



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

When you get a moment, please have a look at the lovely new displays that have gone up in the corridors. We have just introduced our new Vision to the children and each class has created a display to reflect their understanding and interpretation of this. The second display from each class is about Diversity. I have been really impressed with the creativity and uniqueness of the work produced and I'm sure you will be too. Our new Vision which governors have supported us to develop will be shared with you all after half term. Christine Kinnear, our Chair of governors will also be writing to you about this.

Our current Reception class took their annual visit to the moon this morning which has generated lots of great memories for the children all the way up to Y6. Photos will be available soon on the website.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend,
Ms Braithwaite

Important Reminder

Parents and carers are reminded that it is essential that you call the school if somebody other than you is picking up your child. Staff are instructed not to release the children to anyone other than the person registered as responsible for pick up. Class staff or the office must be informed of any alternative pick up arrangements.

Goodbye to Annie our Wonderful Cook

After many years of service, our treasured cook Annie is retiring. Her last day at St Mark's is next Friday 15th February. Annie has ensured that your little ones have had a balanced and tasty meal over the years and I know lots of parents have sampled her delicious meals when coming for lunch with their child's class. If any of you wish to donate to her leaving gift please see the office staff.

Measles Outbreak

We have been informed by the Local Authority that there are a number of children off school in Islington suffering with Measles. If you have any concerns about your child please see your GP.

Phase 3 Cross Country Run

Our children in Y4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Islington Primary School's Cross Country Run at Finsbury Park on Wednesday 13th February. Letters will be sent home but please remember to send your child with a pair of dry shoes to change into after the run. We would recommend that they wear old trainers for the run as it will be muddy and wet. Good luck Phase 3. We know you can do it.

Parent Gym Workshops

It is not too late to sign up for the Parent Gym Workshop. These run every Thursday until 14th March and the last date for signing up is Thursday 28th February. Feedback from these sessions is always very positive.

Family Gardening Workshop – Saturday 16th February

Come and enjoy some time in the school garden with Caroline, our lovely Gardener, for a Family Gardening Workshop. We will be building insect habitats and bug hotels. The garden will be open from 10am to 4pm. Please drop by when you can. All family members welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Open Day at the Finsbury Park Mosque

On Sunday 3rd March from 12.00 to 6.00pm The Finsbury Park Mosque on St Thomas's Road, London N4 will have an 'Open Day' with guided tours, refreshments and much more. All are welcome. For more information you may call 0207 424 5252.

Dates for Your Diary

Y3 Class Assembly	Tuesday 12 th February 10am
Half term	Mon 18 th -Fri 22 nd February
Y2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 5 th March 10am
Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 12 th March 10am
Rec Class Assembly	Tuesday 19 th March 10am
Nursery Assembly	Tuesday 26 th March 10am
Parent Consultations	Thurs 28 th March 3.45 onwards
End of Term	Friday 5 th April -2pm

Remember the Lord in everything you do,
and he will show you the right way.

Proverbs 3 v6

Online safety tips for parents of primary school children

6-10 Year Olds

Checklist

Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.

Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.

Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Over 65 % of parents are most concerned about their 6-10 viewing inappropriate content online*



Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online - with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.

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