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# ST MARK'S NEWS

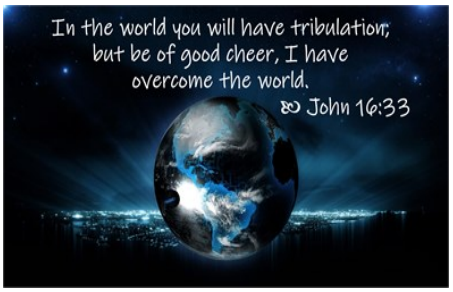
## Friday 24th April 2020

***'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.'***

I trust that you are all staying safe and well! A huge thanks for all the fantastic work that is going on.

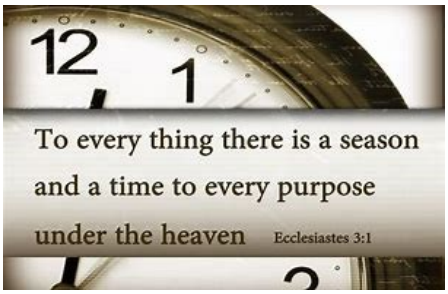
Teachers have been receiving wonderful work and, in this newsletter, there are pages dedicated to examples of home learning. This is a celebration and testimony of families' commitment to learning, their positivity and resilience. Thank you!

If you have any questions or queries please contact teachers, Mr Ingram at headteacher @stmarkscofe.lambeth.sch.uk; Mrs Eade (Deputy head) at seade@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk, the office at admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk, Mrs Moses (Inclusion Manager) at cmoses@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk. Take care of yourselves and God Bless Mrs Eade



**The Greater the Storm the**

**Brighter the Rainbow**




Our school learning values of : **Effort and Hard Work**, **Accountability and Leadership**, **Self-control and Collaboration**, **Kindness and Compassion** and **Joy and Positivity.** **It i**s evident that the children of St Mark's continue to displays these at home. We are very proud of all of you!

**I would like to make special mention of the following pupils who have demonstrated our school learning value of:**

**Effort and Hard Work**

**Esme in Nursery** for her fantastic home learning on spiders. She has been busy drawing spiders, reading the class book , 'arrrghh spider' and finding out lots of spider facts.

**Sofia in Nursery** for her amazing book of the number four, where she made lots of different collections of four objects (natural and man-made).

**Aquinnah in Year 2** for the special effort and dedication is she is putting into her home learning.

**Leandro in Year 3** for trying so hard to complete all his work, and progressing with his English.

**Tiago in Year 4** for completing and emailing his teacher lots of work as well as completing extra work he created himself.

**Vivian in Year 5** for putting so much time and care into her home learning.

**Francisco in Year 6** for sending his teacher lovely examples of art he completed over the Easter break and working hard in Maths.

**And also a special mention to Lucas In Year 1** for his **Joy and Positivity.**

Lucas is always offering such kind words and positivity to his teacher and his class mates. He always has a piece of bright art work he had created at home to share with everyone.

# Easter Greetings to all the pupils, families and staff of St. Mark's from Rev Stephen Coulson

I want to assure you of my prayers for you through these unusual times. Well done to the children who are doing their best in continuing to learn from home; Well done to our staff who are continuing to teach through online resources; Well done to the parents and carers in the daily challenges of Lockdown!
One of the things that struck me about the Easter story is that the disciples of Jesus went into Lockdown after Jesus died on the cross - not because of a virus, but out of fear that they would be treated as Jesus had been. Into their fear and Lockdown, Jesus came in and said, "Peace be with you" They moved from fear to faith, from sadness to joy, and then everything changed. This is what I believe Jesus can also do for each one of us.

This week, 25th April is St. Mark's Day, and I remember telling the children once that the first group of Christians did not meet in a Church, but in the home of Mark's family.
That is what is happening again now! Our Church building is closed, but we are singing and praying and reading the Bible at home. I wonder if you have seen our Church's YOUTUBE channel? Simply put "St. Mark's Kennington" into the Search space on youtube and you will find the 40 programmes already uploaded. Every day, we put up some songs and prayers, as well as a longer programme on Sunday mornings. You can also meet me "At home with the Vicar" - a live interactive programme on Fridays at 5pm ( last week I taught the viewers how to make chocolate pancakes!).

Let me echo the words of the Queen: "We will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again." We are praying together for that time."

