Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

20th July 2018

'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 Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,

Awards Ceremony

I felt very proud to be present at the award ceremony last Friday morning to see and hear the excellent achievements of children across the school this year. Many children were given awards for Outstanding Learning Behaviour and Citizenship, Outstanding Achievement in the Arts, Outstanding Achievement in Sports, Outstanding Attendance and Punctuality and Outstanding Achievement across the Curriculum. One of the things that touched me so much was the fact that I knew that many of the children who didn't obtain an award on that day have equally been fantastic learners this year and achieved well across the curriculum. They were so pleased for their classmates who had received an award.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 12th July, St Mark's hosted the Lambeth Chess tournament which involved 4 visiting schools and an **A and B team** from St Mark's. After a number of challenging and exciting games, **St Mark's A team** were the eventual winners of the tournament. During the Summer Term, we won a trophy for the Oval Cluster Athletics Tournament, one for the Oval Cluster Chess tournament and now another for this most recent victory. Next year the children will have the opportunity to represent the school in even more competitive competitions against other schools.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Moving on in the journey ahead–

Saying Thank you; Saying Goodbye.

BIBLE VERSE

Give Thanks to the Lord, for he is Good; his love endures forever.

Chronicles 16:34

Overall whole school figure—94.65%

Reception–95.91% Year 1—95.71%

Year 2 - 95.24% Year 3—94.23%,

Year 4—94.43% Year 5—97.17%

Year 6—96.89%

St Mark's School

Well done once again to all children across the school who have achieved so well across the curriculum from Reception up to Year 6. All of the efforts that we have put into improving our reading score from the previous year have clearly had an impact as our reading result at the End of Key Stage 2 improved by a huge 20%. Our Reading, Writing and Maths combined score has also increase by 16% and our school attainment for those who achieved the expected standards for all of these subjects is 66%, higher than the national average of 64%

Reception and Year 1 Data

- 71% GLD (Good Level of development) at the end of Reception, up 1% from the previous year (National Expectation was 70% in 2017)
- 73 % achieved the Year 1 phonics level, 7% down on the previous year (National Expectation was 80% in 2017)

End of Key Stage 1 Data

Achieving Level	St Mark's 2017 Expected Standard	National 2017 Expected Standards	Pupils working at greater depth at St Mark's 2017	Pupils working at greater depth Nationally 2017	St Mark's 2018 Expected	National 2018 Expected	Pupils working at greater depth at St Mark's 2018	Pupils working at greater depth Nationally 2018
Reading	77%	76%	20%	25%	70%	TBC	30%	TBC
Writing	70%	68%	13%	16%	70%	TBC	19%	TBC
Maths	77%	75%	23%	20%	74%	TBC	22%	TBC

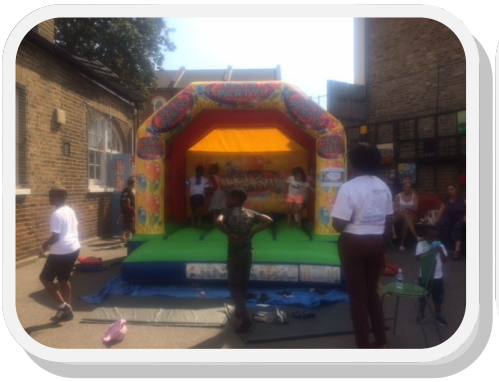
End of Key Stage 2 Data

	2016 St Mark's New Assessment progress	National 2016	St Mark's Expected Standards 2017	National Expected Standard 2017	Pupils working at greater depth at St Mark's 2017	Pupils working at greater depth Nationally 2017	St Mark's Expected Standard 2018	National Expected Standard 2018	Pupils working at greater depth at St Mark's 2018	Pupils working at greater depth Nationally 2018
	Age Related expectations	Age Related expectations	Age Related expectations	Age Related expectations			Age Related expectations	Age Related expectations		
Reading	68%	66%	52%	71%	10%	25%	72%	75%	24%	TBC
Writing	71%	74%	79%	76%	21%	24%	77%	78%	21%	TBC
Maths	79%	70%	75%	75%	14%	23%	69%	76%	21%	TBC
EGPS	61%	72%	75%	77%	24%	31%	76%	78%	38%	TBC
R, W, M combined	61%	53%	50%	61%			66%	64%		
Average Scaled Score	R-101, M-103, GPS-103	-	R-100, M-104, GPS-104	R-104, W-104, GPS-106			R-104 W-tbc M-102 EGPS-107	R-105, W-tbc. M-104 EGPS 106		

What's Been Happening at St Mark's...?

