Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
15th February 2019

'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,

PARENTS' EVENING/PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Many thanks for your attendance at parents' evening last week. These occasions are very important to ensure that you obtain an update on your child's progress and both school staff and parents to work together to help children continue to progress across all areas of the curriculum. Many thanks for the feedback that you have provided to help us to continue to work on improving all aspects of the school

Percentage of parents seen:

Nursery - 74%; Reception — 84%; Year 1— 88% Year 2 — 100%

Year 3 — 75%; Year 4 — 87%; Year 5 — 93%; Year 6 — 93%

Attendance and Punctuality update

Our whole school attendance still needs to improve significantly in order for us to achieve our target of 96%. Although there are many children across the school with attendance levels of 96% and above, there are a number of children with attendance which is below 90% and this puts the figure for the whole school down significantly. Please be fully committed to regular and unnecessary absences, as they prevent your child from making progress and this could lead to you being referred to the local authority courts panel . If attendance and punctuality is an issue for your family, please speak to Mrs Moses, Mrs Natasha Guy or Mr Ingram to find out how the school can support you to avoid local authority involvement. Remember that parents have a legal duty to make sure their children attend school regularly and on time.

Value of the Week

WISDOM

BIBLE VERSE

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil

Proverbs 2:6

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 96.45%
Reception— 85.79%
Year 1 - 91.02%
Year 2— 99.20%
Year 3— 95.71%
Year 4— 95.33%
Year 5— 96.27%
Year 6— 99.33%

WELL DONE!

To the following classes who achieved over 96.%:

Nursery, Years 2, 5 and 6

Remember that poor attendance not only has an impact on your child's learning, it affects the whole school

What's been happening at St Marks?...

St Mark's Day 2019

The school celebrated its first St Mark's Day today — Friday 15th February. Children across the school worked collaboratively and participated in work experience placements led by different members of staff across the school. Our editing team for the day (pictured above) have written some reports about today's action.

Today during St Mark's day a number of children took part in a PE workshop. A couple of minutes ago I interviewed Jeffery from Year 5. He said that the event was exciting for the children at the school.

Ian (Year 6)

The big kids were helping the small children in nursery today on St Mark's Day to sing a happy song. Valeria from Year 4 said '*the Nursery children are nice cute.*'

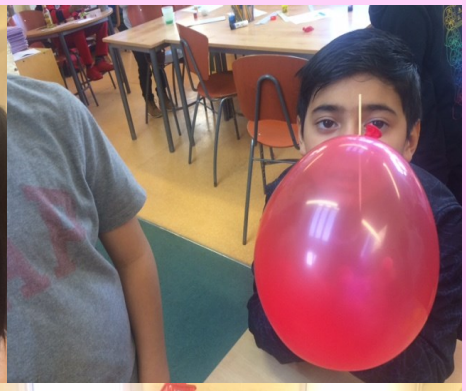
Rosa (Year 2) and Derek (Year 1)

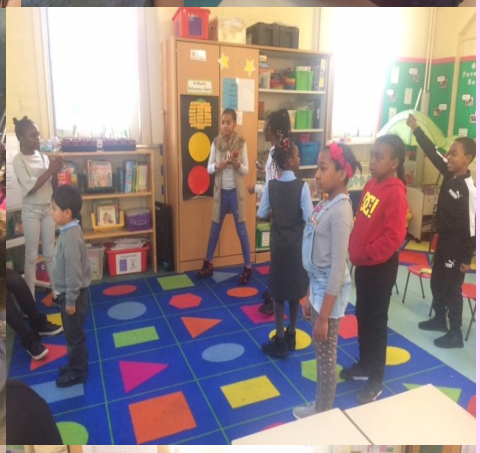
One of the jobs was building. Within this workshop children crafted with wood and used tools to create wooden pallets. Esteban was leading this workshop and said, '*I'm trying to show them how a wooden pallet can be used for multiple purposes.' Once you have finished with the pallet it, can be used indoors, for example coat pegs*'. Children enjoyed sawing wood, pulling nails out of wood and hammering. Fortunately no accidents were reported!

Norrissa Cole (Year 6)

St Mark's Day cont'd

In celebration of St. Mark's Day, each children had an opportunity to experience a set of workshops in preparation for what types of jobs they would like to do in the future. The work experience were n the following areas: **Chef—run by Mrs Tullonge, Artist—run by Mrs Cristescu, Gardener—run by Miss Winter, Nurse—run by Mrs Coulson, Musician—run by Miss Kelly, Computer Coder—run by Miss Hankins, Sportsman—run by Mr Emmanuel, Builder—run by Mr Esteban, Spanish Tour Guide—run by Miss Parkin, Actor—run by Miss Bowerman, Early Years Teacher—run by Nursery TAs, Scientis—run by Mrs Moses, Author/Journalist—run by Mr Ingram, Hair Stylist—run by Miss Dina and Jewellery Making—run by Mrs Eades & Miss Trott.**





St Mark's Collective Worship Timetable Term 3 (2018-19) SMSC/ Walking and Growing in Wisdom & knowledge

Dear All,

In light of our up and coming SIAMs inspection, the collective worship themes for the remaining four terms will reflect the inspection foci and the new Church of England vision statement of ' Life in all its Fullness- Deeply Christian, Serving the Local Community.' This vision, which focuses on children's all round development (spiritual, moral, social, cultural, emotional and intellectual) is summarised in the four basic elements below:

- Wisdom, knowledge and skills
- Character education, hope and aspiration
- Community and living well together
- Dignity and respect

The collective worship focus provides us with the opportunity to explore these themes in a deep, biblical and meaningful way, making application to the life and context of the school.

