into interactive art . Dream up and away as we draw and play, building playgrounds of the future. Drop-in, meet in the front hall.

Fold your City! The Origami Challenge

Sunday 15th October, 2.30 – 4.30pm

FREE suitable for all

Trinity Buoy Wharf, 64 Orchard Place, London, E14 0JY 020 7515 7153

www.trinitybuoywharf.com, nearest station Canning Town, Jubilee line (10mins walk)

Fold Your City is a free interactive workshop for all ages that encourages families to get creative together. Inspired by the Dance Umbrella 2017 festival show ***Origami*** and The Big Draw's 2017 Festival: Living Lines: ***Fold Your City*** is a free interactive workshop for all ages that encourages families to get creative together. Your pieces will help create a large origami model city inspired by the ever evolving skyline that surrounds Trinity Buoy Wharf.
Simply turn up, create your own large origami shaped house, boat or car. Draw, colour and decorate your shape and be part of this evolving drawn installation inspired by the unique Trinity Buoy Wharf backdrop and the incredible 'Origami' performance.