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The St Mark's News
4th March 2016
Weekly Newsletter

St Mark's Celebrates Book Week

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Throughout the week, children at St Mark's have been treated to a range of activities and events that have been designed to inspire and encourage them to take more of an active interest in reading and inspire a love for books. A number of workshops have taken place across the school, culminating in our poetry day today. Many thanks for your support with helping children to dress up yesterday for World Book Day . It was wonderful to see so many staff and children dressed up as a book character. I think the pictures within this newsletter show how excited we all were to be part of the celebrations. It was also lovely to see so many parents present during our parade yesterday morning. Please continue to read to your children on a daily basis and encourage them to read as much as possible . Next week we will send out a little booklet about how you can best support your child's reading at home.

We are continuing to invest in purchasing high quality reading books for classroom use and we are planning to re-develop the library area so children can visit it each week.

Willy Wonka visits the school

Children participate in the spell competition

Year 3 participate in a Shakespeare workshop

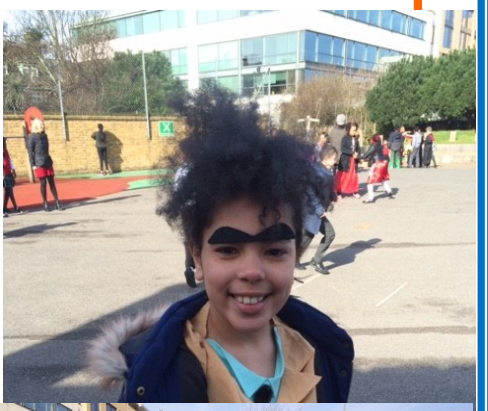
School Collective Worship Theme:

'Humility' and 'The Journey of life'

Bible Verse

'Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who though He was in the form of God... emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant'–Phil 2: 6-7

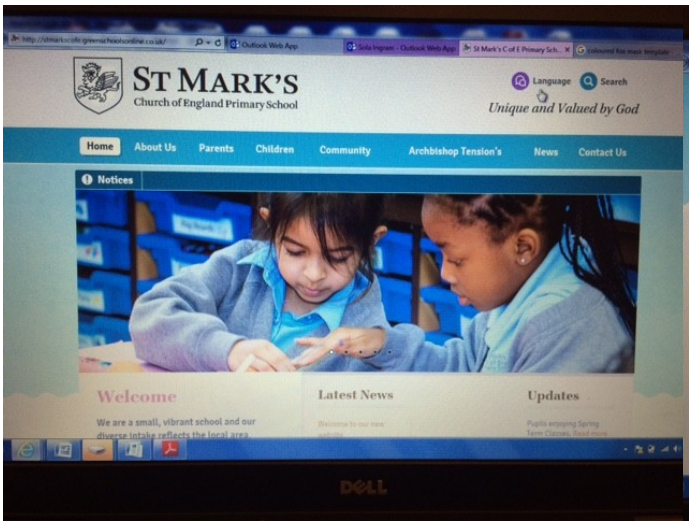
A Fabulous World Book Day!

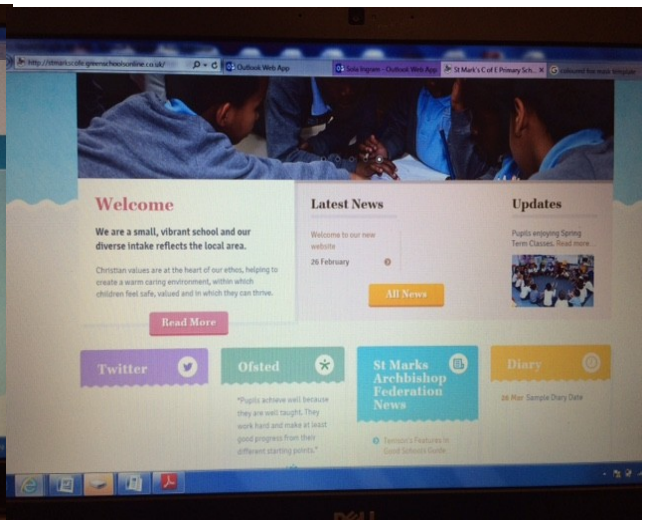


Look what's coming!

