Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

26th November 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.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

Children, parents, governors and staff, past and present, held a special memorial service today at St Mark's Church to remember and celebrate the life of Adriana Del Console. Children shared fitting tributes to her and recalled her smile, her kindness, her positivity and reflected on the impact that she had on the school and upon them personally. She will truly be missed by our school community, but we have such warm memories of her, which will ensure she remains in our thoughts and memories for many years to come. Some of the children's poems are below.

Miss Adriana rest in peace
I might not see you but you're still with me
In my heart, is where you'll stay,
In my thoughts, and the words I say
Always and forever

You taught us how to share
You showed us how to care
Always so positive, always so kind
You always stood up for what was right
And you never gave up without a fight.

That's how I remember you
That's why I grieve you
That's why we love you.
Rest in peace Miss Adriana, **By Shary, Year 6**

Miss Adriana, was as happy as can be,
She was also clever, cleverer than me!
She was kind and her smile was a long as a mile,
Sadly we haven't seen that smile in a while
Now it's time to say goodbye
Because she's in heaven on a cloud in the sky
We love you Miss Adriana, is what we all say
And we miss you more each and every day

By Melodee, Year 3

Miss Adriana was very fashionable and creative and had lots of style.

Miss Adriana was very kind and joyful. She was very positive and shared her love with us.

Miss Adriana was very caring and loved to smile.

Every time we passed by Miss Adriana she greeted us with a happy smile. She inspired us to be better.

May she rest in peace , **By Erica, Year 4**

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Controlling our emotions

BIBLE VERSE

"Like a city whose walls are broken down is a person who lacks self control.'
Proverbs 25:28

Attendance and Punctuality

N—84.26%
R—94.05%
1 –90.5%
2 –96.76%
3—97.98%
4—97.53%
5—98.99%
6 – 97.32%

We have had a great week as Yr2, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6 all achieved our school target of 96% or above Well done!!

Please can you continue to arrive to school by **8.45am** for a **8.55am start**

What has been happening at St Mark's?

Last week Ebony Class visited the Science Museum as part of their term topic on 'Space.' They had a great time. Thank you to parents who accompanied us on the trip

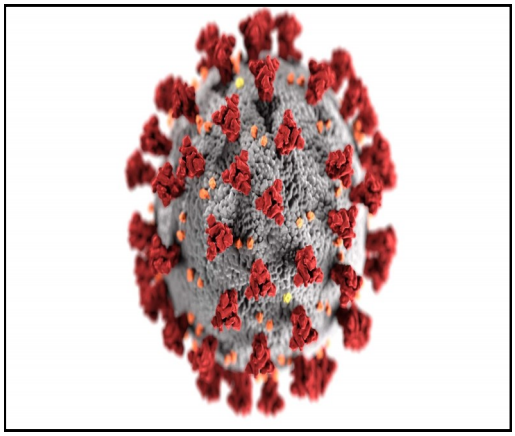
Oak Class in their pyjamas ready to board the Orient Express and with their Christingles that they made in their RE lesson.

NEW SCHOOL ART DISPLAY

On **Friday 19th November** we unveiled our new murals. During the past two terms, nearly one hundred children across the school have worked with artists from Van Gogh House in Brixton to produce new murals to replace our old ones on the outside of the school hall. Using inspiration from trees, nature and wildlife, they created the final pieces with support from Janet and Lucy. We are grateful to Oval Cluster for funding the project.

HEALTH AND FITNESS UPDATES

Covid Update



Thank you for all that you are doing to minimise the spread of Covid across the school. Although rates of Covid are lower in Lambeth than the rest of the country, rates are still on the increase, especially in the age brackets 11-19 years and 0-9 years. We have been informed of another positive case in school this week. To help us to keep rates to a minimum, please follow the guidance below provided by Public Health Lambeth.

- **If any child/parent has any one of the Covid symptoms (new continuous cough; high temperature or loss of taste or smell) they should isolate at home and arrange to take a PCR test. If your child has a positive test result but does not have symptoms, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken.**

- **If someone in the household tests positive, children are advised to take a PCR test and wait for results to return before returning to school. Alternatively, they can return to school but should have a daily lateral flow test until the PCR test returns**

The work we do together – in school, at home and in our communities – is absolutely crucial in making sure we reduce the spread of Covid-19.

