Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

8th July 2022

'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, Governors and Friends of St Mark's,

We come to the final 8.5 days of the 2021-22 school year and we are surprised at how fast time has gone but also by how much has been accomplished during this time. During the year, there has been:

25 School Trips— including CYE Sailing Centre, Van Gogh Alive Exhibition, Museum of London, Vauxhall City Farm, Sea Life Centre, Imperial War Museum , Natual History Museum, Sicence Museum, Horniman Museum, Kew Gardens, Hampton Court, Brixton Chocolate Factory etc.

21 Events involving parents— 3 parent football games, SEN Coffee Morning, Mother's Day Breakfast, Father's Day Breakfast, Summer Fair, Meet the teacher meetings, Family Gardening Session, Car Free Day, Parents Evenings, Social Media, Online Safety and Gangs and Friendship Workshops, 6 stay and play sessions, PSHE Parent Workshop, Phonics Workshop etc

11 Themed days or weeks including RE Week, Anglo Saxon Day, Ancient China Day, World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Christmas Jumper Day, Awards Ceremony

8 Music Concerts—including Carol singing at the Oval tube station and Queen's Jubilee concert

6 opportunities to take part in competitive sports - Girl Football Tournament, Year 5 and 6 Basketball and Dodgeball Tournament and Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament

1 Talent show and **1** Award Ceremony

We take this opportunity to say thank you and best wishes to Ms Fran Byrne, Ms Maria Onyejiaka, Ms Samiya Meah and Ms Helen Mullen who will be leaving us at the end of the year.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Healthy body, soul and mind

BIBLE VERSE

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Genesis 1.27

Attendance and Punctuality

Nur—96.59%
Rec— 87.24%
Year 1– 94.22%
Year 2 - 98.61%
Year 3—94.69%
Year 4—95.73%
Year 5 –92.75%
Year 6—84.92%
Whole School - 92.39%

Another great week as 2 classes have achieved our school target of 96% or above

Well done to everyone!!

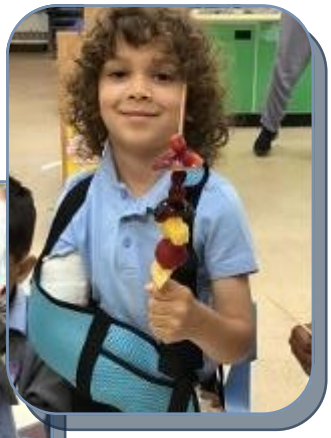
Thankyou all for your efforts on getting to school & arriving by 8.45am. There are still too many daily late comers!!

Mrs Natasha

Outstanding learning at St Mark's

Ebony class

Making fruit Kebabs for their cooking session



Year 4—testing out solar ovens that they made. They have been learning about scientists and inventors this term and on Friday they did a lesson about Maria Telkes who was famous for her work in Solar power. They made solar ovens using old boxes and tinfoil and put them out in the sun and recorded the change in temperature at different intervals.

Juniper class learnt about the fruits of the Holy Spirit for Pentecost.

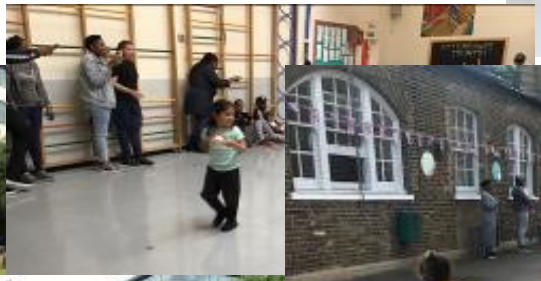
The children chose a real fruit and then made an impression on a polystyrene tile, next they painted the fruit and back ground and finally made a print on paper.

Year 6 Adventures during the past few weeks

Year 6 children had lot of fun and spent valuable time together at Chessington World of Adventures and Go Ape. They also had a delicious meal at Nando's and pizza from Papa John's.

Sports Day at St Mark's

The children had a fantastic time during our Sports Day on Thursday 23rd June. They took part in a range of team activities and challenges during the day. After a showery morning, the sun came out and enabled the day to continue as planned.



