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The St Mark's Newsletter

18th January 2021

'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.'

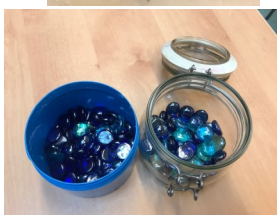
Recent Update

A massive thank you to all members of the school community for adjusting so quickly to remote learning. We have now completed two weeks of our six week half term and many of the children are showing excellent effort and consistent commitment in completing the daily work that their teachers are sending through to them. In some year groups the completion of work is as high as high as nearly 90% for some tasks. Everyone across the school is doing exceptionally well. If you or your child are still struggling with online work, please make contact with your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team, so that we can support you. Our expectation is that children are involved in their online work on a daily basis and we will make contact with you if we do not see or hear from them.

The engagement last week was significantly higher than week one. Children should be aiming to complete 4 hours of school work each day. Teachers have skilfully organised the work so that there are explanation videos, live Google meetings, daily work for the core curriculum and coverage across the rest of the curriculum. We are looking into how we can continue to provide additional support to those children who need it.

Motivating our Pupils

We are trying our best to help our children to continue to feel connected to the school and a valued member of the school community. We will continue to have daily online collective worship assemblies with a celebration assembly every Friday. Classes will have the opportunity to obtain class pebbles for their virtual pebble jar and teachers will also award lanyards as they did in school for: Self Control & Collaboration; Accountability & Leadership; Effort & Hard Work; Being Joyful & Positive and showing Kindness and Compassion. Miss Natasha will award attendance certificates for classes that submit regular work and we will also be awarding some certificates to recognise individual work and effort.



Laptops

The school has loaned over 50 laptops and notebooks to support children and families with their online work.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Flourishing Digitally — Friendship

BIBLE VERSE

"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."

Proverbs 13:20

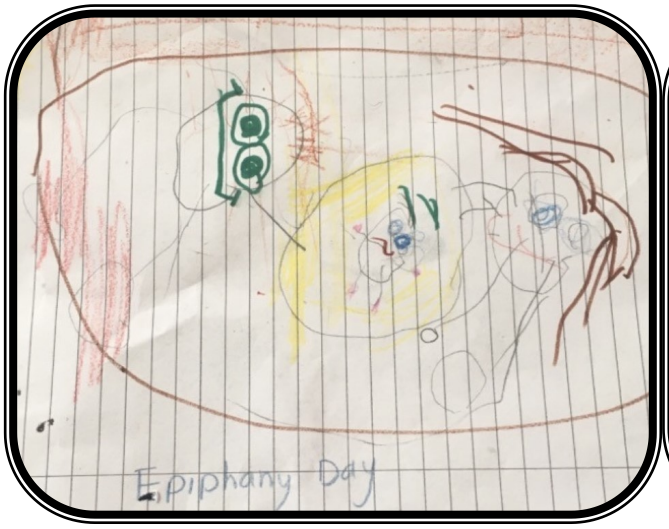
Highest level of work completion last week

- Nursery — 50%
- Reception — 50%
- Year 1— 68%
- Year 2— 60%
- Year 3— 75%
- Year 4— 88%
- Year 5— 65%
- Year 6— 76%

WELL DONE!

A very big well done to every class across the school. You are turning work in on a regular basis and often completing it to a high standard. Remember that you can complete work on paper and then take a photo of it and turn it in if you prefer.

