Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

1st February 2019

'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,

An Outstanding Curriculum

Sometimes it's like being on a rollercoaster here at St Mark's! There are always so many amazing learning opportunities taking place and children are given many opportunities to develop spiritually, morally, socially, culturally, emotionally and intellectually. This week alone, the Eco Monitors and the Prayer Monitors have led collective worship and provided key messages to their fellow students about helping the environment and the importance of prayer. In addition to this, **Year 1** visited the **Horniman Museum**; **Year 2** took part in a **multi-sports tournament** against other Lambeth schools; **Year 3** baked biscuits and **Years 5 and 6** visited the **Houses of Parliament**. Next week, **Year 2** are visiting the **Horniman Museum**; **Nursery children** are visiting **China Town** as part of the **Chinese New Year** and **Year 4 and Year 6** are going to see a show at the **National Theatre**.

As well as trips being good learning experiences in themselves, classes also participate in further study about what was learnt during the trips when they return back to school. Many thanks to our staff who make a lot of effort in arranging these opportunities and also to our parent volunteers who work with children across the school and accompany us on school trips.

Parents Evening 5th and 6th Feb 2019

Please remember to sign up for Parents' Evening if you have not managed to already. The attendance of parents and carers last term was excellent.

Value of the Week

WISDOM

BIBLE VERSE

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom

James 3 verse 13

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 85.5 %

Reception—83.2 %

Year 1—96%

Year 2— 94.4 %

Year 3—96.4 %

Year 4— 93.7 %

Year 5— 95.5%

Year 6— 96.7 %

WELL DONE!

To the following classes who achieved over 96.%:

Years 1, 3 and 6

Remember that poor attendance not only has an impact on your child's learning, it affects the whole school attendance rate. Please avoid unnecessary absences.

What's been happening at St Marks?...

PARENTS WORKSHOP

Trefor Lloyd led a fantastic workshop for parents of children between 0-5 years old. It was much appreciated by the 13 parents who attended. The workshop was filled with advice and information relating to younger children and their use of games, tablets and phones.

NURSERY'S BONFIRE

Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed making hot chocolate on an open fire in the Early Year last week.

YEAR 5 AND 6 VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their tour and workshop in the Houses of Parliament and found out lots of important information relating to how our country is governed.

THE METROPOLITAN POLICE VISIT YEAR 3

Two police officers from the Met came in to speak to our children in Year 3 yesterday to tell them about the police force and let them try on their equipment. This is part of their 'Building Bridges' programme aimed at Primary School aged children.

ST MARK'S PRAYER MONITORS VISIT ST STEPHEN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL TO MEET THEIR FAITH GROUP

Last Friday, representatives from both schools met together to discuss the work that we do in our different school and to share ideas about how we could do things even better

PRAYER AND ECO MONITORS LEAD COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

It is wonderful to see children across the school taking on responsibilities and developing in confidence when sharing messages with the whole school.

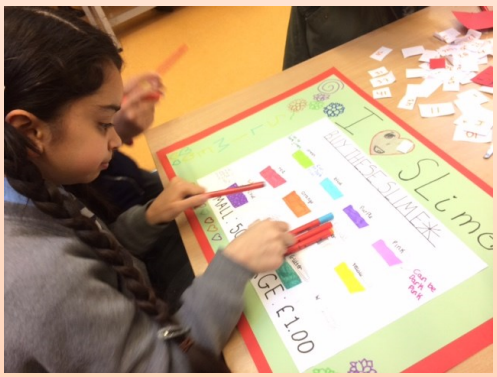
MATHS WEEK 2019

Throughout last week, Miss Hankins (our Maths Leader) organised daily events for the whole school to commence Maths Week 2019

To set us off, on Monday 21st January, Miss Hankins led assembly to tell us all about the exciting activities planned for the week. Children across the school then visited Tesco to buy some items for cooking and younger children were involved in a shape walk in the local area.

On Wednesday, 23rd January, Captain Sally Morgan set sail on her Good Ship Mathematics to visit St. Mark's school. She had heard all about the great mathematicians who could help her solve her bag of mysteries.

Thursday, 24th January, the children competed against each other in a Mental Maths Challenge. Not surprising, our outstanding mathematicians across the years (Years 1 to 6) were able to answer all questions put to them.



To cap off a wonderful week of Maths, a number of the children who had successfully made a pitch to run their own stalls were able to set up a Kid's Market on Friday, 25th January, some of the products on sale included: Slime, Cupcakes, Brownies, toys and many other items.

A huge well done to all of the children and groups who took part in our kids' Market. All groups make a contribution to the Evelina Children's Hospital and Cancer UK.

Run by:	Product:	Made:
Donte, Annia, EJ	Cupcakes + pancakes	£21
Anna, Mesha, Ayla, Tolu	Cookies, paper flowers + surprise balloons	£35.85
Mardiya, Kellisia, Ruby	Selection	£9.22
Sebastian, Bruce, Manuel, Ryan and Jeffery	Chocolate fountains + slime	£30.10
Maria, Shary, Naomi	Slime + cakes	£51.50
Lisset, Ore, Lacara, Shyanne	Loom band jewellery	£21.60
Neriah	Lucky Dip	£10.70
Angelica, Khanye, Sara Amanee	Cupcakes + jewellery	£18
Dimitri, Juanita, Nazzera, Norissa, Gracie, Patricia	Brownies + jewellery	£63.68
Bless, Grace, Angel, Keziah, Neijah	Smoothies	£15.30
Louie	Toys, games, DVDs	
Jasmin, Nathalie, Ahinoa	Milkshakes	£21.20
Maja	Teddies + cake	£12.60
Katie, Elisa, Thalia, Maria Clara	Slime	£43.09

Parent's Reading Workshop

Years 2 - 6

When: **Friday 8th February 2019 at 9am**

Where: **At St Mark's in the Art room**

Come along and find out how we teach reading at St Mark's and how to support your children at home.

St Mark's Day
15th February

Work Experience Day!

On Friday 15th February 2019, we will be celebrating St Mark's Day. It will be a day of collaboration when children across the school can work together across different year groups and it is also a day of celebration where we will celebrate all that is great about St Mark's Primary School.

During the morning of this day, children from Reception to Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in different workshops. Our staff members will be running the different workshops for the children, which will provide a first hand work experience opportunity for them. The children have already selected their workshops.

In the afternoon, the children will have the opportunity to watch a film of their choice in one of the classrooms in their phase, with popcorn and juice.

After school from 3.30pm, the PTA will be running some stalls for you to purchase food and drink from 3.30-4.30pm.

Children will not need to wear school uniform on this day, but may want to wear clothes that are linked to their workshop choice.

The workshops available are as follows:

Chef	Artist	Gardener
Nurse/First Aid	Musician	Journalist
Computer Coder	Athlete	Builder
Spanish Tour Guide	Scientist	Hair stylist
Jewellery Maker	Author	

COME JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

ST MARK'S DAY

WITH A VALENTINE LUNCHEON SALE

Luncheon Sale!

FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
3:30 PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

ENTRY - FREE

COME BUY DELICIOUS FOOD AND DRINKS

JOLLOF RICE CHOW MEIN, NOODLES, PLAINTAIN, FRUITS, CAKES, CHICKEN AND CHIPS AND MORE

PLEASE SUPPORT US TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL