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# The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

## 15th November 2019

**'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 Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

# Anti-Bullying week

This week was Anti-Bullying week.

The focus was about changing attitudes, behaviour and culture as we stand up to all forms of bullying.

Reception created friendship hands reflecting the school's value of kindness.

A strong message was given that bullying is not ok and is taken seriously at St Mark's.

**Mrs Moses—Inclusion Manager and Behaviour lead**

**Thank you to those who sent in the shoe-boxes. They were collected earlier today by the Samaritan Purse organisation.**

Netball champions! With an excellent record of 6 games 6 wins. It is an outstanding achievement finishing first out of 16 schools. Well done to Mesha, Rebeca, Annia, Jaden-Lee, Donte and Betty.

## Value of the Week

**The skills and knowledge to succeed—Communication**

## BIBLE VERSE

***" Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."***

***Ephesians 4.29***

## Attendance and Punctuality

**Nursery— 96.36%**

**Reception— 95%**

**Year 1— 95%**

**Year 2— 96.92%**

**Year 3— 99.26%**

**Year 4— 94.67%**

**Year 5— 93.79%**

**Year 6— 95.36%**

## WELL DONE!

**Well done!**

**Nursery, Years 2 and 3**

**Keep it up!**

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

# What is happening at St Mark's –EYFS

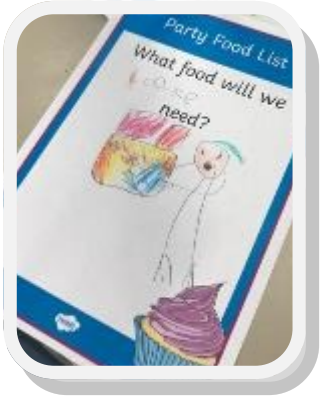
## NURSERY

Nursery children have been learning about dinosaurs through different indoor and outdoor activities. They are also preparing their Nativity play for Christmas. Please make sure you are present.

## RECEPTION

Reception class is working hard and learning their numbers and all the different shapes through several indoor and outdoor activities. Children are also practising their phonics and improving their writing skills.

Reading for pleasure builds children's confidence, fluency and understanding of text. We need parents to come and read for the children. Please speak to Ms Stewart if you can spare some time.



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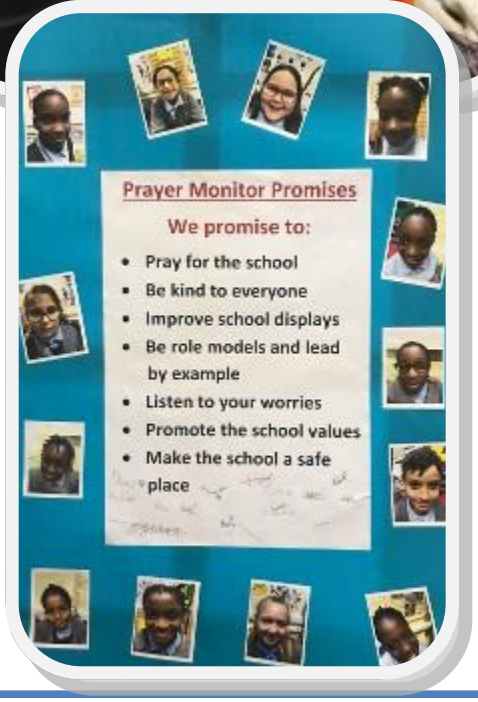
Some children of **Years 5 & 6** went to a Tag Rugby Competition in Kennington Park in October. The team played 4 games:
2 wins; 1 draw; 1 loss.
They had great fun competing with other teams!

## PRAYER MONITORS' MEETING




Djelika, from year 5, is one of our prayer monitors. She explained that the prayer monitors meet once a week. They read passages from the Bible and learnt about them. They have an agenda of what things to pray for, so every week each monitor has two or three items to pray for. They also make new displays for the school. Once a term they share with the rest of the school what they have been working on.
We asked Djelika why is it good to pray?
"Because God can help us".

If you want to be a prayer monitor, please speak to Mr Ingram.

**"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Psalm 34.8**

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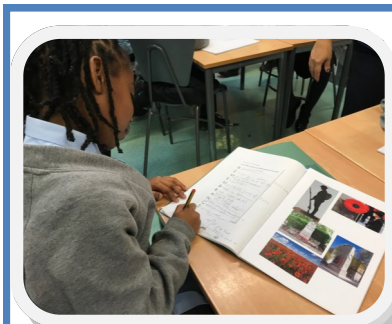

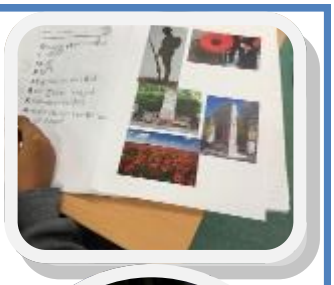

## Remembrance Day

On Monday, we remembered once more those who died in the War.

Throughout the day the classes had several activities related to the day and Years 3 & 4 went to see three war memorials in Kennington Park and at St. Mark's church.

## Year 1 trip to Museum of London

On Monday Year visited the Museum of London to discover the captivating history of various animals and learned how they played an important part in in shaping the capital of London. Their favourite fact they learned was that lions used to live in London! They had a great time!

# Notices

## Christmas Events

**EYFS Nativity play**

Tuesday 3rd December at 2.30 pm — School hall

**Music Performance — School Hall at 3.00 pm**

Tuesday 3rd December - Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 4th December - Years 5 & 6

Thursday 5th December - Years 3 & 4

**Years 1 & 2 Nativity play**

Tuesday 10th December at 2.30 pm — School hall

**Christmas Craft Market**

Friday 13th December 3.30-4.15 pm — School hall

**School Christmas Pantomime**

Monday 16th December 2.15-3.15pm— School Hall

Saturday 21st December 12.00pm at St Mark's Church

**School Carol Service**

Thursday 19th December 9.20am at St Mark's Church

## Breakfast Club

As most of you may know, breakfast club is now paid via Parent Pay. Please, do not hesitate to come to the office if you need any assistance. We also need games and puzzles to have during the club. If you have any that no longer want, you can bring and donate them to the school.

MANY THANKS!

Please, help your children to learn their lyrics and lines for the Nativity play.

# PSA (Parents, Staff Association)

The PSA (Parents, Staff Association) at St Mark's are here to join forces with the school for the children, to meet their needs by building that community spirit and unity amongst each other.

One of the aims of the PSA is to plan and organise fundraising events (Summer Fair, Cultural Celebration, etc.) to raise funds for the school to help purchase equipment and support activities, trips, etc. for the children. The PSA have been able to provide the school with a stage for the school performances and the sound system for the playground.

As parents we desire the best for our children, and want them to enjoy their early developmental years so we are calling upon parents to get involved and have your say on the events we hold for the school.

We will be having a coffee morning on Friday 29th November at 9am in the school hall. Please come along have a coffee and meet some of the parents at the PSA as we would love to have more parent involvement and representation.

We look forward to meeting you there.

**Coffee Morning**

**Friday 29th November**

**9.00 am**

**School hall**

# St Mark's School Garden

Our **Years 1 & 2** have been busy in our edible garden. They have planted daffodils, garlic bulbs, onions and shallots. Now we all need a bit of patient until they grow!