



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have a very busy couple of weeks coming up. On Monday, we begin our annual Science Week with lots of exciting activities taking place every day. On Tuesday we celebrate our 67th birthday which also marks a full year since we returned from lock-down. Y6 are also counting down to their residential trip to Osmington Bay on the 14th.

With so many lovely things going on it is even sadder to think about recent events in Europe. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine and all the other countries faced with war.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend. Ms Braithwaite

World Book Day

WOW! What a fabulous effort the children made this morning. The costumes were amazing. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support for World Book Day. The children walked around the school beaming with pride in their outfits and were very proud to parade their characters during assembly this morning. Staff put on a surprise performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs this afternoon, following a script written by one of our Y5 children and they raised the roof!

All in all, it was a fun day for children and staff alike.

Ashing Service at St Mark's Church

Thank you to the parents who joined us at St Mark's Church for our Ashing Service to celebrate the start of Lent. Please take time to visit our website where you will find photos of the children getting their Ash Crosses on their forehead. Lent is a time when we remember Jesus' 40 nights in the desert and gives us time to reflect on our own relationship with God and the sacrifice his son Jesus made for us. Some might want to use the time of Lent to give up something and others may decide to take on a new act of service or kindness.

Friends of St Mark's – Easter Fundraising Event

Friends of St Mark's are planning an Easter Fundraiser to take place on Friday 25th March from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. However, this event can only take place if we have enough parents and carers volunteering their help. The

funds raised will benefit your children and the more help you can give, the more of a success the event will be. Please sign up to volunteer at the school office and look out for updates via School Ping.

School Library Re-vamp

Our school library is in much need of a complete refurbishment of both furniture and books. We contacted Islington Library Service who came in to review what we had and they recommended that 97% of the books we have should be sent to recycling as they are so out of date. Our Literacy Lead is liaising with the Library Service and the plan is to completely renew all the books and re-design the library area to make it more accessible and inviting for all children. Whilst we realise this is a much needed resource for the school, we also are aware that there will be a high cost involved. This is where parents and carers can actively be involved in helping to raise funds. Please see the Friends of St Mark's Team to offer help as their next fund raising event is to raise funds for the new Library.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Science Week	7 th to 11 th March 2022
Y2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 8 th Mar at 10am
Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 15 th Mar at 10am
Rec Class Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd Mar at 10am
End of term	Friday 1 st April 2022 at 2pm

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