School Events

Years 5 & 6 MUSIC CONCERTS

Early years stay and play session for new parents

On Wednesday, Parents of children starting in September 2022 came to the school and were able to have a taste of what Nursery and Reception is like at St Mark's.

VISIT TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

On Tuesday, we all visit St Mark's church as a school for an end of year Collective worship. Reverend Steve led it and children could reflect on what we could say to God at the end of a school year. There are many things to thank Him for and to ask for his forgiveness for. Children got well involved in the Bible story of Samuel and how the Lord spoke to him.

What do we want to say to God as we come to the end of the School Year?

THANK YOU!

SORRY!

PLEASE!

SPEAK LORD

Summer Term Clubs at St Mark's

What amazing clubs we have at St Mark's. Have a look at some of the wonderful things that children have been able to make, create, cook. Also, a sport club runs every day for children to extend physical activities. Looking forward to seeing many children enjoying extra curricular activities in September.

School Summer Fair

We made £1300 at the St Mark's Summer Fair last Friday!

We will use this money to purchase new audio equipment for the school.

This was a real team effort and so many people supported this event. Thank you so much to staff and parents who gave up their time; those who made food; helped with stalls; those who spent money; to children who made stalls and helped to run them; to former pupils who helped on the day; to community groups who supported us and to those who donated items and raffle prizes.

School Diary Dates - Term 6

Monday 4th July 2022	Year 6 Nando's celebration lunch	
Tuesday 5th July 2022	Whole school visit to St Mark's Church for end of year collective worship	
Wednesday 6th July 2022	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play 9-10am	Event for New parents
Wednesday 6th July 2022	Year 5 and 6 Music Concert	2.50 pm
Wednesday 6th July 2022	Action Break Silence (Year 6)	
Thursday 7th July 2022	Year 6 Trip to Acacia Adventure Play-ground in Mitcham	Parent helpers needed
Thursday 7th July 2022	Year 3 and 4 Music Concert	2.50pm
Thursday 7th July	Year 5 Trip to Kew Gardens	
Friday 8th July 2022	Award Ceremony am	
Friday 8th July 2022	Year 5 visiting Tenison's Secondary	Science Activity
Sunday 10th July 2022	**Year 6 Leavers Service St Mark's Church 10.15am**	Year 6 to be awarded with a prize at this special leavers service
Monday 11th July 2022	Yr 5 to Lilian Baylis 12.15 to take part in a science lesson and basketball session	
Wednesday 13th July 2022	**End of Year Reports distributed electronically**	There won't be a showcase event as originally planned
Wednesday 13th July 2022	Action Break Silence (Year 6)	
Thursday 14th July 2022	Year 6 end of Year production The Greatest Showman	6pm start
Friday 15th July 2022	Last day of After school clubs	
Tuesday 19th July 2022	Year 6 trip to the Acaicia Centre in Mitcham	A new date
Friday 15th July 2022	Parents Football	9.00am at the school gates
Thursday 21st July 2022	Last day of Summer Term	School finishes at 1.30pm

Nursery places still available for September 2022

Nursery places at St Mark's C of E Primary School

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.

If you are interested in a Nursery place for September 2022 please complete an application form here or to find out more about the school, please contact us to arrange an informal tour of the school on 0207 735 1467

DO NOT MISS OUT!

Dear Parents and Carers, there are so many local events and activities taking place across the summer that are either low cost or free. There is no reason for your child to be stuck indoors during the summer with nothing to do. Check out opportunities in this newsletter, on our web-site and on our twitter feed: @StMarks_Lambeth and https://www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk/Community

Please note that a number of these activities require you to sign up in advance

July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm delighted to let you know that this Summer Lambeth Council will be hosting Lambeth's Summer of Food and Fun.