Competitive Sport is back on the menu!

We are excited that children across the school will have the opportunity to participate in competitions against other schools again this year. A few weeks ago Year 5 and 6 girls participated in a girls' football tournament and last week 22 children from Years 5 and 6 participated in an indoor athletics tournament at the London Nautical School. We really want to promote health and fitness.

Flu Vaccination Update

A small number of flu vaccinations were administered in school yesterday and a letter was given out to all pupils who did not have the vaccination. If you would like your child to receive this nasal vaccination, please return the letter as soon as possible, as the school nurse will return again soon to administer it in school. A new date will be given soon.

Recruitment to St Mark's Primary
September 2022

We are currently looking forward to welcoming new families to join our **Reception Class** from September 2022. Please spread the word about our great school by speaking to parents, putting posters up in your areas, clubs or churches and generally being ambassadors for the school. If you would like any posters, leaflets or prospectuses to share with others, please ask at the school office

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 a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education, aimed at both challenging and engaging all of our children.

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.

If you are interested in a Nursery or Reception Class place for September 2022 or to find out more about the school, please contact us or visit the school for an informal tour and conversation.

Come and join the St Mark's Family

Phone: 020 7735 1467

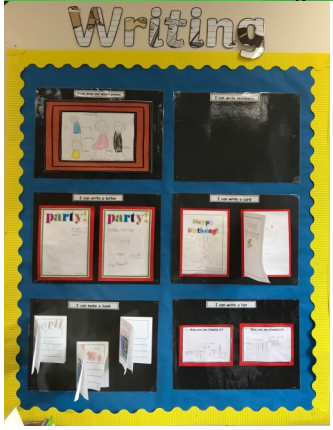
Email: admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

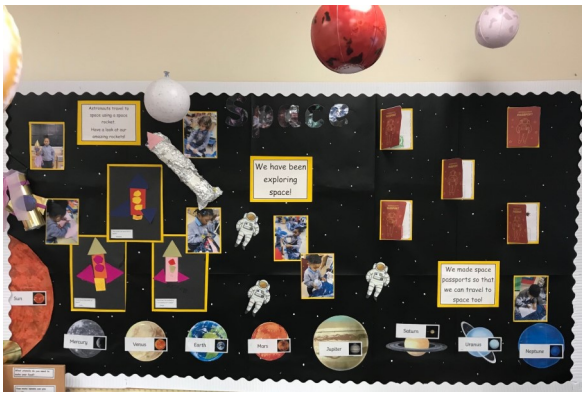
Web: www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk

Address: Harleyford Road, Oval, London, SE115SL

Class display

An insight into the great work taking place across our classrooms





Term 2 Diary Dates

Nativity plays, music concerts, Christmas Jumper Day, Carol Service, Pantomimes, Parent workshops… make sure you include all of these important dates in your diary!
See below for details.

Tuesday 30th November 2021	EYFS and KS 1 Music Concert This event will now take place in the new year	3.00pm for parents
Wednesday 1st December 2021	Early Years Stay and Play	9.00-9.45am
Friday 3rd December 2021	Social media and friend and friendly workshops for YR 5 and 6	
Friday 3rd December 2021	Parent workshop Friends and Friendly This sessions will educate parents about gangs and gang culture	9.00-10.15am In the school hall
Tuesday 7th December 2021	EYFS Nativity	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday 8th December 2021	YR 5 – 6 Music Concert	In the school hall
Thursday 9th December 2021	YR 3 – 4 Music Concert	In the school hall
Friday 10th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day	£1 from each child which will be given to Save the Children
Friday 10th December 2021	School Christmas lunch	Please order by 6th Dec and make payment on parentpay
Tuesday 14th December 2021	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity tbc	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Tuesday 14th December 2021	St Mark's singing carols at Oval Station	8.50 – 9.30am. Money goes to Robes homeless charity
Wednesday 15th December 2021	YR 3 and 5 attending Pantomime at Oval House	1 – 2 pm
Thursday 16th December 2021	St Mark's Carol Service 9.20am Held at St Mark's Church	Led by Key Stage 2
Thursday 16th December 2021	Last day of Autumn Term	School finishes at the usual time 3.20/3.25pm
Wednesday 5th January 2022	**Children return to school**	

