Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

3rd February 2023

'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, Staff and Governors,

It has been a very busy end of term! Last week alone, Oak Class visited Vauxhall City Farm; Palm Class visited the British Museum as part of their learning on the Ancient Greeks and Sycamore Class visited the British Museum as part of their learning on the Mayan Civilisation. Willow and Palm Class created masks and vases using clay. This week, Ebony Class are visiting Vauxhall City Farm,; Palm and Olive Classes are having themed days to end their termly topics and Sycamore Class are visiting the Unicorn Theatre. Our staff work very hard to ensure the school curriculum is enriching and inspiring for the children and we are extremely grateful for their willingness to go above and beyond in order to provide these wonderful experiences.

Parents' Evening

Thank you for signing up for the parents' evening this week. If you haven't booked your appointment yet, do so as soon as possible following this link https://stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.schoolcloud.co.uk

PSA Event

Our school PSA will be running their first event on Friday 10th February 2023—A school Disco. Tickets available at the school gate.

SCOOTING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE PLAYGROUND

Parents' Prayer Group

Please join Mrs Natasha (our Family Liaison Officer) for our Parents Prayer group. The group is growning!

every Friday morning

From 9.00 to 9.15am

PARENTS'S EVENING

WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY & THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

To book your appointment, please follow the link below:

https://stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.schoolcloud.co.uk

Once booked, you will receive an email confirmation for your chosen slot. If you do not have access to the internet or have any queries, please contact the school office for assistance.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Digital Flourishing

True friendship

BIBLE VERSE

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 15.13

ATTENDANCE NEWS

N - 87.72%

R - 85.71%

1 - 98.47%

2 - 94.898%

3 - 100%

4 - 94.12%

5 - 92.57%

6 - 88.2%

Total - 92.92%

Attendance & Punctuality

Dear Parents and Carers,

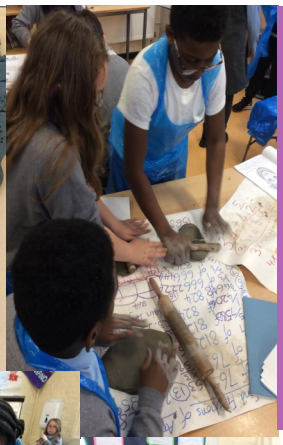
A massive well done to all the children in **Year 1** for an excellent attendance and **Year 3** for achieving 100%!

Please continue to do your best to ensure children arrive by 8.45am

Thank you

Mrs Natasha

What is happening at St Mark's



In Art **Year 6 Willow Class**

designed their own masks based on the ones from the Ancient Kingdom of Benin. In English they have been using The Arrival by Shaun Tan as inspiration for their own stories. They worked in role to develop a greater understanding of the main character in the book.

Year 2 Oak Class

A week full of fun and learning. Year 2 visited Durning Library, went on a trip to Vauxhall City Farm, had their weekly adventure at the Triangle Playground and enhanced their mathematics an literacy skills using ICT.

What is happening at St Mark's

JUNIPER CLASS—SCIENCE CLASS

Year 1 carried out an investigation to see which materials are waterproof. They found that plastic would be the best material to use for an umbrella.

Years 3 & 4 Music concert

Years 3 Visit Trip to Balham Mandir Hindu Temple

As part of the RE topic - Hinduism

PALM CLASS

Year 4 children continue improving their memory and problem solving skills in their chess class. Also, as part of their Ancient Greece term topic, they have been making Greek clay pots.

EYFS—STAY AND PLAY SESSION

St Mark's PSA (Parent School Association)

The PSA at St Mark's is starting to take off. Thank you to all parents that have been able and willing to participate. Please see below the list of committee members. Still missing Class representatives for Y1, Y4 and Y6.

The first event will next Friday 10th February. See flyer for full information.

Tickets can be purchased from the class reps or Tabs after school and mornings.

£2 for adult. Children just pay £1 to wear own clothes.

If you want to know more about the PSA, volunteer or any other query, please contact **Miss Sithabiso (Tabs) Francis** on **07568 452 944 or** email her to Tabs@tabsfrancis.co.uk

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ST MARK'S PSA

JOINT CHAIR
TABS-ATARAH'S MUM - Y1
NICOLE- MORIAH'S MUM - Y5

VICE CHAIR
AMBORSE-
MELODEE'S DAD - Y4

PUBLICITY OFFICER
CRISTIANO'S MUM - NURSERY

MEMBERS
PARFAITE -ARNOLD'S MUM - Y3
ELISABED - JOSHUA'S MUM - Y4
KIMBERLEY -DARCEY'S MUM - REC

SECRETARY
MARIA-
GERARD'S MUM - Y5
CRYSTAL-
KIARAH'S MUM - Y5

TREASURER
DOUA
LESLEY ANN'S MUM - Y6

SEN REP
BIANNCA-
MASON'S MUM - Y2

CLASS REPS
N - KELLY-SCARLETT'S MUM
&
SHANEEQUA -MALIK'S MUM
R - ANDREW -ALAINA'S DAD
Y1 - VACANT
Y2 - DAVID -AARON.S DAD

