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ST MARK'S NEWS

Tuesday 16th June 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.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

We love our school motto which states that at Mark's we are Unique and Valued by God. It doesn't matter who we are, from what country we originate from or what colour our skin is, we have each been made in the image of God. John chapter three verse 16 tells us that God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son that who ever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. If God loves each of us with such a powerful, self sacrificial love, who are we to judge, condemn or treat others differently on the basis of skin colour. The NEU's 100 Great Black Britons' Competition launched a few weeks ago is very timely and provides our children with the opportunity to explore the lives of famous Black Britons whilst at home and enter a competition at the same time. Follow the link below for further details and resources https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/

New home school competition to explore Black British History

Entries now open! **Close date: 30th September**

Bible Verse

If you really keep the royal law found in scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism you sin and are convicted by the law as a lawbreaker . James 2:8-9

Next Monday 22nd June marks Windrush Day.
72 years ago on this day, hundred of immigrants sailed from the Caribbean to England on a ship called HMT Empire Windrush to help to rebuild this country after World War 2. Follow the links below to find archives, songs, events and resources for the day

https://www.bl.uk/windrush

https://love.lambeth.gov.uk/windrush-day-2020/

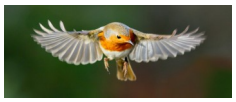
Returning Back to School

We are pleased that the number of children wanting to return to school is increasing each week. By the end of July we hope to invite as many year groups back at some point to meet with their classmates and their class teacher but will update you with details closer to the time. We are being very gradual at the moment and carefully restricting year groups to smaller bubbles. The Year groups who are currently in school are Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Due to the government's regulations we have to cap the number of children in these groups and they are almost full. The next year group that we would like to invite into school is Year 5 from Wednesday 24th -Thursday 25th June. Mr. Ingram will be writing to Year 5 parents separately. If you would like your child to attend school, please complete the booking form following this link.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jwfCGUYvuEu88WHDNy5GXs9Bc9u9QBdPiB8u3vfuXQ1URTg0OFJYWjNIV0VMR0xLNDQ1MVNJUjFIRy4u

Before children return to school, do talk to them about their experiences during the past three months. Perhaps talk through the sheet below along with the details previously sent through to you. Also use the video on the front page of the website so children are clear about the changes that have taken place across the school.

Whole School Lockdown Projects



Class Names Competition

At the moment we simply refer to classes by their year group name—Year 1, Year 2,Year 3 etc. In some schools they choose a theme and then name each class according to the theme. E.G.

Birds —Eagle Class, Falcon Class, Kestrel Class
Inspirational figures — Ghandi Class, Mandela Class, Churchill Class
Rivers —Dunns Class, Zambezi Class, Effra Class

Mr Ingram is interested in doing the same at St Mark's.

1. What could be the theme for all of the classes in the school?
2. What could be the names for our 8 classes in the school?

Please send your suggestions through to Mrs Eade –
seade@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

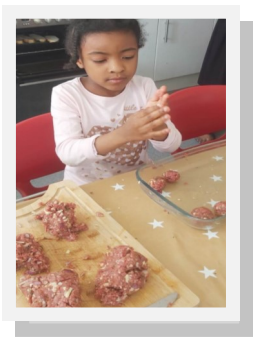
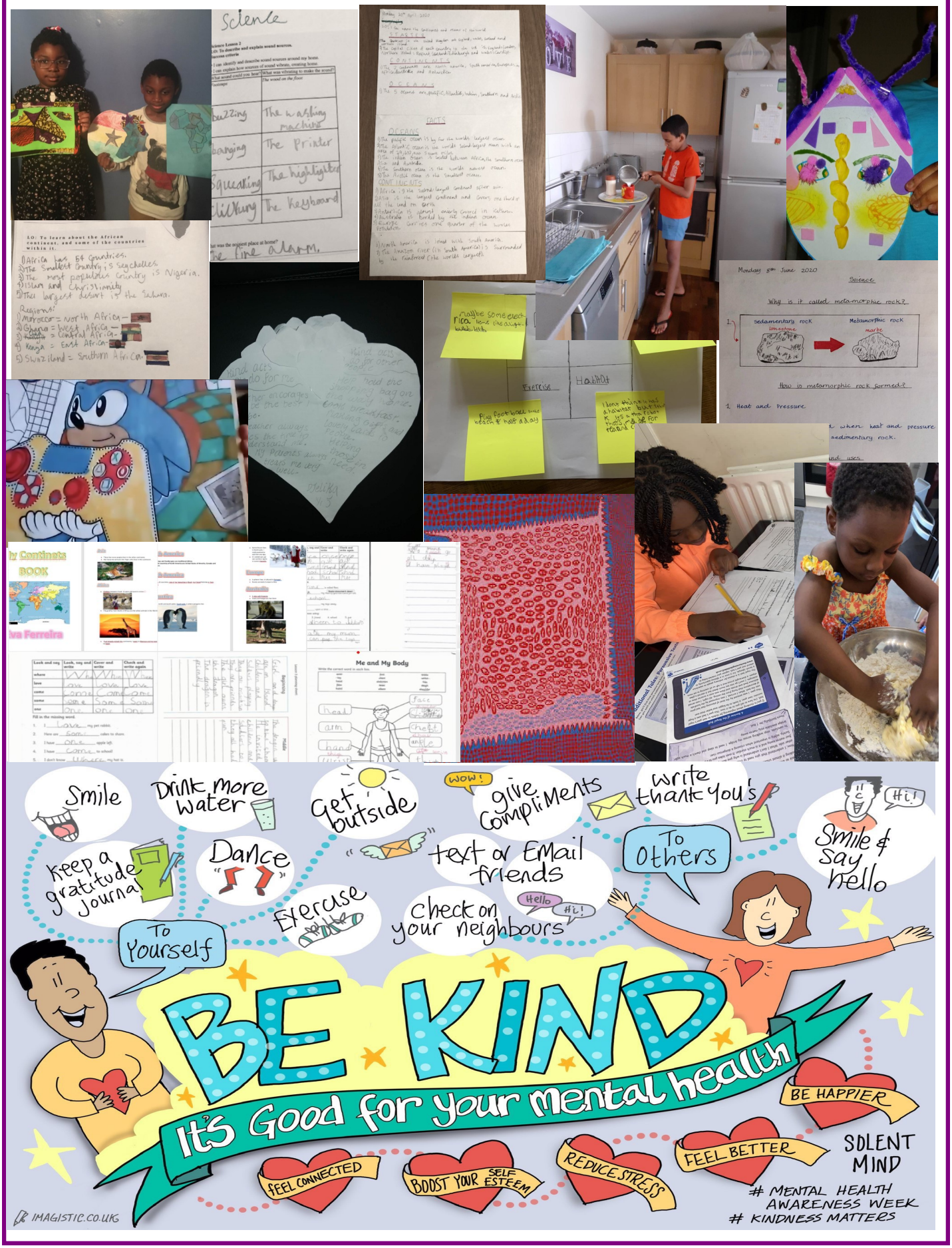
The winner will have the privilege of naming all of the classes in the school after their suggestion and will receive a £20 Amazon gift voucher.

This competition is open to all members of the school community.
Please send in by 30th June 2020

Lockdown Recipe Book

It has been great to see pictures of your marvellous creations in the kitchen and we would like to share some of these in the newsletter and compile some of your best and favourite recipes into a St Mark's lockdown recipe book. If you have any recipes that you would like to submit, please type them out and send a picture of the food to admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

Please make sure names are included. Contribution from staff, parents are most welcome. **Please send in by 30th June 2020**



Some more great work across the school from our children and an important message for us all at this time