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The St Mark's News
20th May 2016
Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We don't like cricket at St Mark's... We love it! Through our partnership with Kia Oval we are able to provide additional, enriching opportunities for the children across the school.

- Children in Year 5, Year 4 and Year 3 have received computer coding lessons and cricket coaching at the Oval over the past few years
- Selected Year 5 children participate in an after school club 3.30-6.00pm during the Summer Term
- On Tuesday, children attended a special 'School's Day' alongside 5,000 other children from local schools
- Yesterday children in Year 5 played competitive games against other schools in Lambeth

Meetings have recently taken place between the school and the Kia Oval about how we can further develop our relationship and provide more exciting opportunities for the children at St Mark's.

Coaching opportunity

Please note that there is a free Cricket coaching opportunity for girls aged between 8-13 every Monday 4-6pm at the Kia Oval, Kennington, London SE11 5SL. Opportunities will be provided to children to take part in competitions, trips and workshops.

Theme: The schools vision statement

Week 6: The confidence to take Christian Values into a diverse society

Bible Verse: whoever wants to be my disciple must take up their cross and follow me Matthew 16:24

St Mark's Nursery September 2017

After 3 meetings with representatives from Lambeth's Early Years Team and a meeting with representatives from the Southwark Diocesan Board, we will be postponing the opening of our school nursery until September 2017. We hope to use the time to further prepare and develop our setting and fully launch what we hope will be a Montessori Nursery with fully trained staff. If you would like more details or are interested in registering your child to begin Nursery in September 2017, please come into the school.

Dear Year 1 Parents

Year 1 class will be leading the collective worship assembly on Thursday 26th at 9.10am. Please try to make it.

Party Bags

Please make sure party bags only contain cake and healthy snacks.

Sweets and nuts are not allowed

Assessing Pupils Learning

Parents Evening

The last few weeks have seen both our children in Years 2 and Year 6 participate in end of key state assessments and during the month of June, all other groups will be involved in assessing the progress that the children have made during the year. The assessment system has changed this year from using levels to assessing pupils without levels. More information about how we will be doing it this year will be provided for you during the Parents' Evening on Tuesday

Diary Dates for next Week

Monday 23rd May

Year 3 and Year 5 are out to see the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall

Key Stage 2 Maths
Workshop for parents 9am-10am

Tuesday 24th May

Parents Evening 2.30pm-7.00pm
Year 5 Boys Cricket Tournament

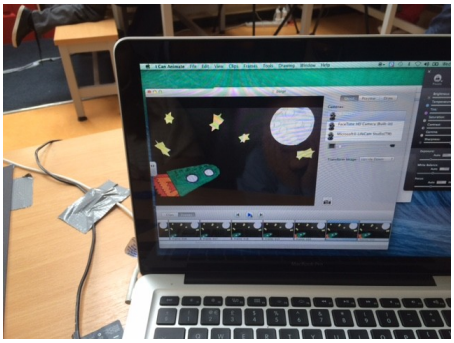
Wednesday 25th May

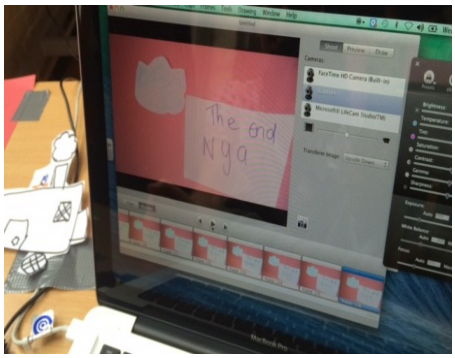
Family Learning—Animation Project 9am-3pm
School Journey Meeting for Year 4 Parents at 6.00pm

Breakfast Club

We currently have 14 children who have registered to begin in the school's Breakfast Club on Monday 13th June 2016. If you would like a space, please contact the school office as soon as possible, as places are limited.

St Mark's Animation Project is underway





It was great to see parents working together with their children on an exciting animation project on Wednesday. This workshop, which will run every Wednesday for the next five weeks, is led by Maria, a specialist trainer from the CLC. It is one of the family learning course that we are able to offer completely free of charge at our school through Lambeth funding. Parents have already made suggestions about which other courses we could run. Please complete the questionnaire, which will be available on Tuesday during the parents' evening and tell us which other workshops or courses you would find helpful.

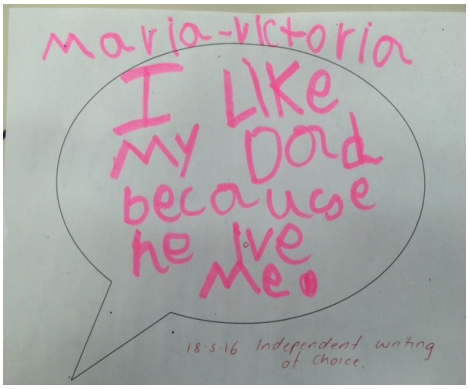
Fantastic outcomes in Reception

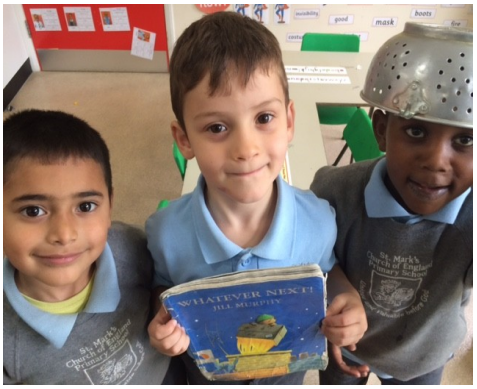
The expectations for children's writing at the end of Reception says:

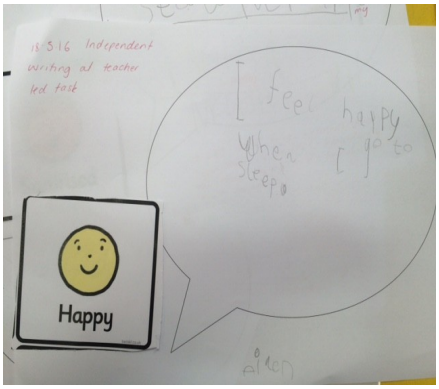
"Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible."

***EYFS* Early Learning Goal for Writing**

It has been very pleasing to see the great progress that children within Reception Class have made towards their Early Learning Goal in writing this term. They have been gripped by their topic of "Super Heroes" and produced excellent work. It was also nice to see how children are eager to read their favourite books and then how this inspires their collaborative and independent work.







Low Cost and no Cost events in Lambeth this weekend

Live & Let Dye Family Workshop - Brockwell Community Greenhouses

£5 per child / £2.50 low-income drop in (Ages 5+)

Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses, SE24 / 07427 685 714 / www.brockwellgreenhouses.org.uk

Sat 21st May, 10.30am-12.30pm

Celebrate the wonderful colours that the greenhouse gardens have to offer and experiment with using plants to paint, print and dye. The workshop must be booked in advance online via the greenhouses' website.

Animate Celtic Craft - British Museum

FREE (Ages 7+)

44 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG / 020 7323 8000 / www.british museum.org

Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square

Sat 21st May, 11am-4pm

The Celts were famous for creating complicated woven patterns on jewellery and weapons. Visit the Great Court with your family or group to recreate these patterns with a variety of materials, and make an animation to show their complexity, which you can share with your friends.

Learn to Skate with House of Vans

FREE (Ages 5+)

Arches, 228-232 Station Approach Rd, SE1 8SW / 020 7922 1180 / http://houseofvanslondon.com

Nearest tube: Waterloo

Sat 21st May, 11.30am-4pm

Learn to skate – from Kick-push to landing your first kick-flip, visit the House of Vans to learn the tricks of the trade. Whether or are a seasoned pro, or just a beginner, don't be shy to show off your skills or get some new ones. The skate school is completely free of charge, & House of Vans will provide a skateboard, helmets & pads.

Family Workshops - V&A Museum

FREE (All Ages)

Cromwell Road, SW7 2RL / 020 7942 2000/ www.vam.ac.uk

Nearest tube: South Kensington

Rock, Pop and Charming - Pop-up Performance. Sat 21st May, 11am, 1pm & 3pm. Dress up and dance! Celebrate the role of costume design in the 1980a music scene in this fun costume and drama workshop.

'A Passion to Learn'

Our inspirational curriculum at St Mark's ensures children not only receive learning experiences that are of a high standard and academically challenging, but also an education that will inspire them to love learning and go on to become lifelong learners.

Students and teachers from Archbishop Tenison's introduced children to business studies and launched 'Dragons Den' aimed at encouraging children to create a product to sell at the Summer Fair.

Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to Brighton beach last Friday to really bring alive this term's topic of 'The Seaside'

Year 3 visited Hampton Court on Wednesday, which gave them a great insight into Tudor life, as they are currently learning about the Tudors