CLASS REPS
Y3 - JENIFFER-CALE'S MUM
Y4 - VACANT
Y5- KELLY- NALIYAH'S MUM
Y6- VACANT

NOTICES, EVENTS & TERM DATES

Tuesday 7th February 2023	Safer Internet Day	
Tuesday 7th February 2023	Reception Ebony Class out to Vauxhall City Farm	
Wednesday 8th February 2023	Parents Evening	3.00-5.30pm
Thursday 9th February 2023	Parents Evening	3.30-5.30pm
Friday 10th February 2023	Year 4 Palm Class Ancient Greece Day	
Friday 10th February 2023	Year 3 Olive Club Ancient China Day	
Friday 10th February 2023	PSA school Disco 3.30– 5.45pm	3.30– 5.45pm
Friday 10th February 2023	Parent and Staff Football	9.00 at the school gates– Postponed
Friday 10th February 2023	Last Day of Term 3	
Monday 20th February 2023	Term 4 Begins	

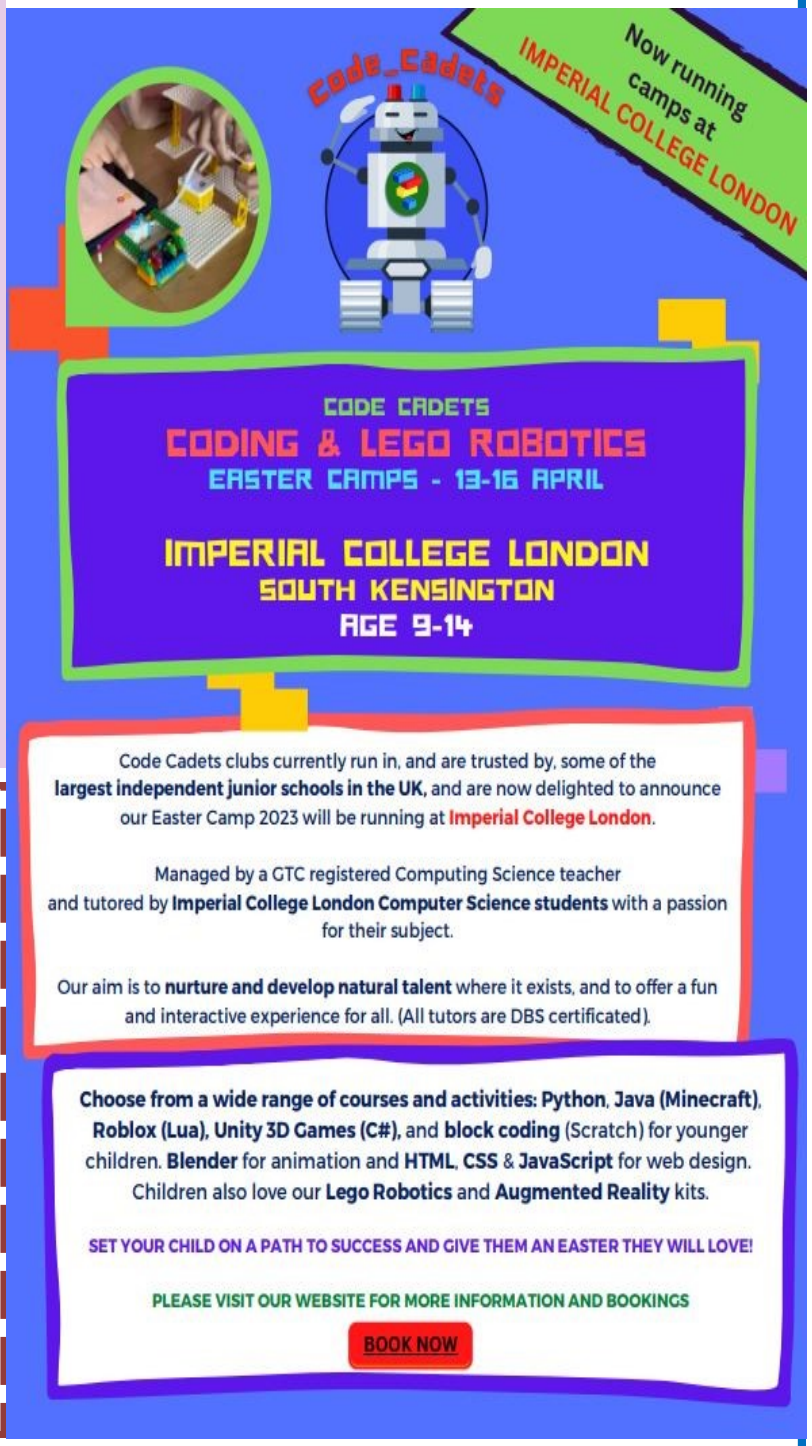
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need parents /carers to come to school and read with the children. If you can spare some time, even half an hour, children can benefit much. Please contact Mrs Eade if you are able to help.

Omnibus theatre in Clapham is running a fantastic **free theatre programme for 8-11 year olds** this February half term **for Pupil Premium** students.

Click here for full information

OMNIBUS THEATRE



Join the St. Mark's Family

Nursery Spaces available

If you, a neighbour, a friend or a relative are interested in a free, full-time Nursery Class place for this academic year or a Nursery or Reception space for September 2023, please contact us to express your interest, complete an application form and arrange an informal tour of the school.

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 our pupils with a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education. We aim to challenge and engage all pupils during their learning journeys at St Mark's and prepare them for their lives beyond the school.

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.

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