Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

17th March 2023

'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 and Carers,

We were pleased to welcome a number of families into school today to enjoy Mother's Day breakfast. In collective worship, we also thanked God for our mother's and all that they do for us. One child said that being a mum was the hardest job in the world!

EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

Please read the newsletter for information about free events and holiday clubs during the Easter vacation provided by Surrey Cricket and Black Prince Trust. Both are local organisations and known to the school. They are very eager that children from St Mark's take advantage of their free offer for local children during the Easter break. Spaces are filling up fast, so do not delay. There will be some sign up opportunities in the school playground during the next week or so, or contact them direction using the details on their flyers.

SCHOOL NURSERY

School Nursery places are fast filling up for September 2023. If you have a child who will be 3 years old in 2023 please complete an application form as soon as possible. We want to prioritise siblings.

Book and Bake Sale

The school council came together and brainstormed ideas of how to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

Save the Children

On **Friday 24th March** there will be a book and bake sale after school**.** We would much appreciate donations of home baked/ bought cakes and used toys, books and clothes in good quality by **Thursday 23rd March**. The money we collect will be donated to the charity **Save the children**. Thank you so much for your co-operation.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Flourishing Friendships

BIBLE VERSE

"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

Proverbs 8.24

Attendance & Punctuality

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will now be sending a daily text for latecomers. If you are late 3 times in a week, you will be invited to a formal meeting. I will also be contacting specific parents to find out how we can best support you with attendance and punctuality.

Please continue to do your best to ensure children arrive by 8.50am as too many children are arriving after 8.55am

Thank you Mrs Natasha

World Book Day at St Mark's

We all enjoyed World Book Day on **2nd March**. We had amazing book characters all around the school. Please see below pictures from the assembly and prize winners

EYFS Stay & Play session

Thank you to all parents that were able to attend the last Stay and Play session. It is a great opportunity to explore around the EYFS learning environment and see how the children learn through play

Why can't Elsa be given a balloon? Because she would let it go!

What's a skeleton's favourite snack? Spare ribs!

MELODEE

SERAPHINA **ANA LUIZA**

MOHAMMED **AMEERAH** **KIARAH**

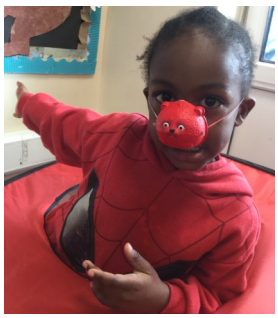
LESLIE-ANN **CALE**

FANIAL

NILA C **EZRA** **ELIANA**

KIMBERLY

AQUINNAH **PAAPA**



Why didn't the Giraffe go to primary school? Because it preferred HIGH SCHOOL

What is the name of a machine that flies and wobbles?

A Jelly-copter

I tried to sue the airport for losing my luggage—I lost my case!

A Ham sandwich walks into a bar and asks for a glass of wine.

Bartender—Sorry , we don't serve food.

Today we have celebrated Red Nose Day at St Mark's. Both children and staff wore something red and brought in a £1.00 contribution. Thank you to all for your support, smiles and funny jokes shared today.

We have raised a wonderful amount of £140. This will be donated to one of their causes: supporting families struggling with the cost of living crisis and the response efforts for the earthquakes in Syria. If you would still like to donate, hand your £1 to the school office; it's not too late.

GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Well done to our girls football team. 2 wins and 2 losses.
They finished 3rd in the group stages during a Year 5 and 6 Girl's Tournament in Brixton

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Next week Friday 24th March will be last day for Spring Term After School Clubs.
Summer term clubs will resume Tuesday 2nd May.
Full information will be sent out on Monday 17th April. See below some pictures of amazing art work from Sewing and Art club.

Please click here for a quick survey about clubs. Your opinion matters to us! Thank you for your co-operation.