## Free School Meals Update

**We are very sorry for those of you who are still experiencing difficulties accessing or redeeming the free school meals vouchers. The office staff are working on this to try to resolve these difficulties. Please let us know if you are continuing to have difficulties on admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk for further details look at the Edenred frequently asked questions on:**

https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FreeSchoolMeals_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf

### Food Parcels

All families within Lambeth's Children's Social Care are entitled to a food parcel. Call 020 7926 2999 (8am-8pm every day, including weekends) or fill out the online form to receive a food parcel within 48hrs:

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/get-support-for-yourself-or-a-vulnerable-person/urgent-assistance

# Important Messages for Parents/Carers

## Children with EHC plans

**Speech and language therapy during COVID-19**

The Speech and Language therapy service is open and will be supporting your child if they have an EHC plan, currently receives speech and language support at school or if you have concerns about your child speech, language and communication.

A central telephone number is now available for you to call if you have queries or if you have concerns about your child's speech, language or communication. the number 02030498125. Alternatively, ideas, advice and support can also be accessed via Facebook. The link to access this service via Facebook is https://www.facebook.com/EvelinaLondonSLT/

Speech and Language therapy during this time of school closures will be offered via telepractice using a video call site called Attend Anywhere. This will allow the team to have video sessions with your child as needed. These sessions are currently available to children who have an EHC plan or are in the process of receiving an EHC plan.

There will also be virtual drop-in appointments that parents can access, you will be contacted with further details.
The school contact is Mrs Moses (Inclusion Manager) cmoses@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

## Additional Learning Resources

**What is the Oak National Academy?**

The Oak National Academy is a government-backed online learning platform that was launched on Monday 20 April.
The new enterprise has been created by 40 teachers from some of the leading schools across England and is funded by the Department of Education.
The Academy provides access to 180 video lessons per week, for every year group from Reception through to Year 10.
The lessons span a broad range of subjects, including maths, art and languages, and feature a corresponding quiz and worksheet.

**https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize**

The BBC has launched an education package across TV and online, featuring celebrities and teachers, helping to keep children learning at home and supporting parents.

## Parent of Children in Year 5 and 6

Lambeth Council has launched a new set of web pages aimed directly at young people. The Young People's Guide to Coronavirus is a one-stop-shop for up to date information, advice and great ideas for making the most of lockdown. The information is from trusted sources and presented in seven sections. Visit lambethmade.org/covid19

# Examples of Home Learning

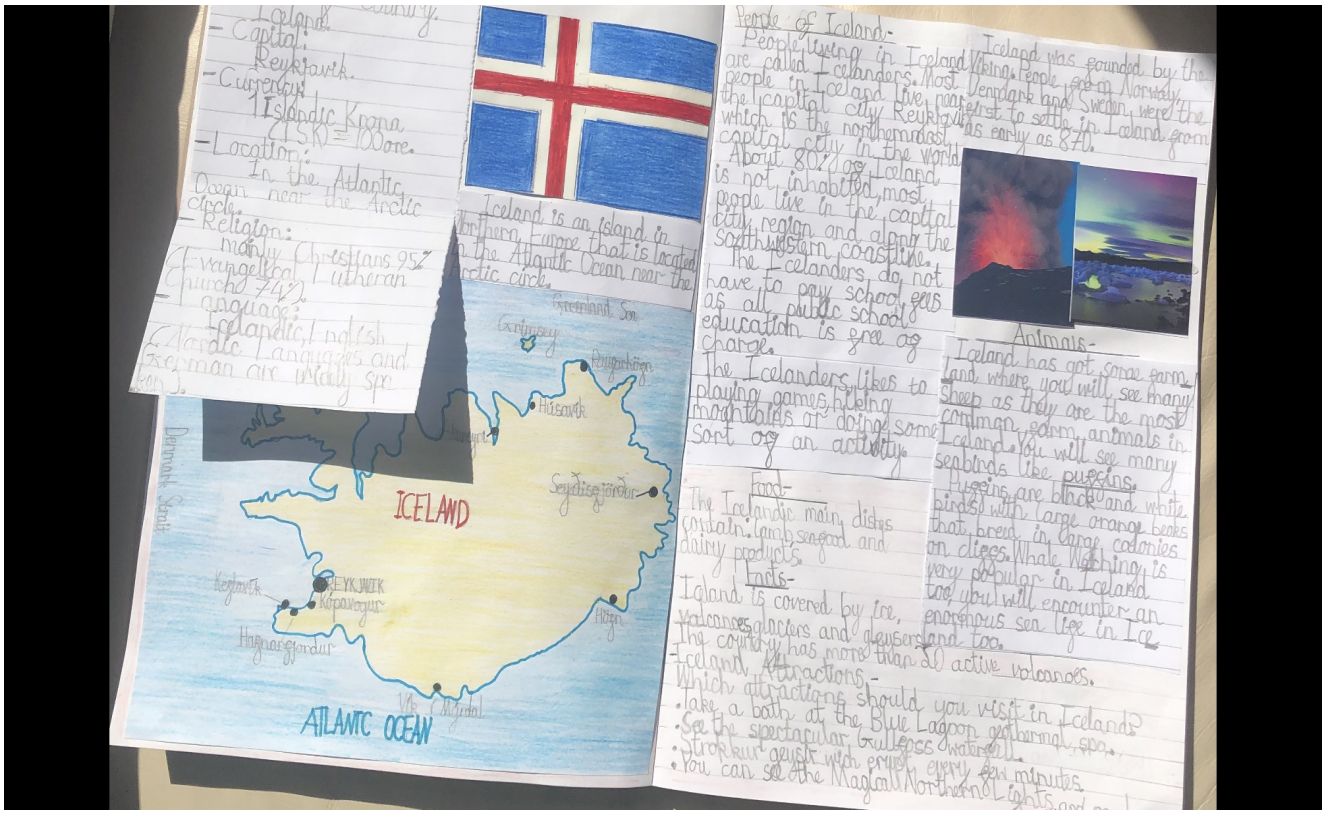
**Sofia in Nursery** -amazing book of four where she made lots of different collections of four objects.

