



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our amazing Y6 children for their focus, determination and hard work this week in completing their SATs. Y6-I am very proud of your efforts!! Many thanks also to the all the staff who have helped prepare the children so well with their learning and resilience. The big question now is what will the Y6 show be????

I wish you all a sunny and restful weekend.

Ms Braithwaite

## School Choir sing at the O2

After their amazing performance at the Guild Hall recently, our choir are now off to the O2 to perform on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Please look out for more information on the website.

**Are you worried about the rising cost of living?** Every week parents have been getting together in school to discuss money. It is a fun and informal group where parents can share how to communicate effectively about money matters. It is not too late to join. Come and get tips, strategies and ideas about saving money at the next Made of Money coffee morning on Thursday morning from 9am. All parents are welcome. Also, if any parent would like to speak in a one to one session with our Made of Money coach Denise Brewster, please let Ayesha Taylor know and she will arrange this for you.

## Promoting positive mental health

If you are looking for extra tips in how to communicate with your children, take a look at this recommended podcast on Spotify which is all about raising emotionally healthy children and starts after a couple of adverts:

[https://open.spotify.com/episode/4YngHhoo8QKmf9ilZFm4h2?si=UbrzS4upSRGfE4wrJ24J\\_Q&utm\\_source=native-share-menu](https://open.spotify.com/episode/4YngHhoo8QKmf9ilZFm4h2?si=UbrzS4upSRGfE4wrJ24J_Q&utm_source=native-share-menu)

## Brairswick Photographers

Whole class photos will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We hope the weather will be nice enough to have the pictures taken outside. Class photos are always a lovely memory and very quickly become part of the history of the school.

## Half Term Provisions

Holiday play schemes for the half term are now available to register for on the Islington website. Please visit or click the link below for more information.

<https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/adv-ice.page?id=Lh9F-43XRK>

## The Big Plastic Count

Next week St Mark's School will be taking part in the Big Plastic Count and we would like every family to participate. The Big Plastic Count is the UK's biggest ever investigation into household plastic waste. By counting your household plastic waste packaging for a week, you and your child will help tackle plastic pollution. The survey will take place from Monday 16 May to Sunday 22 May. The government is deciding targets to reduce plastic waste. With your help, The Big Plastic Count will uncover the truth about how much household plastic is recycled, presenting real evidence that will persuade the government to take action. It is not about rating your recycling habits, so don't feel embarrassed by how much you throw away. Everyday plastic is hard to avoid. That's what we want to change and by taking part in The Big Plastic Count, you and your family are part of the solution.

## HOW TO TAKE PART

From Monday morning until Sunday evening: Count as you throw: Count every piece of plastic package as you throw it away by tallying it up on your My Tally Sheet.

### TOP TIPS

- We want to tally all of the plastic packaging you use in a week, including on-the-go items like take-away cups, plastic bags and fast food packaging. So count what you buy when you're out and about, as well as household items.
- Count everything! This means all plastic packaging.
- Tell everyone you live with to count or collect each piece of plastic they throw away.
- Put your My Tally Sheet somewhere noticeable like on the fridge or next to the bin to help you remember that it's The Big Plastic Count week.
- Bring the Let's Count Tally Sheet in on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May so we can record your results.

Find out more about The Big Plastic Count at [www.thebigplasticcount.com](http://www.thebigplasticcount.com)

Thank you for taking part in this important investigation!

*Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

*Psalm 119 Vs 105*

*St Mark's School Vision*