



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! What an amazing Autumn Term we had full of exciting learning and celebrations! Many thanks to parents for their continued support of the school, Annie and her team for mouthwatering meals every day and a delicious Christmas dinner, St Marks family for all their hard work and all my wonderful staff who make St Mark's the fantastic school it is. I am very proud to be leading this wonderful school and am grateful and appreciative of the love and positive relationships we have as a community.

Wishing you all a happy and successful 2018, Ms Braithwaite

Christmas Fair – 2017

Thank you to St Mark's Family for organising our best Christmas Fair yet! Many of our parents and carers attended and Santa's Grotto was very enchanting. Over £1700 was raised at the fair and we would like to thank all of the local businesses and parents and carers who donated items for raffle prizes and the tombola stand. See information below for the next St Mark's Family event taking place on Friday 19th January 2018.

St Mark's Quiz Night – Friday 19th January, 7.30pm

St Mark's Family will be hosting a Quiz Night for parents, carers and staff next Friday 19th January. Snacks will be provided, refreshments available and for those who wish to indulge in Fish & Chips during the interval, please bring funds as we will be purchasing this on the night. Please sign up for the Quiz at the school office. As always, this is a fun event where you have the opportunity to meet other parents and carers as well as staff members whom you may not be familiar with. It's not about the winning it's about taking part in our community event.

Homework Clubs at your local Library

Islington Libraries has a free-to-use Homework Club in every Library offering support to children from Reception upwards who need help with their homework. Staff are also available to hear children read and offer advice to parents on how to support their children with school work at home. Please contact your local Library for more information.

Gardening News from Caroline

Last term we were busy despite the colder weather. We planted bulbs, onions, garlic, sowed peas and collected the lavender to make lavender bags, we also made jam from our plum tree. Garden club families sold both the bags and jam at the Christmas Fair, well done everyone! Thank you to the families who looked after the chickens during the holidays.

Gardening Club after school will return on Thursday 22nd February for a variety of gardening & environmental activities you can do with your child/children. 3.30pm to 4.30pm, £1 per family.

Bible Verse of the Week

Each week we will be asking the children to learn a new Bible verse linked to our assembly theme of the week. Children who have learnt it will get the chance to share it in celebration assembly on Friday. We hope that the classes will come up with lots of creative ways to recite the bible verse so that we learn more about the teachings of Jesus. You can help them at home too.

Week 1 – Matthew 3 v17

A voice came from heaven and said 'This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased'.

Week 2 – Matthew 3 v19,20

'Come, follow me', Jesus said. 'I will make you fishers of men'. At once, they left their nets and followed him.

The Lord guides people in the way they should go
and protects those who please him.

Psalm 37 v23

St Mark's Football News



Our first football games of 2018 got us off to a winning start! Both the girls and boys teams defeated the teams at St John's Highbury Vale. The players thrashed their way to victory with the boys winning 3 to 0 and girls 2 to 0. Our fantastic players have written the following reports.

St Mark's Girls v St John's Girls

On Thursday 11th January 2018 St Mark's Girls played an exciting game against St John's Highbury Vale. Well done Mia for scoring 2 fabulous goals and Daniella for outstanding goal keeping skills, she kept a clean sheet! The rest of the team played outstandingly well.



Reporter: Amera Y4

St Mark's Boys v St John's Boys

St Mark's performed brilliantly in a hard fought game. The end result winning 3-0. On the score sheet for St Mark's was Benji who managed to pick up 2 goals and Tyrel rounded it off to make it 3-0. Well done to Jahmari for keeping a clean sheet on his debut.



Reporter: Tyrel Y6



St Mark's Girls v St John's Girls

St Mark's Girls team were outstanding against a very good St John's side, winning 2-0. Both goals were scored by Mia. Well done for a fantastic team effort.

Reporters: Mia & Mariam Y6