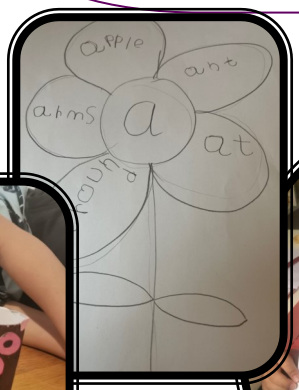
School News Cedar Class - Nursery

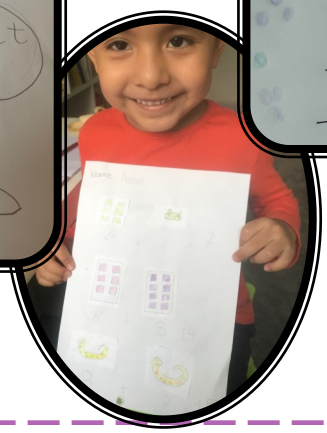


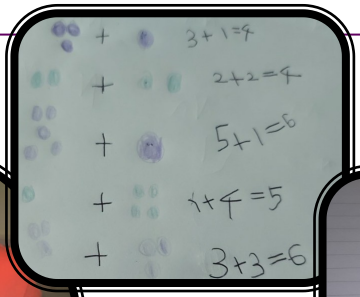
I am very proud of my nursery children for helping their adults and caters at home with the dishes and sorting washing. They have also been drawing some lovely pictures of winter and sea creatures! Just a quick reminder to parents that I have made a video of a quick guide to use Tapestry and to send me a message if they are having problems .—**Miss Hutchings**

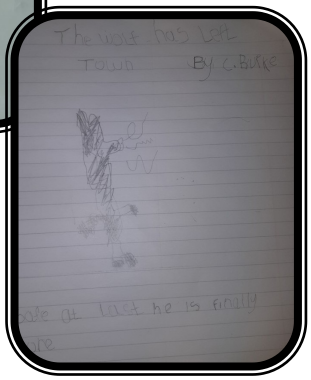
School News Ebony Class - Reception

I would like to say a massive well done to all of the children who have been working really hard at home. Miss Rose and I have been so impressed with the level of effort that has gone into each piece of work - thank you to the parents for being so supportive and engaging in the daily activities. I would also like to say a big well done to the children attending school for their resilience and hard work. You are all superstars, keep it up Reception! .—**Miss Stewart**







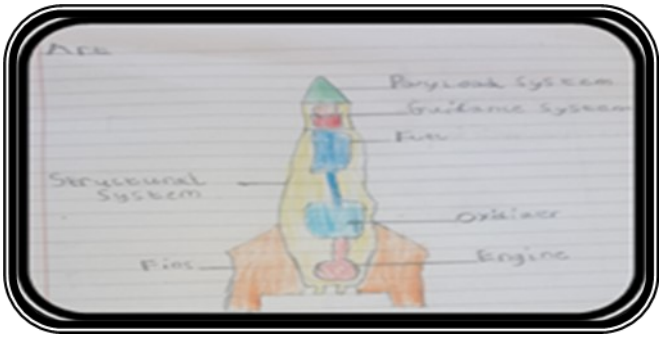


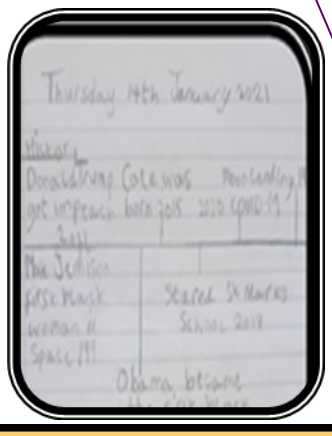
School News Juniper Class—Year 1

I'd like to just say a huge well done to those children who are working so hard at their online learning and thank them for attending our google meets so that we all have the chance to see our friends during this time. I can't wait to see them all in person when we are able to be together again at school.

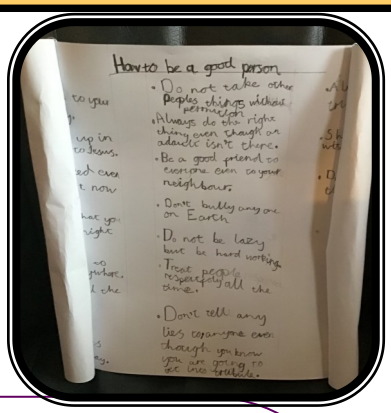
We are looking at space this term in history and art. Last week in history we looked at timelines and key events in space travel and the children worked on their own time-lines. We also designed our own rockets in Art and the children created some fantastic designs.

