Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

19th July 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,

Mark's 2018-19 year in numbers:

- 42 School trips
- 72 School events
- 18 competitive sports tournaments
- 3 Babies!
- 5 Themes weeks—Maths, Writing, RE, Health and Fitness and Black History
- 2 School Journeys
- 1 Good SIAMS inspection (March 2019)
- 3 Good Lambeth local authority reviews
- 1 Bronze Healthy schools Award (July 2019)

School Results

Reception 70% Reaching a good level of development
Year 1 Phonics Screening 77%
Key Stage 1 (Yr 2) Reading 76% Writing 68% Maths 76%
Key Stage 2 (Yr 6) Reading 63% Writing 77% Maths 80% SPAG 77%

Headteacher's Highlights—Summer Fair, Year 6 Production, Year 5 National Theatre visit, Lambeth Music Festival 2019.

It is fair to say that although we are a small school we do big things and have big ambitions for all of our children across the school. As a result they achieve well and make excellent all-round progress during their time at St Mark's.

I want to say a big thank you to all of the staff, pupils, parents and governors who have contributed towards the school's progress and achievements throughout the year.

Mr Ingram

Value of the Week

Community and living well together
Health and Well-being/Forgiveness/
Being positive and resilient

BIBLE VERSE

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins ."
Mathew 6.14-15

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 93.22%
Reception— 72.38%
Year 1— 92.31%
Year 2— 99.17%
Year 3— 92%
Year 4— 94%
Year 5— 92.14%
Year 6— 95.33%

WELL DONE!

To the following class who achieved over 96.%:
Year 2

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM

During the year, some children began to wear items of clothing that were not school uniform. Please note the items below so that they can be purchased over the summer

BOYS	
SUMMER	**WINTER**
*Pale Blue Polo shirt	Long/short sleeved blue shirt or pale blue polo shirt
Grey Tailored Shorts	*School Tie
*Grey sweatshirt with School Logo	Grey tailored trousers
	*Grey sweatshirt with School Logo
	Black Shoes - NO TRAINERS

GIRLS	
SUMMER	**WINTER**
*Pale Blue Polo Shirt	Long/ short sleeved blue shirt or pale polo shirt
Blue check cotton dress	Grey skirt – Grey tights or white socks
White Socks	Grey tailored trousers
*Grey sweatshirt with School Logo	Long/short sleeved blue blouse
	*School Tie
	*Grey sweatshirt with School Logo
	Black Shoes – NO TRAINERS
***PE ITEMS**	Bags, navy school shorts, blue Jog Bottoms, plain white T-Shirts and Plimsolls are available to purchase online

*Items available to order online from Mapac.

For full information on uniforms please do visit the school website

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS—SEPTEMBER 2019

After school clubs will start W/C 16th September and will have to be booked and paid via ParentPay. You will receive full details via email in September. Please remember that if money is owed to the school, it will not be possible for your child to attend clubs.

SCHOOL DINNERS

From September 2019, school lunches will increase to £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week).

What has been happening at St Mark's

YEAR 1

Some children from the Year 1 and Year 2 classes went to Kennington Park on Wednesday to take part in a mini-athletics tournament. They competed against other schools and had lots of fun.

YEAR 2

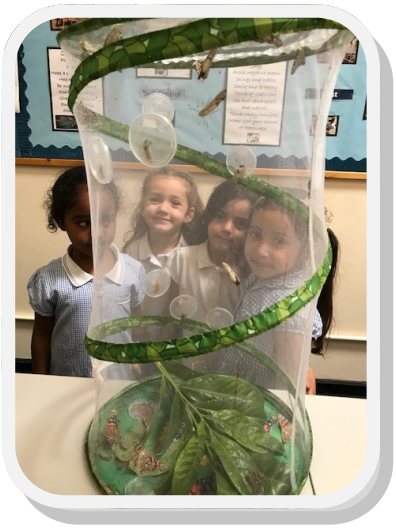
Year 2 have been working to recreate the painting "Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose by John Singer Sargent. They made paper lanterns and flowers and posed for photos to make their own versions of the painting.

This History of St Mark's CE Primary School

This term, the whole school have been learning about the history of the school and the local area. Luckily we have some wonderful historical sources stretching all the way back to 1824 when the school was first opened. The children have been using photographs, attendance records, newspaper reports, letters and even a punishment book to support their own research.

What has been happening at St Mark's?

Nursery



Our final project of the term was caterpillars and butterflies, which the children have really enjoyed. We were lucky enough to find a large caterpillar outside on the day that we were to get our caterpillars, so the children were able to spend a large part of the morning observing it. Then we got our package of caterpillars! The children have had a lot of fun watching and discussing the changes that were happening to them. Some of the caterpillars made cocoons and they came out this very week as beautiful butterflies. The children could experience God's creation first hand.

AWARD CEREMONY

Last Friday we held our annual Award Ceremony where the children received awards for Outstanding Behaviour and Citizenship, Attendance and Punctuality, Achievement in Sport, Achievement in the Arts, and Outstanding Achievement and Progress across the curriculum. We also enjoyed an amazing Taekwondo exhibition from some of the children. Congratulations to the winners!

Taekwondo Exhibition

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SHOWCASE EVENT

Thank you to all of the parents who came to our showcase event last Wednesday. This was a great opportunity to see the children's work and collect their books and end of year school report.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION AND LEAVERS SERVICE

Well done to all Year 6 for your fantastic performance of *Matilda*. We all enjoyed it! And thank you to all who came to support the Year 6 leavers service. We will miss you all!

HEALTH AND FITNESS WEEK

Over the last 2 weeks, we have held a health and fitness fortnight. The children learned about keeping healthy both physically and emotionally (mental well-being). In keeping with the PSHE curriculum they also learned about healthy relationships and drugs education. Across the school, children took part in fitness challenges. It is also pleasing that the school has been awarded the Healthy Schools Bronze award for its commitment to healthy eating; promoting a water only policy; for offering a range of active after school clubs and for promoting regular PE lessons. Please help the school and the children by sending in healthy packed lunches with water only and making sure children have the correct PE kit .

HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON
BRONZE AWARD

SUMMER 2019 EVENTS

There are so many free and low cost events taking place across Lambeth this summer. Please look out and keep children active

Here's the link to the Summer Activities page on Lambeth's website: https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/find-summer-activities-and-events-for-children-and-young-people

Visit the link for activities for children and young people over the summer holidays.