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# The St Mark's Newsletter

## 5th February 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,

One more week until the end of Spring Term 1. Everyone has made excellent efforts to ensure the children schooling continues as best it can and I would like to thank staff, parents, children and governors for their excellent commitment and support during this unusual and challenging term.

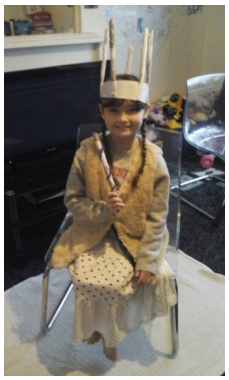
There is a helpful parent workshop on Wednesday 10th February on Managing children's anxiety. Please email Mrs Moses on cmoses@st-markcofe.lambeth.sch.uk to receive a link for the virtual session, which will be led by our Educational Psychologist, Dr Alec de Sausmarez.

## Parents Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on **24th and 25th February 2021**, however due to the current pandemic the appointments will be held by video calling using the *School Cloud Parents' Evening System* which will allow parents to book a suitable time slot to have a virtual 10 minute appointment with your child's teacher. Please look out for further guidance and login information which will be sent next week to allow you to select you times .

## *GREAT WORK!*

*A big well done to Seraphina, Ellie-May and Nila Scott in Palm Class who dressed up as the Queen of Narnia as part of their English Lesson and answered questions from their peers.*



**VALUE OF THE WEEK**

**Flourishing Digitally —**

**Knowing who to listen to and follow**

**BIBLE VERSE**

**Jesus said: 'Follow Me'**
**Mathew 4:19**

**Highest level of work completion last week**

Juniper Class — 72%
Oak Class — 72%
Olive Class — 82%
Palm Class — 88%
Sycamore Class — 75%
Willow Class — 83%

**WELL DONE!**

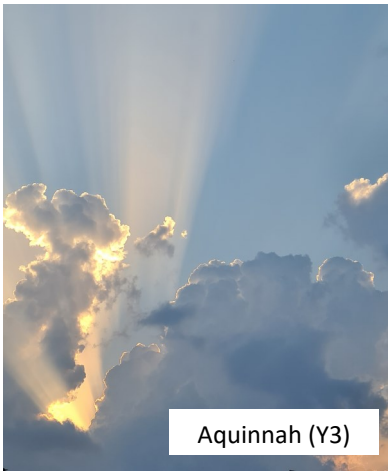
**You are all doing amazingly well! Juniper and Oak Class, Well done! More of you are now completing your work on a regular basis. Keep up this fantastic work during the final week of term everyone**

# All Things Bright and Beautiful Photography Competition

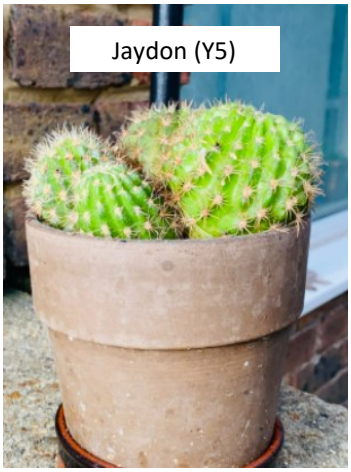
Take a picture of something bright and beautiful that the world has to offer. This can be something inside your home, outside your window or even from your daily walks around where you live. It does not matter how you capture your image, whether you use a specialised camera or the camera you or your parents have on their phone/tablet.

There will be prizes for the images that come in 1st, 2nd and 3rd - photography books. First price will also have their winning image printed onto greeting cards. Happy Snapping! Deadline: 26th February 2021 (upload on Google Classroom or email lbrockwell@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk or your teacher). Below are some entries handed in so far.