—**Miss O'Rourke**

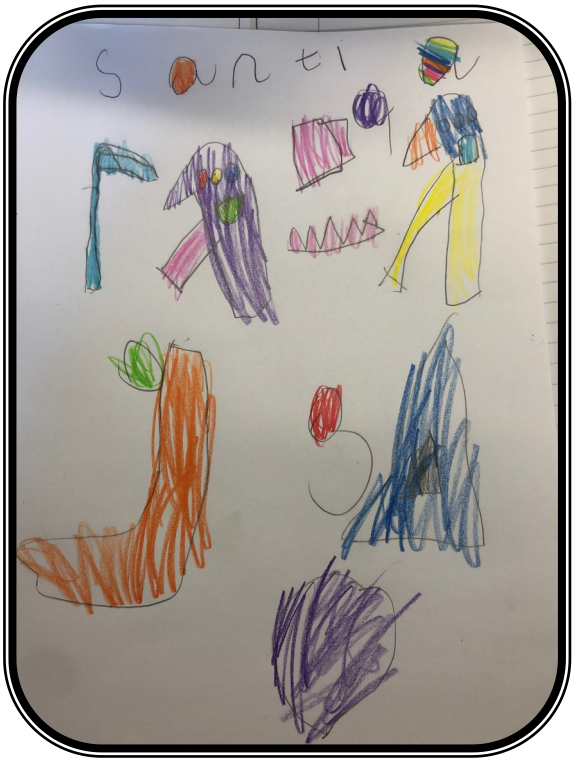




School News Oak Class - Year 2

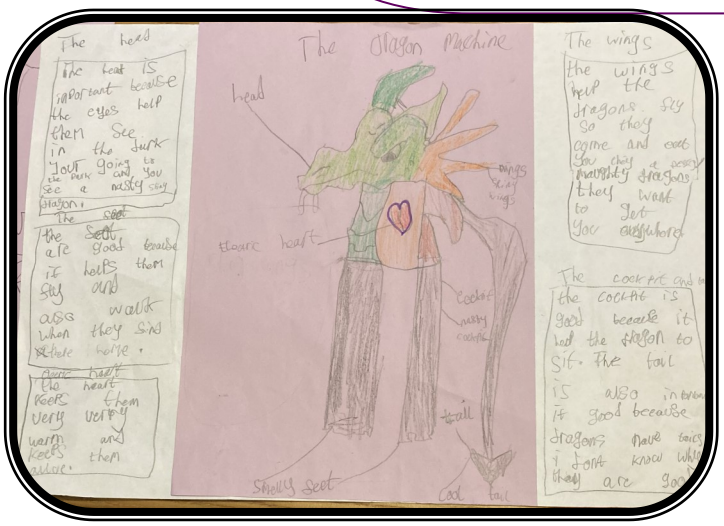


I am so proud of all the work that Oak Class have been producing this week! They have all been working so well and should be very proud of themselves. All of the children have been displaying our St Mark's values even though things are very different at the moment. They have been creating their own Torah scrolls in RE, joining in with PE with Joe and they have also been creative making their own names using Egyptian hieroglyphics. Well done Oak Class, keep going! .- **Miss Brockwell**



School News Oliver Class - Year 3

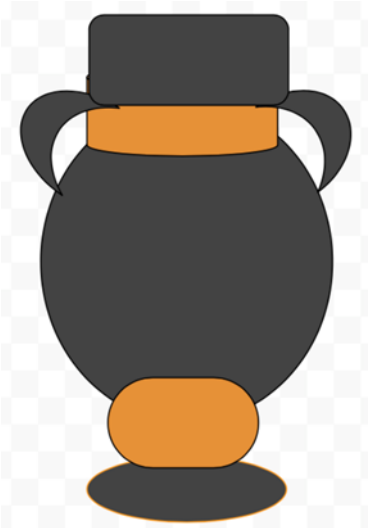
I have been so proud of Olive Class, and how they have quickly engaged with online learning. Inspired by *The Dragon Machine*, we created our own dragon catchers, and described them using expanded noun phrases (see photos). We have also been having great fun learning about Ancient China in history. Olive Class have been enjoying Google Meets every day, and it has been lovely to see everyone and connect!" .—**Miss Buchanan**



