Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
9th November 2018

'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 Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

Parents' Evening

It was great to see so many parents present last week to meet with class teachers and find out about how your children are progressing. If you were not able to come, speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible in order to arrange an appointment. It is crucial that both parents and the school work closely together in order to support your child's learning. Many thanks also for your feedback, which we always appreciate and we will respond to during the year.

Please note that Year 3's Parent Evening will take place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th November 2018. This is a great opportunity for any parents who are yet to sign up, to do so by Monday morning.

Permission Forms

Next week, we will be sending out permission forms to use your child's pictures in our newsletter, school prospectus and on the school's website. Please return these forms by Thursday 15th November, as we are in the process of updating both our prospectus and school website.

Pupil Views

It is always helpful to obtain feedback from our learners across the school to find out about their experiences of school and to listen to their views. Some of the feedback that we have received is as follows:

'The work is challenging but enjoyable'. 'Miss cares and is kind'. 'We have done a lot of Art this term'. 'We need more science equipment'. 'Overall, the behaviour in the school is good'. 'I loved this term's Topic'. 'There have been lots of trips this term and I've really enjoyed them and learnt a lot from them'. 'I really enjoyed the STEM workshops'. 'I could manage some more challenging work'. 'Miss explains things very well and even though the work is harder than last year it seems easier'. 'My teacher knows me and knows how to get the best out of me'. 'Miss pushes us and challenges us'.

Theme of the Week

'I AM SAYINGS' of Jesus— I am the resurrection and the life - John11:25

BIBLE VERSE

I have come that they may have life and have it to the full

John 10:10

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 85.52 %
Reception— 81.18%
Year 1 - 99.13 %
Year 2— 96.00 %
Year 3— 92.14 %
Year 4— 99.31 %
Year 5— 100 %
Year 6— 92.00 %

WELL DONE

TO THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

YR1, YR2, YR4 & YR5

for achieving 96% or above this week

Absences Add Up - Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year

What's been happening at St Marks?

Year 2s—Visit to London Aquarium. As part of their Topic on polar regions, Year 2 went to the Sea Life Centre to see the penguins on Monday 5th November

Years 3 & 4—Visited the British Museum as part of their topic on Ancient Greeks Myths. They had a great time and completed work linked to the visit when they returned to school

Migration Museum

'Rania (Yr. 5) said "The Migration Museum was fun and enjoyable". A Year 6 pupil said that "The museum was nice because you get to touch things and a bigger Museum would generally be behind glass".

A WORKER FROM THE University of Central London came in to speak to our Year 6 children this week to encourage them to consider STEM (science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers. Year 5 and 6 were also visited by **Mark Church**, who works across the road at the Kia Oval as a cricket commentator. Mark is undertaking a huge challenge of running 20 miles per day for 50 days in order to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer Research. We wish him well and will be making a contribution towards this great cause.

SPECIAL THANKS

What a fun packed week of activities:

A special thank you to our guest speaker and to **Mrs Erelonu Onojobi** for providing our **Engineering Workshop**, the children were truly motivated and inspired.

PARENTS WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD THIS TERM

Growing against Violence

Thursday 22nd November 9-10am

'Our aim is to help young people read the signs of gang membership, recognise how gangs recruit and understand the manipulative and coercive nature of gangs and gang members. This dynamic session highlights what gangs are really about and how they exploit young people and put them and their families at risk.' **Shaun Willshire—Operations and Safeguarding Manager at Growing against Violence.**

Effective Parents, Successful Children: Growing and Nurturing Resilient, Happy Children

Wednesday 28th November 9.00am

This talk will be an opportunity to look at the importance of children's friendships, and how you as parents can help them to develop resilience in this digital age. **By Angela Giuliani—our school counsellor**

LATE PICK UPS!

Please remember to pick up your child at **3.30pm. After School clubs** finish at **4.25pm** (**or 4.45pm for Taekwon-do**). Children in **Yrs 1—6** who are persistently late to be collected will be charged a fee for lateness. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

The Lord Mayor's Show

Saturday 10th Nov, starts 11am – 2.30pm FREE (All Ages), between Bank, St Paul's and the Royal Courts (Please note it will be essential to travel by public transport as many roads will be closed)

See website for full travel details and options: **www.lordmayorsshow.org**

Watch the colourful parade travel across the city with a three-mile-long procession formed of 140 floats, 7,000 performers, the Lord Mayor's Coach and two giant wicker figures as the City of London celebrates its newly elected mayor with the 800-year-old tradition

Month of Sundays Festival at Royal Opera House

Sunday 11th Nov, 2.30pm – 5.00pm Tickets £5 - suitable for all ages but aimed at ages 3+

Royal Opera House, Bow St., Covent Garden, WC2E 9DD

Book online at: www.roh.org.uk/events/dq4r6

Poppy-making, poetry, live music, dance and much more, with performances exploring artistic responses to World War I. Highlights of the afternoon include: live opera & ballet performances, join in memorable opera choruses and dance steps from famous ballets, see a 3D Opera House made of Lego and join in a family-friendly tea dance with live band!

Southbank Centre – Wintertime Market

Saturday 10th Nov & Sunday 11th Nov (until 6th Jan 2019) 11am – 11pm, FREE to entre (All Ages),

Queen's Walk, Riverside, Royal Festival Hall, SE1 8XX

Nearest tube & rail: Waterloo / Embankment

See Southbank Centre transformed this winter with magical family shows, markets, twinkling lights, festive fun and other seasonal delights

Christmas in Leicester Square

Saturday 10th Nov & Sunday 11th Nov (until 6th Jan 2019) 11am – 11pm, FREE to enter (All Ages)

Please note all shows and Santa's grotto are pay-to-visit (and expensive)

Leicester Square, WC2H 7DE Nearest tube: Leicester Square

See one of London's most famous squares transformed into a traditional Christmas market for the festive season.

Stay & Play session at Brixton Library

Saturday 10th Nov, 10am – 11am FREE – under 5s

Brixton Library, Windrush Square, SW2 1JQ www.lambeth.gov.uk/places/brixton-library

This new group will meet every Saturday at Brixton Library for under 5's and their grown-up

Messy Church (St Paul's with St Saviour's)

Sunday 11th Nov 3.30 – 5.30pm, FREE (All ages)

St Paul's with St Saviour's Community Centre, 24 Blenheim Gardens, Brixton, SW2 5BZ

www.stpaulsbrixton.org/messy-church / 020 7788 7259

Arts, crafts, games, stories, songs and food; messy fun for the whole family, all welcome!

Horniman Museum – A World of Stories

Sunday 11th Nov 2.00 – 2.45pm & 3.15 – 4.00pm /Free – drop in

Activities are designed for families with children aged 3+ / www.horniman.ac.uk

Horniman Museum, 100 London Road, Forest Hill, London, SE23 3PQ, 020 8699 1872

Our popular storytellers bring the collections and Gardens alive with stories from around the world