GAV
GAV Primary School
Safeguarding Curriculum

Parent workshop
Friday 3rd December 2021
on gangs and gang culture

We have worked with GAV for a number of years now and they always deliver excellent information and advice to parents and children. They will also be delivering workshops to children in Year 5 and 6 about peer pressure and social media

Friday 10th December 2021

Save the children's

Christmas Jumper Day at St Mark's

Support children in the UK and around the world by donating £1

The Educational Visits UK Days Out London - Winter Magazine is a seasonal digital magazine (ezine) promoting what is happening regionally in museums and attractions to schools. There is also a section about what is happening in the school holidays

Click here to access the digital magazine

CHRISTMAS DINNER

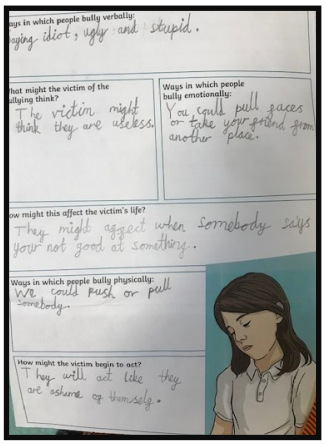
FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

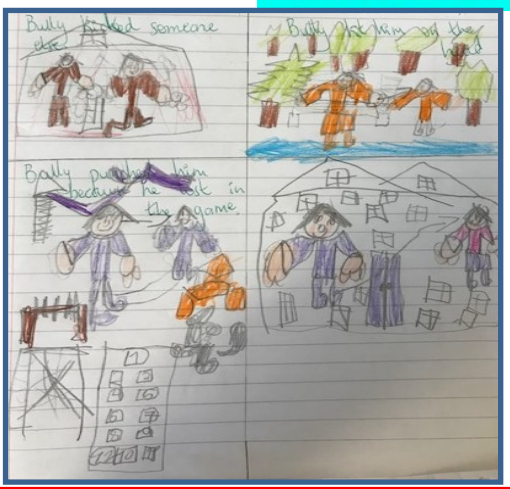
If your child is packed lunch but would like to have the Christmas meal on the day, please return letter received with the chosen menu by **Tuesday 2nd December**.

The cost of the meal is £2.50 and must be paid on **Parentpay**

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week was Anti-Bullying week with the theme of 'One Kind Word.' The whole school was involved and Children wore odd socks to school to express that every one is unique and to stand up against bullying. We learnt what bullying is and the effects that it can have and how to choose to be kind. Please see some excellent work from children of different years group.





Vauxhall City Farm

WELCOME 2022 YOUNG FARMERS

Young Farmers is a weekly Saturday morning club which inspires young people, aged 8-14 to get involved in all aspects of the farm and take part in some great indoor and outdoor activities. It's a real opportunity for those taking part to increase their knowledge of animals, nature and the environment whilst developing their personal, social and practical skills by

- Caring for animals around the farm
- Making butter
- Exploring for bugs in our ecology garden or pond dipping for newts and other small creatures
- Finding out about nature, the environment and how to care for it
- Taking part in art and craft sessions
- And loads more!

The activities change from week to week but whichever sessions children attend they'll have a great time! Young Farmers is led by farm staff and volunteers who are experienced in working with children of all ages to help them achieve their potential and do more.

Sessions last 2.5 hours and cost just £10 per week. You can book as many or few dates as you wish (subject to available places)

Please note:

Young Farmers is for 7-14 year olds only.

- **AM Session**: 10:00am – 12:30pm
- **PM Session**: 1:00pm – 3:30pm

See below links for booking and for further information

January Young Farmers

https://www.vauxhallcityfarm.org/events/january-young-farmers-7-14-years-2/

February Young Farmers

https://www.vauxhallcityfarm.org/events/february-young-farmers-7-14-years/

March Young Farmers

https://www.vauxhallcityfarm.org/events/march-young-farmers-7-14-years/

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

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