Summer of Food & Fun 2022

We are partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme will run from **Monday, 25 July to Friday, 26 August** and is designed to give local families access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the summer holidays. Each programme will provide:

- Free, healthy, and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

To find out more scan the QR code or visit the web address below. I hope your family can take full advantage of the summer programme.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Dr. Mahamed Hashi
Cabinet Member for Safer Communities

Department for Education

lambeth.gov.uk/summerfoodandfun

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OMNIBUS THEATRE

Invitation - Routes Summer Holidays

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Omnibus Theatre in Clapham would like to invite your child to join our FREE Summer holiday programme Routes. Routes is a one-week project where young people ages 8-11 create and perform a play made entirely from their own imaginations. As well as learning new drama skills your child will have the opportunity to:

· Improve their confidence
· Enhance speaking and listening skills
· Make new friends
· Engage in a new and exciting experience

Dates:
WEEK 1: Monday 1st Aug – Friday 5th Aug
WEEK 2: Monday 8th Aug – Friday 12th Aug
WEEK 3: Monday 22nd Aug – Friday 26th Aug
Please note we can only offer one week per child. As this programme is very popular, it is worth selecting all weeks that would be possible in your application, and we will shortly confirm which week we will be able to accommodate your child.

Time: 9am – 1pm (free breakfast, hot lunch and snacks will be provided each day)
Location: Omnibus Theatre, 1 Clapham Common Northside, SW4 0QW.
Final performance: On the Friday at 1PM, you and your friends and family are invited to Omnibus Theatre to watch the play your child has created over the week. This will take place in our Theatre and will be followed by a tea party in our café.

The spaces for this programme are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis. If this is something your child is interested in, and they are eligible for free school meals, **please email Felicity at felicity.paterson@omnibus-clapham.org by 21 July with these details:**

Child's name:
Which weeks your child is available to attend: WK 1: Monday 1st Aug – Friday 5th Aug / WK 2: Monday 8th Aug – Friday 12th Aug / WK 3: Monday 22nd Aug – Friday 26th Aug
Child's Date of Birth:
Postcode:
Parent / Guardian Contact Name:
Parent Contact Number:
Second contact name (& relation to child) & phone number:
Dietary Requirements / Allergies:
Special Educational Needs / Access requirements:

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to the theatre soon.

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Useful websites for summer holiday activities

https://www.mayorsfundforlondon.org.uk/lambeth-southwark-summer-food-fun/ (check out the brochure

https://thesmp.net/get-involved/ (St Matthew's Project) Football programme in Brockwell Park - Just turn up and play

https://blackprincetrust.org.uk/activitybooking/ (Black Prince Trust)

http://triangleadventureplayground.com/ (Triangle adventure playground)

https://oasisplay.org.uk/contact/ (Oasis Adventure Playground)

Free and Low Cost Events and Clubs & Notices over the summer

Dear Parents, there are so many low cost or free activities taking place across the summer, but you may need to book. Please see our school

SCHOOL

BRIXTON

MONDAY 25TH JULY –

Summer holiday dates

Wk1: 25th July – 29th July

Wk2: 1st Aug – 5th Aug

Wk3: 8th Aug – 12th Aug

Wk4: 15th

HOLIDAY CLUB (5–12 years)

Monday–Friday → 09:00–17:00

A fun packed, multi activity holiday offering high quality care with an emphasis on FUN. We aim to do more than just keep the children occupied with a wide range of activities that offer something for everyone! Children will also have the option of swimming if they are competent swimmers. Children should wear comfortable clothes and trainers to maximise interaction. Please ensure that your children have a packed lunch full of healthy foods (not to contain nuts as an ingredient, sugary sweets or fizzy drinks), as we have no café facilities, and ensure they have plenty water.

Due to the play scheme's Ofsted registration, we can only accept children from the 1st September following their 5th birthday (school year 1 onwards).

Cost per day
Standard → £20.40
Concessionary → £16.40

Cost per week
Standard → £102.10
Concessionary → £82.15

Early drop off and late pick up collection (8.00–9.00am / 5.00–6.00pm) available for an additional £2.25).

If you would like your child to also attend our Swim School our staff can take them and collect them from their lessons.

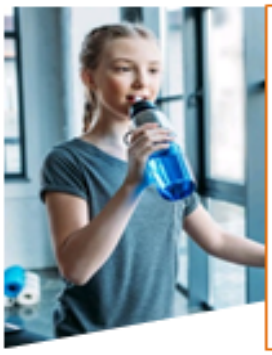
LESSONS AND COURSES

8th – 12th Aug and 15th – 19th Aug

Our 5 day short courses are a great way for children to be introduced to a new activity, or of you wish to have some intensive lessons to work on specific techniques.

