



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

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Apart from the odd downpour the weather has been treating us well and has certainly added to the joyful atmosphere here at school. Your children have been working super hard as have the wonderful staff team.

Unfortunately, we have had quite a few cases of COVID 19 which appears to be on the rise again. If your child is not well please test them before bringing them to school. There is a lot happening in the last few weeks of term and we all wish to be here to enjoy it.

Please be reminded that every child should be finishing the term and that early holidays will go down as unauthorised absence.

Wishing you and your families a lovely weekend.

## **Sunflower Competition**

Well done to everyone who brought along their home grown sunflowers for judging this week. The Judge from Islington was extremely impressed with how many of you had taken part and how beautiful and healthy the plants were. Several certificates have been awarded which will be presented in Friday's celebration assembly.

Families are welcome to collect their sunflowers to continue looking after them at home.

## **Islington Summer Programme**

Islington's free summer holiday programmes, Summerversity and Launchpad, are back with activities and opportunities to help families make the most of your summer holiday while staying safe.

The programmes are packed with activities and courses in everything from t-shirt and trainer design, bike repair and cooking, to music production, bootcamp, camera workshops and sport. Many of the activities have been designed to help you gain skills and experiences that can boost your CV and guide towards employment, training or further education. A free lunch will be available with many of the activities.

All Summerversity and Launchpad activities can be viewed and booked online at

<https://www.summerversity.co.uk>

## **Hispanic Day**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June we will be having a Hispanic Day at school. We will be celebrating all things Hispanic, learning Spanish sayings, phrases, greetings and much more. Children are asked to come to school dressed for the occasion. The event will go on to 4.30 pm with families invited to join us in the playground after school for an end of year Hispanic party with sangria, tacos and fun. More info to follow.

## **STEAM Week**

This week at St Mark's we have been focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths as part of our STEAM Week. We have been learning about symmetry in nature and sketched butterflies which will be entered into a competition, the winning entry from each year group will be displayed in our new library. On Tuesday, Caroline took us on a butterfly and caterpillar hunt around our garden and we named the different species. Yuki and the members of Architecture Club visited each class and described how they designed their dream bedroom. We used these ideas as inspiration to design and create our own dream classroom.

## **Reports**

Children will be coming home with a copy of their end of year report next Friday. If you have any queries or questions regarding the content, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. You can do this by contacting the office.

Website link for more news, updates and information

<https://www.st-marks.islington.sch.uk/news>

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom  
2 Corinthians 3;17*