School News Palm Class - Year 4

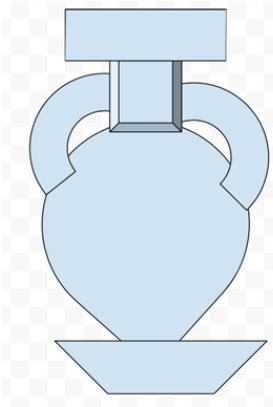
I am really pleased to see the children's positive attitude towards their home learning. They are working hard to complete all of the work. They have also been really supportive and encouraging to each other through their comments online and during our Google Meets.

The children have adapted well to this new way of learning and have produced fantastic work. Here is some art work from the class created using Google drawing. We were looking at the shapes of Greek Pottery and creating images of the pots using different shapes. This art work was created by Seraphina, Lesley-Ann and Brian. —**Miss Mullen**



By Lesley-Ann

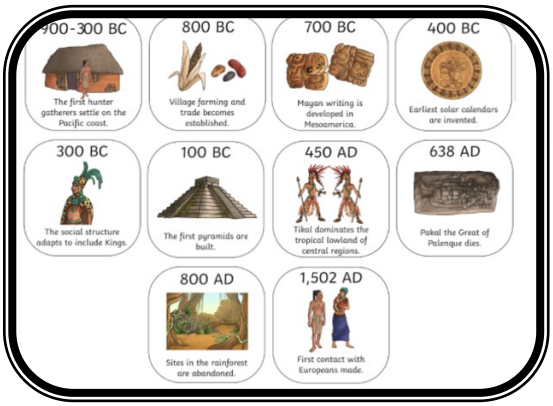
By Seraphina



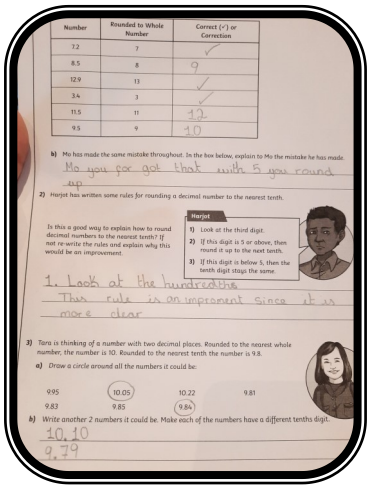
By Brian

School News Sycamore Class - Year 5

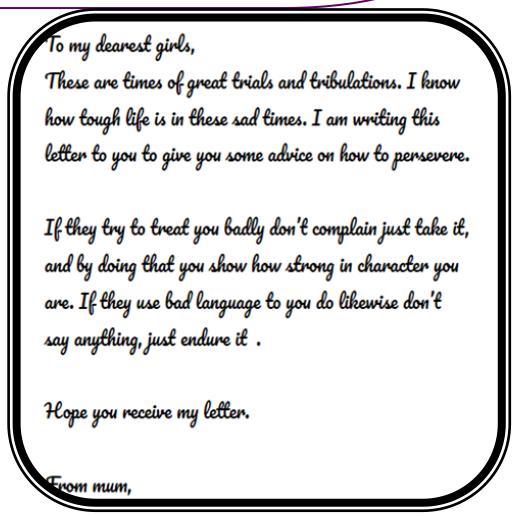
Year 5, you are doing so well! So many of you are logging on to Google Classroom and sending me brilliant work. I love seeing you all in our daily video calls and I look forward to it every day. Please make sure that you continue to send me work daily, you can always email me or message me if you are stuck. Keep tying your hardest and challenging yourself to be the best you can be .—**Miss Hankins**



A timeline of the Mayan Civilisation by Aiden



Maths Work by Shary



To my dearest girls,

These are times of great trials and tribulations. I know how tough life is in these sad times. I am writing this letter to you to give you some advice on how to persevere.