NOTICES & TERM DATES for Term 4

Tuesday 21st March 2023	Year 4 Brixton House Theatre	Leaving at 1.00 pm
Wednesday 22nd March 2023	Action tutoring for Year 6 – Final day	
Wednesday 22nd March 2023	Year 1 Juniper Class visiting Unicorn Theatre	Leaving at 12..30pm
Thursday 23rd March 2023	Gang Awareness Sessions for Y5 & Y6	
Friday 24th March 2023	Vision Screening test Reception Class	From 9.30 am
Friday 24th March 2023	Nursery trip to Brixton Fire Station	
Friday 24th March 2023	Book and Bake Sale	After school in the playground
w/c 27th March 2023	RE Week	Whole school focusing
Wednesday 29th March 2023	Action tutoring for Year 6	Starts at 8.30am
Wednesday 29th March 20223	Year 5 and 6 Music concert for parents	Starting at 2.55pm
Thursday 30th March 2023	Easter Service at St Mark's Church led by YEAR 4	9.25 start– this is a new date
Thursday 30th March 2023	Year 3 and 4 Music concert for parents	Starting at 2.55pm
Thursday 30th March 2023	Easter Extravaganza! PSA Event after school	Children can wear their own clothes for £1
Friday 31st March 2023	Parent and Staff Football	9.00am at the school gates
Friday 31st March 2023	Last day of Term 4 for children followed by half day inset for staff	School finishes at 1.30pm today. Children will need to be collected at this time.
Monday 17th April 2023	1st Day of Term 5	

BLACK PRINCE TRUST (click here for website)

Select one of our free sessions, please note, if you haven't booked a place, you will not be allowed to participate.

NOTICES & Events

If you want to know more about the PSA, volunteer or have any other query, please contact **Miss Sithabiso (Tabs) Francis** on **07568 452 944 or** email her to Tabs@tabsfrancis.co.uk

Spanish speaker contact:

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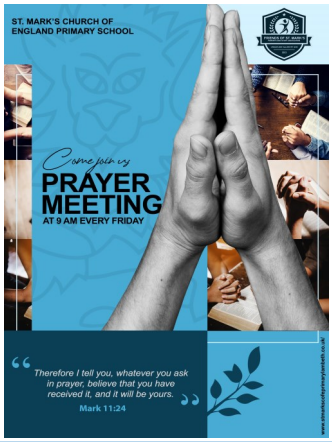
Parents' Prayer Group

Please join Mrs Natasha (our Family Liaison Officer) for our Parents Prayer group. The group is growing and takes place every Friday morning

From 9.00 to 9.15am

In the school hall.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need parents /carers to come to school and read with the children. If you can spare some time, even half an hour, children can benefit much. Please contact Mrs Eade if you are able to help.

SURREY CRICKET FOUNDATION

VAUXHALL ACTIVITIES LOOP

We have **FREE** spaces for children in current Year Groups 3, 4, 5 & 6 from Oval | Vauxhall | Kennington to experience a range of activities from local providers.

Arts and Crafts with Art4Space | Performing Arts with The Bourne Academy | Cricket with Surrey Cricket Foundation | Bee Keeping with Bee Urban | Rock Climbing with Vauxwall Climbing Centre | Sports with Black Prince Trust | IT/Coding with The Ben Hollioake Centre | DJing with Wrights Academy

3rd - 6th April 2023 | 8.45am - 4.30pm

Includes FREE breakfast & lunch

For more information please contact Elliott Rousen
erousen@surreycricket.com | 07759 526 820

Brixton PEOPLES KITCHEN

BE ENRICHED

EASTER Kids Club

Food, Fun, Planting and Painting this Easter holidays for families!

FREE EVENT!

Lambeth Kids Club / 3 April / 1PM - 4PM
Chandler Hall 15 Lambeth Walk, London SE11 6DU

Wandsworth Kids Club / 5 April / 1PM - 4PM
19 Thrale Road Furzedown Tooting, London SW16 1NS

Limited spaces available. Sign up here!

Any Questions?
@Brixtonpk /@Be.Enriched
Call: 07400478786

Join the St. Mark's Family

Nursery Spaces available

If you, a neighbour, a friend or a relative are interested in a free, full-time Nursery Class place for this academic year or a Nursery or Reception space for September 2023, please contact us to express your interest, complete an application form and arrange an informal tour of the school.

St Mark's C of E Primary School is located on the Oval/Kennington borders (just behind the Oval cricket ground).

We are a friendly, family-based school that provides our pupils with a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education. We aim to challenge and engage all pupils during their learning journeys at St Mark's and prepare them for their lives beyond the school.

Our size, alongside our strong Christian ethos, also enables us to place an equal emphasis on nurturing each individual child's growth, development and character.

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