Behind the scenes we have been working hard to develop a new, updated website which shows off all that is great about St Mark's. We wanted it to be colourful and modern looking and provide helpful information to parents of the school, visitors and new parents. The website will be launched soon and we would very much appreciate your feedback so we can continue to improve it. To begin with, there may be empty spaces in some areas as we continue to add information and pictures.

If you would prefer for your child's picture to not appear on the new school website or prospectus that we are currently working on, please inform the school office as soon as possible, so that we can make a note of this and avoid using their pictures in these publications.





Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Dads' Fun on the 5th - Brixton Windmill One O'clock Club

FREE (All ages)

Windmill Gardens, End of Blenheim Gardens, SW2 5EU / 020 8674 3440

Sat 5th Mar, 10am-noon

Free family fun for dads, male carers and their families and little ones... Learn many circus skills, make LOTS of crafts to take home, plus games, a spring sing-a-long and the chance to listen to a spring story.

Chinese Adventures - British Museum

FREE (All ages)

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

Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square

Sat 5th Mar, 11am-4pm

Take part in digital activities inspired by China; find your zodiac character, make your own digital vase and more!

Barbican Shakespeare Weekender - Barbican Centre

FREE (All ages)

Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS / 020 7638 8891 / www.barbican.org.uk

Nearest tube: Barbican

Sat 5th & Sun 6th Mar, 11am-6pm

Drop in or spend the day at the Barbican Centre with a day of interactive workshops, playful experiences, fun installations and performances with a difference to celebrate the legacy of the Great Bard! Dip into a multitude of free events for all the family from Shakespeare bingo to Shakespeare-inspired hairdos!

Hertsmere Road, E14 4AL / 020 7001 9844 / www.museumoflondon.org.uk

Sat 5th & Sun 6th Mar, 12pm-4pm

School Trips

Three classes went out this week on school trips . We strongly promote school trips and visits as it brings learning alive for the children and provides that additional engagement and inspiration for them. Years 3 and 4 visited Southwark Cathedral and Year 2 visited the National Portrait Gallery. Many thanks for all parents who volunteer to accompany us on school trips. They would not be able to take place without your support. Next week Year 6 will be away for the week on a week long school journey trip to Rock UK in Tonbridge.

Year 3 children during their visit to Southwark Cathedral

Attendance

Congratulations to Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 who all achieved attendance levels over 96% this week. We have been on a good run recently so please ensure that all pupils attend school every day so they don't miss vital learning within school. Sometimes all it takes is a day off to disrupt the learning. Remember that school starts at 8.55am

Well done to Year 6

Congratulations to all children in Year 6 for their effort, team work and entrepreneurial skills! They raised a staggering £350 from a food sale and a sponsored silence to help to reduce the cost of their school journey trip. Thank you to all who supported their efforts.

Last Friday's food sale

500 Word Writing Competition

Congratulation to:

Joao, Aaron, Shahad, Ky-Mani in Year 6

Genesis, Mardiya, Thaisa, Josie and Rabeka in Year 5

Kachine in Year 4

Ryan and Madiya in Year 2

Maja in Year 1

All of these children submitted a story into the school's 500 word competition and will receive a prize Next Monday.

Book Character Competition

It was a fantastic effort yesterday, which made choosing winners for our book character competition very difficult for our judges. Winners and runners up will receive a prize of a book; they are:

	Winner	Runner up
Reception	Reece	Sureyya
Year 1	Ethen	Amariah
Year 2	Alicia	Madihah
Year 3	Sara Amanee	Janie
Year 4	Andre	Kachine
Year 5	Rabeka	Pablo
Year 6	Joao	Naomi