WOW Sofia—Amazing Work!

In spite of what's going on in the world I pray that everyone will find happiness, love and be companionate to one another. Stay strong, fearless and powerful. This too shall pass. Amen.

Prayer by **Melodee in Year 1 .**

Thank you Melodee - you are an inspiration to us!




Easter Project on Iceland by **Manuela in Year 3.**

This is such in depth research and fantastically presented work—Well done!

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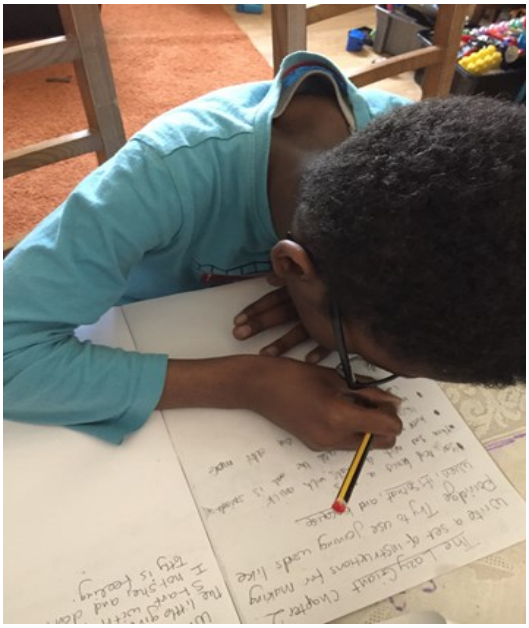
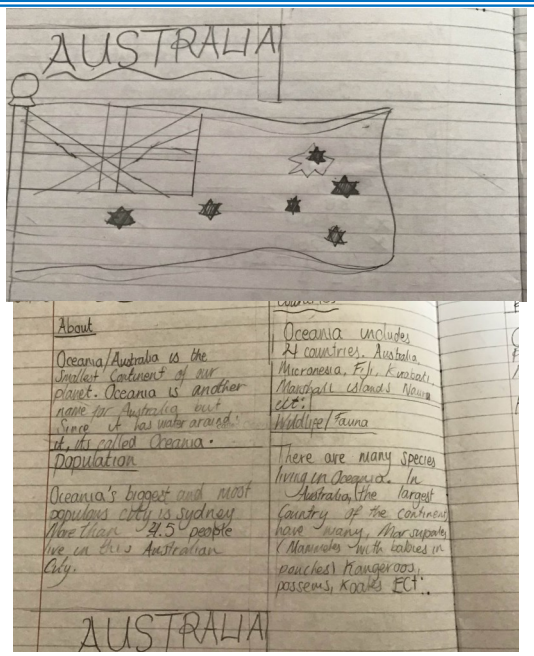


**Jerome in Year 2** concentrating and working hard at home.

Well done Jerome —Keep going!




**Faith in Year 5 -** Fantastic work on Australia.

So many interesting facts!

Artwork from **Anna from Year 6**, inspired by a Rousseau painting

Great Work Anna—thank you for sharing with us.

Artwork by **Francisco in Year 6**

I see all the effort and hard work you put into creating this work of art—Brilliant!

**PHONE CALL FRIDAY**

Teachers will continue to phone home to speak to parents/carers and children. This will happen for all classes on a Friday. Please use this as an opportunity to keep in touch, provide constructive feedback on the work set, raise any concerns and celebrate the success of the week.