If they try to treat you badly don't complain just take it, and by doing that you show how strong in character you are. If they use bad language to you do likewise don't say anything, just endure it .

Hope you receive my letter.

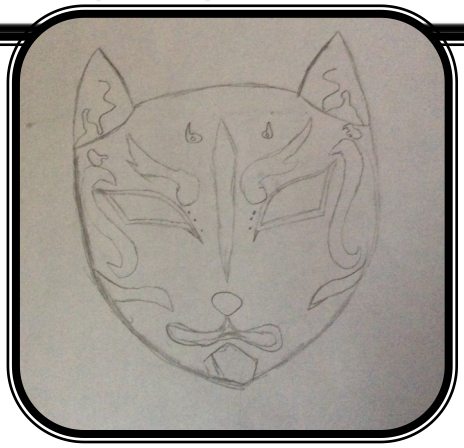
From mum,

English Work by Josiah

School News Willow Class - Year 6

English piece of work by Neriah

In the beginning, I was living in a never-ending nightmare. The city I lived in was barbaric and sorrowful and spiritless, everywhere you looked was misty and unpleasant. On trees and bushes, a sense of drowsiness consumed the plants as they kept decreasing petals every minute, a depth of closure abolished the children's happiness as they never played with others or talked to others. The people had grown barbaric and sorrowful and spiritless and almost without observing, I had also become alike. There was no jolliness, no love, no care, no nothing, only broken hearts and minds. My heart was destroyed since my grandma was in hospital and very close to death.



Kelvin's mask design for Art

Well done for all of your hard work and effort so far this term Willow Class! I am so impressed with the quality of work that you have been giving in on Google Classroom and your commitment to finishing all of your work each day. Thank you for all being so positive and keep up the hard work!

—**Miss Trott**

KEY SCHOOL DATES FOR TERM 3	
DATE	**DETAILS**
Mon 28th Jan 2021	**Managing your child' anxiety Session with the EP — 11 am**
Thurs 4th Feb 2021	**Workshop for ASD parents—9.30 am**
Weds 10th Feb 2021	**Parents' Evening**
Thurs 11th Feb 2021	**Virtual Coffee Morning with Mrs Moses** **Parent's Evening**
Weds 10th Feb 2021	**Year 3 Ancient China Day**
Friday 12th Feb 2021	**St Mark's Day**
Mon 15th Feb 2021—Fri 19th Feb	**Half term**

Healthy Breakfast Packages

Here at St Mark's School we value the importance of children eating a healthy breakfast each morning. We have joined with School Food Matters to give additional support to our families, who find that they have a need during this difficult time, by providing them with breakfast bags. This week 15 St Mark's families were provided with a lovely, healthy breakfast package which included 12 Weetabix, 2 cans of baked beans, a loaf of brown bread, a packet of oats, a packet of coconut, a packet of rice, at least 10 pieces of fruit and a 2L bottle of milk as well as three vegetarian meals. This was all provided, free of charge, through School Food Matters. Families will receive breakfast packages again in 2 weeks time.

School Contacts

We hope this information is useful and will help parents to communicate with us

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Useful Information & Resources

Brain breaks

Have a look here for some brain break exercises. These are useful activities to do after spending long periods of time using technology. This may be relaxing or energizing, but they are always intended to get the body and mind going and help children focus afterwards.

https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/brain-breaks/

MENTALLY HEALTHY SCHOOLS
Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

Virtual School Library

A 'Virtual School Library' that has been created by Oak National Academy in partnership with the National Literacy Trust.
Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads. Please visit the link: https://library.thenational.academy/

Cooking Class for children

On Wednesday 20th January at 4pm Chef Tom from Chefs in schools will be running a 45 minute cooking class for chefs of any age. The cooking lesson will be free and will be live streamed on the YouTube page here so you can follow along with Tom. The first recipe is root vegetable and soda bread and you can view your shopping list here

https://www.chefsinschools.org.uk/live-cook-along

Helping Lambeth Get Online

Lambeth TechAid helps bridge the digital divide in Lambeth by supplying computers, tablets and smart phones to those in need.

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