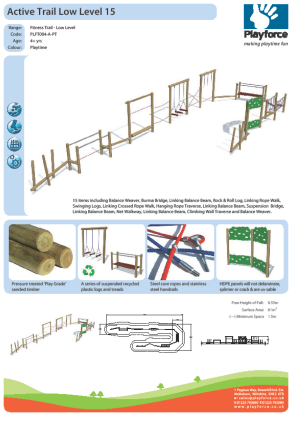
St Mark's Summer Fair 2018

Well Done to St Mark's Parent and Staff Association for putting on another successful Summer Fair. We had a great turn out, with fun and games, Raffles and lots of Tombola prizes. Well done to our stall holders for raising funds for the children of St Mark's which will go towards new equipment for the school and development of the school playground. More information to follow...



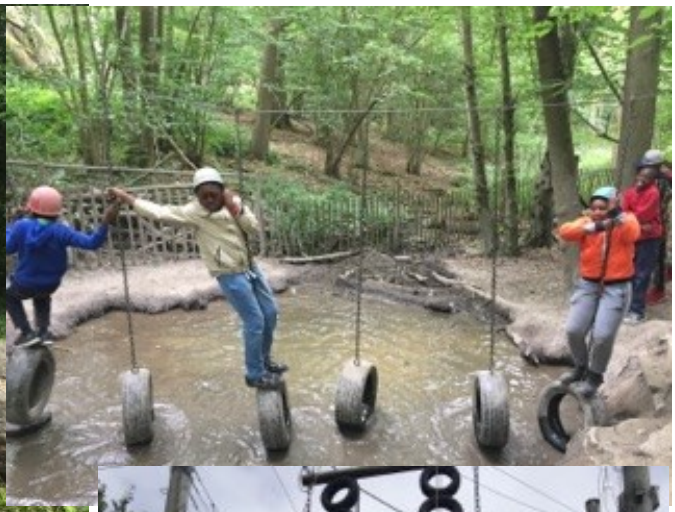
Playground development- Health and Well-being

Members of the **School Council** have played a key role in helping to develop our outdoor space. We want children to have the opportunity to develop their fitness, health and well-being and so the members of the school council, along with Mr Ingram have met with companies to provide equipment for use in our school playground. Some of the plays and equipment is below. We are currently in discussions for when the work can begin and end. This is very exciting news for all of the children at St Mark's. Not only will playtimes be more fun, children will be more active and healthy.



What's Been Happening at St Mark's…?

YEAR 6 School Journey to Rock UK



Year 6 School Journey to Rock UK

Year 6 had a fantastic experience at Rock UK where they got up to many adventures. During our time there we experienced a range of activities, including BMX riding, a night hike, low ropes and high ropes, toasting marshmallows on the fire, swimming and navigating through a maze.

A great time was had by all and we are still recovering from all the excitement. Thank you to all the staff that dedicated their time and looked after our children on the trip.

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SPORTS DAY 2018

The **Early Years Sports Day** was an exciting extravaganza of events, with children (and adults!) participating in a range of different sports activities. All of the children took part and were extremely proud of their achievements, receiving a certificate at the end of the morning to take home with them. Thank you all for joining us, it was lovely to have a chance to chat over hot dogs and popcorn. We hope you all had a great morning! The Early Years Team.

A great fun day was had by all at the St Marks Sports Day 2018. Teams turned up ready to challenge each other with the **25m Single Race, The Egg & Spoon Race, The Sack Race and The Relay Race.** It was a close call for the winners this year. In **1st place** was **BLUE TEAM**, **2nd place** **YELLOW TEAM**, **3rd place** **GREEN TEAM** and last but not least **RED TEAM**. A big thank you to all the parents and staff that helped to make it a successful day, We could tell that the parents really trained hard this year to compete in the Parents / Carers Race.

PROVISIONAL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018

Start:	**Tuesday 4th September** – All pupils return to school Friday 12th October – **1 INSET DAY** (school closed to students)
Finish:	**Friday 19th October**
Half Term:	Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October
Start:	**Monday 29th October** – All pupils return to school
Finish:	**Friday 21st December**
Christmas Holiday:	Monday 24th December 2018 – Friday 4th January 2019

Spring Term 2019

Start:	**Tuesday 8th January** – All pupils return to school
Finish:	**Friday 15th February**
Half Term:	Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February
Start:	**Monday 25th February** – All pupils return to school
Finish:	**Friday 5th April**
Easter Break:	Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April

Summer Term 2019

Start:	**Tuesday 23rd April** – All pupils return to school
	Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday school closed)
Finish:	**Friday 24th May**
Half Term:	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
Start:	**Monday 3rd June** - All pupils return to school
Finish:	**Friday 19th July**

BANK HOLIDAYS 2018/2019

- Tuesday 25 December 2018 (Christmas Day)
- Wednesday 26 December 2018 (Boxing Day)
- Tuesday 1 January 2019 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 19th April 2019 (Good Friday)
- Monday 22nd April 2019 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 6 May 2019 (May Day)
- Monday 27 May 2019 (Spring Bank Holiday)
- Monday 26 August 2019 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Permission will not be given for pupils to be taken out of school during term time for family holidays, as this is very disruptive to their education and is not in keeping with Government guidelines.