Foundation: 9am-9:30, 9:30–10am & [illegible] (Teaching Pool)
Red, Amber & Green.

Cost:
Standard → £31.00
Concessionary → £22.55



JUNIOR GYM (8–15 yrs)

Monday–Friday: 10:00–14:00
Saturday & Sunday: 10:00–14:00

Our Community Gym or Level 6 Gym will be open specifically for those with Junior Memberships. Fitness sessions will also run.

POOL INFLATABLE SESSION

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 14:30–15:30

Our pool inflatable course is set up in the main pool during the holiday periods. Suitable for children who can swim 25 metres unaided and are 8 years and above.

Cost: Members £2.30. Non Mem £3

SWIM FOR ALL SESSIONS
Lagoon pool 10:00–15:50
Teaching pool 11:00–15:50

SOFT PLAY (Under 5 years)

Monday–Friday: 10:00–18:00

Filled with brightly coloured tubes, tunnels and slides, our indoor play area gives those who are 12 & under in age the chance to climb, slide and play with an hour and a half of jam packed fun. We also have an area especially for children under the age of 5.

All activities can be booked online better.org.uk/Brixton, through the BETTER app or in person.

Brixton Recreation Centre, 27 Station Road, Lon[illegible] SW9 8QQ.

BETTER

BPT SUMMER HOLIDAYS

25th July - 26th August 2022
Weekdays, all activities free of charge

FOOTBALL:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (8-17 MIXED)
10:30am-12:30pm

FULHAM KICKS TUESDAY & THURSDAY
(11-16 MIXED) 12pm-4pm

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED 12:30 - 1:30PM DAILY

BASKETBALL:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (8-12 MIXED) 10:30am-12pm

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (13-17 MIXED) 1:30pm-3:30pm

TUESDAY (13-17 GIRLS ONLY) 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY (13-17 BOYS ONLY) 1:30pm-3:30pm

BOXING:

TUESDAY & THURSDAY (8-17 MIXED)
10:30am-12pm

MULTISPORTS:

EVERY DAY (8-12 MIXED) 1:30pm-3:30pm

BPT SUMMER HOLIDAYS

In addition to the physical activities, every Tuesday and Thursday, we will deliver 30-minute workshops.

Topics include:

- Nutrition and healthy eating
- Self Employment
- Mental health

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED 12:30 - 1:30PM DAILY

For more information and to book any activities please visit our website
https://blackprincetrust.org.uk/activitybooking

If you have any questions, please contact
community@blackprincetrust.org.uk

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

OUR PARTNERS

VAUXHALL ACTIVITIES LOOP

WITH THE **SURREY CRICKET FOUNDATION**

We have 80 free spaces to experience a range of activities from local providers ranging from...

Arts and Crafts with Art4Space | Performing Arts with The Boury Academy | **Cricket with Surrey Cricket Foundation** | Bee Keeping with Bee Urban | **Rock Climbing with Vauxwall Climbing Centre** | Gardening with VGERTA | **Cooking with The Soul Shack LDN CIC** | Sports with Black Prince Trust | **IT/Coding with The Ben Hollioake Centre** | DJ'ing with Wrights Academy

FREE for children in current Year Groups 3, 4, 5 & 6 from Oval | Vauxhall | Kennington

25th - 28th July 2022
8.45am - 4.30pm

Includes FREE breakfast & lunch

For more information please contact Shanelle Webb at swebb@surreycricket.com

FREE!

SUMMER HOLIDAY CYCLING COURSES Lambeth

"Delighted I booked my son and daughter on the holiday cycle skills course! Their different abilities were catered for on different courses and both of them gained confidence and knowledge while having a great time"

Lambeth parent

Lambeth Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle training for children during the summer holidays.

Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are all running from Brockwell Park and Clapham Common. Training is in small groups with 2 fully qualified instructors. Bikes are available to borrow at Clapham Common only - numbers are limited so please book early.

BOOK NOW

For more information and to book places, visit

www.cycleconfident.com/lambeth

CYCLE CONFIDENT

St Mark's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2022-23

Draft Term Dates for 2022-23

Please find the draft term dates for the next academic year. Dates will be finalised in the next few weeks

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School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days | Half Day INSET