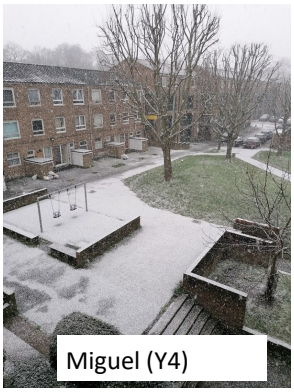
Ana Clara (Y1)

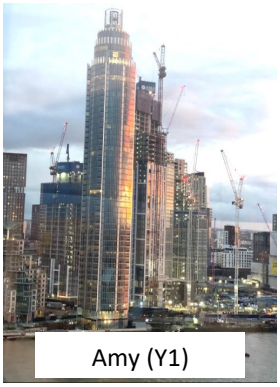

Aquinnah (Y3)

Daniel (Y3)

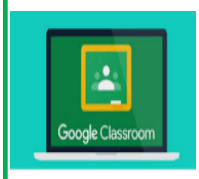

Jaydon (Y5)

Lisset (Y5)


Miguel (Y4)


Amy (Y1)

## Remote Learning Engagement




Miss Natasha will be making daily contact with those children who have not submitted work or engaged with lessons each day. The call will be made from a Private Number. Please make every effort to answer the call and use the opportunity to discuss any issues that you may be having so Miss Natasha can help to support you.

# This week's certificate winners from N—Yr 6

## Congratulations to all this week's certificate winners

### NURSERY—CEDAR CLASS

**JOSEPH (Nur) -** has been extremely eager to learn and has been getting involved with Reception Class activities

**YOHANNES (Nur) -** for completing all of the work set online which is actually Reception Class activities! Well done Yohannes!

**AUDREY (Nur) -** for being so enthusiastic and creative with all of her online activities

### RECEPTION— EBONY CLASS

**ZAYN (Rec) -** for trying really hard with their writing and number formation

**RICARDO (Rec) -** has been participating in every single activity on Tapestry on the day that it is set. He also attends every single google meet.

**YUNUS (Rec) -** for making fantastic progress with his handwriting at home

### KS1

**AMEERAH (Y2)-** being an absolute superstar completing as much work as she can to a very high standard

**OCYANA (Y1)** - has really improved in her online learning and is uploading most of her work daily. It's great to see her making so much effort with her learning.

**SURAIYA-ROSE (Y1)** - working hard at school and at home. She completes her work everyday and always tries her best.

**JIDCAK (Y1) -** for hard work and sharing amazing work with his friends during our google meets

**MADELEINE (Y2) -** for always being joyful and positive, kindly asking for help, and engaging in all of her online learning.

**AMELIA (Y1)** - for always encouraging her class mates and complimenting their work. She is also always there to remind them of what to do if they get a bit stuck.

**Melek (Y2)**- for really working hard on our new learning of reading an analogue clock. She has been able to read the time to quarter past and quarter to independently well done!

### KS2

**ERICA** and **KAIQI (Y3) -** for posting encouraging comments when their classmates have done well, and for helping their classmates when they don't know what to do.

The Y3 children in school (**MORIAH, ELIANA, BENYAM, NEHEMIAH, KIARAH, JONATHAN, AQUINNAH** and **DANIEL**) for continuing to be positive about learning, and for always supporting each other in

**HENRIQUE (Y4)-** for always handing in all of his work and attending every Google Meet.

**MARIA (Y5) -** for great English writing. She used descriptive language to show how a character's feelings over the course of a conversation.

**OLIVIA (Y5)** - for her brilliant ToR work from Wednesday as well as completing every piece of work that day.

**SEAN (Y4)** for excellent writing in English.

**VALERIA (Y6)** - always showing enthusiasm for learning and consistently tries her best.

**NEIYAH-LI (Y6) -** for continuously handed in work, completed to a really high standard. She puts lots of time and effort into her work, particularly her English writing, and always tries her best.

**TRIOMPHE (Y3)** - for working so hard to hand in excellent work . Triomphe has also been focusing really well in our Google Meets, and giving insightful answers to questions!

**NILA C** and **JASTIN (Y4)** for their excellent acting during our Google Meet where they had an improvised conversation as the Queen of Narnia and Edmund.

**ABIGAIL** and **AMARY (Y4)** for having their best week on Google Classroom yet.

**MELISSA (Y5)-** for having a positive attitude towards her learning. She completed every piece of work to a high standard even though

**ESTEBAN (Y6)-** for trying really hard with his work at home. He consistently hands in all of his work and responds to any feedback he is given. Well done Esteban!