Please incorporate these areas within your curriculum drivers, PSHE lessons and curriculum foci. This will ensure that we are always promoting children's all-round progress and development. Please also use aspects of the collective worship rota during your interactions with children in class, when working with groups and across the school.

The main messages for this term are: 1) our need for God's wisdom to help us to navigate the challenges that we will have to face throughout life and to make the right decisions. 2) Our need for God's help to grow and develop in personal character, enabling us to react and respond in the right way when dealing with other people and situations

Week beg.	Prayer / Bible Focus/ SIAMs Focus	School / World Focus
7th Jan 2019	Being an all-round learner	SMSC- Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural, Intellectual, Emotional development, Character development
14th Jan 2019	<u>Abundant Life</u> I am come that they might have life and that they might have it to the full. John 10:10	SMSC- Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural, Intellectual, Emotional development, character development are aims and goals at St Mark's
21st Jan 2019	<u>Sources of Wisdom</u> Walking and growing in Wisdom and knowledge – God's Wisdom The difference between God's wisdom and the wisdom of the world James 1: Learning from mistakes	What is wisdom? Where does it come from? Experience, wise people, God, passed on. What is the opposite of wisdom? What does God say about foolishness? How can we grow in wisdom? The difference between wisdom and Knowledge; Who can you learn from? We can learn from each other
28th Jan 2019	<u>Developing the right character</u> Walking and growing in Wisdom and knowledge – deepening and cultivating the right character traits- Love, joy, peace, kindness, forgiveness Applying wisdom	Character development: What type of person are you? How have people changed? What characteristics should I seek? How can I be different?# Developing the right skills The power of influence- who do we follow and imitate?
4th Feb 2019	*<u>Being Wise</u>* *Walking and growing in Wisdom and knowledge –* *Lessons from Jesus and the Bible in responding to different situations and Tips from the book of proverbs*	*Wise actions- knowing what to do and how to react and respond in different situations* *Learning from different scenarios- friendships, family, community* *Knowing how to keep yourself safe*
11th Feb 2019	<u>Wisdom for life</u> Walking and growing in wisdom and knowledge – How we need wisdom in all walks of life Pray for leaders	*Wisdom in different areas of life* *Economic, Legal, Political, Technical* *Warnings and examples,* *learning from consequences*

Stars of the Term

At the end of each term, teachers select children who have demonstrated excellent **Achievement** in learning, **Effort** in their commitment to their work and **Collaboration** in the way they have worked with others. For this term we are also introducing a new criteria—**Wisdom**—where children have shown great ability in their decision-making. So many children across the school demonstrate these qualities daily but the children below have been identified as demonstrating these qualities for Term 3:

	Achievement	**Effort**	**Collaboration**	**Wisdom**
Reception	Melodee	Nyah	Sheneya	Layna
Year 1	Makayla	Kiarah	Jeremiah	Moriah
Year 2	Jastin	Bryan	Luna	Rosa
Year 3	Tiago	Kamarni	Shary	Maria-Victoria
Year 4	Ethan	Khimar	Maja	Solange
Year 5	Anna	Gahie	Stephanie	Donte
Year 6	MariaClara	Ky-anh	Elisa	Norrissa

Term Dates for 2018/19

Friday 15th February 2019	St Mark's Day	
Friday 15th February 2019	Valentine's Event	
Friday 15th February 2019	**Last Day of Term 3**	
Monday 25th February 2019	**Term 4 - Children return to school**	
Wednesday 27th February 2019	Year 5 and 6 Girls football tournament	9-1pm at Kennington Park
w/c Monday 4th March 2019	Reading and Writing Week	All week
Wednesday 6th March 2019	Year 5 and 6 Girls football tournament	9-1pm at Kennington Park
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day	
w/c Monday 18th - 22nd March 2019	Lambeth Music Festival	TBC
Thursday 21st March 2019	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament	
Friday 29th March 2019	Mother's Day Breakfast	
Monday 1st April 2019	RE Week	
Wednesday 3rd April 2019	Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Tournament	9.30-1.30 at Elm Green school
Friday 5th April 2019	**End of Term 4**	
Tuesday 23rd April	**Term 5 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Monday 6th May	**Bank Holiday**	
Wednesday 8th May 2019	Year 3 and 4 Mini Tag Rugby 9.30-1.00pm	Kennington Park
Monday 13th May 2019	SATS Week	
Friday 24th May 2019	**End of Term 5**	
Monday 3rd June 2019	**Term 6 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Wednesday 5th June 2019	Mini Athletics	
Wednesday 12th June 2019	G & T Sports Day Years 5 and 6	Tooting Bec Track
Friday 14th June 2019	Year 5 Boys' visit to Dulwich College	
Friday 14th June 2019	Father's Day Breakfast	Breakfast from 8.15-8.50
Friday 21st June 2019	Sports Day	To be confirmed
Thursday 27th June 2019	Year 1 and 2 Transition Picnic	
Saturday 29th June 2019	Summer Fair	1-4pm tbc
Friday 5th July 2019	Early Years Sports Day	
Monday 8th July 2019	Nursery & Reception – Welcome Morning (Stay & Play)	
Tuesday 9th July 2019	Church Service at St Mark's	
Friday 12th July 2019	Award Ceremony	
Friday 12th July 2019	Early Years & Reception Graduation	2.30pm
Sunday 14th July 2019	**Leaver's service at St Mark's Church 10.00am**	
w/c Monday 15th – 19th July 2019	Science, Health and Fitness Week	
Wednesday 17th July 2019	Showcase Evening	3.30-4.45pm
Thursday 18th July 2019	YR6 End of year production and Dinner	6-8pm
Friday 19th July 2019	**Last day of term**	**School finishes at 1.30pm**