**MIKAEL** and **ANTHONY (Y3)** - for excellent retellings of the story of *Rama and Sita*.

**BRANDON (Y6)** - for his commitment to completing his work and to completing it well whilst learning from home. He has also led the way in sparking some interesting class discussions.

**FAITH (Y6)** - for being engaged and energetic, asking interesting questions and ideas and giving thoughtful contributions in our discussion about mental health this week.

# Notices for parents

## Free Weekly Food Hampers

We have 18 free food hampers to give away every Wednesday . They contain a range of food including bread, milk, cereal, pasta/rice, beans, tuna, fresh fruit and veg and delicious freshly made meals by professional chefs. Simply call in at the office and ask for a hamper and one will be given to you. They will no longer be reserved for individuals and will now be given out on a first come first served basis.

| KEY SCHOOL DATES FOR SPRING TERM | |
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| **DATE** | **DETAILS** |
| **Tuesday 9th Feb 2021** | **Safer Internet Day** |
| **Weds 10th Feb 2021** | **'Managing your child's anxiety ' parent workshop with the school's Educational Psychologist and Mrs Moses 4.30 to 5.30 pm** |
| **Weds 10th Feb 2021** | **Year 3 Ancient China Day** |
| **Thurs 11th Feb 2021** | **Virtual Coffee Morning with Mrs Moses 10 to 11 am** |
| **Friday 12th Feb 2021** | **Screen Free Day—More details to follow** |
| **Mon 15th Feb 2021—Fri 19th Feb** | **Half term—School is closed** |
| **Weds 24th Feb 2021** | **Virtual Parents' Evening - details to follow next** |
| **Thursday 25th Feb 2021** | **Virtual Parents' Evening—details to follow** |

## Laptop Loan

Yesterday, it was announced that the government will be providing schools with more laptops to help children to work remotely from home. We are hoping that St Mark's will obtain an allocation. If you are interested in receiving a laptop please contact Mrs Moses on: cmoses@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

*Parent Workshop Wednesday 10th February 2021*

## Is your child Struggling with worry or anxiety?

**Attend our virtual workshop and find out about practical solutions that can help to support them**

# Managing Anxiety

**Virtual workshop with Dr Alec de Sausmarez (Educational Psychologist)**

**On: Wednesday 10th February 2021**

**At: 4.30-5.30pm**

**Email: cmoses@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk**

**for the link**

# INTERNET SAFETY WEEK

## Focus: Staying Safe Online

## Tuesday 9th February is

## Internet Safety Day

**Next week we will be Focusing on Internet Safety.**

**We will be building children's awareness through discussions in Google Meets, activities and video clips of the benefits of the internet as well as the potential dangers.**

**All year groups will do work on recognising the benefits of the internet.**

**In terms of Internet Safety**

**Year 1 and 2's** focus will be:

- Being Respectful Online

**Year 3 and 4's** focus will be:

- Caution when sharing personal Information online

- Why social media and some computer games and online gaming are age restricted.

**Year 5 and 6's** focus will be:

- That cyberbullying can have a negative and often lasting impact on Mental Health

- The benefits of balancing time spent on and offline.

# Children's Mental Health Week

## Tips to Maintain Healthy Mental Well-Being

Thank you for all your participation, thoughtful comments and reflections on how to help us keep healthy mentally.

### Eat Healthy and Drink Plenty of Water

### Do Exercise and go out for Fresh Air

### Do Something you Enjoy

This could be talking to a friend, reading, painting, baking, going for a walk - just to name a few.

### Connect with Others

### Get Enough Sleep

**So important – if we are well rested we are more resilient, feel healthier and are more alert.**

Avoid being on any electronic devices before you go to bed.

### Ask for Help when you Feel Overwhelmed

If you are worried or feel anxious about something, talk to someone you can trust.

### Be Kind to Others

Use Kind words and Kind Actions

**This helps you and others!**