



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents,

This week children in school celebrated Mass on Remembrance Day and Miss Francis played The Last Post. It was a very moving experience for all. On Monday, we are inviting children to wear odd socks to school to kick off Anti-bullying week. The idea is to raise awareness of how odd and different we can feel. We aim to eradicate bullying and celebrate our differences.

Plans as we get closer to Christmas...

Our St. Mark's Friends will be meeting virtually on Tuesday 16th November to discuss plans for this year's Christmas fayre. If you are a parent and a willing volunteer who would like to support this group, please do get in touch with the office and we would be happy to send you a link to Tuesday's meeting - even if it is just to find out more, we are looking for new members all the time! This year, our plan is to hold as much as possible outdoors to reduce the risk of Covid but of course, this is also weather dependent.

All plans made we be dependent upon the Covid pandemic. We have plan B options in place and if it comes to it, we may have to postpone or cancel some events. We aim to give you as much notice as possible should we have to do this but please recognise that the health and safety of our stakeholders is our priority.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

Wednesday Word - Sharing the Gospel

Please click on the following link to access this spiritual resource to share with your family and friends:



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/faithfulness?pid=MTA101634&v=43.7>

Sports News

We were delighted to welcome children from St John Bosco for our first competitive sporting event since before Covid. Our children looked smart in new kit and were very excited to get going. The afternoon included separate games for boys and girls in basketball and football, giving us a chance to showcase our new astroturf and basketball posts.

All games were closely contested and highly entertaining. Firstly, it was girls' football, which our St Mark's girls won 3-1. Our boys then went 2-0 down in their game before coming back to draw 2-2 and very nearly winning it in the dying seconds. In the basketball, the girls game ebbed and flowed before ending in a 4-4 draw, a fair result. Finally, Bosco went 2-0 up in the boy's basketball before we came back very strongly to win 8-2. It was a brilliant afternoon, all played in the right spirit with smiles on faces and new friends made. Well done to all involved.



Presentation Points

In order for children to score 100 points, all children need to be dressed in the correct uniform every day - that means no trainers unless they have been asked to wear them, no nail varnish, no earrings and red school jumpers please.

Reception - 97

Year 1 – 100

Year 2 – 100

Year 3 - 97

Year 4 - 98

Year 5 - 95

Year 6 - 100

Well done Years 1, 2 & 6

Keep up the good work!



Attendance figures so far this term

Reception – 93.9%

Year 1 – 94.9%

Year 2 – 97.4%

Year 3 – 99.3%

Year 4 – 97.5%

Year 5 – 95.1%

Year 6 – 96.8%



Well done everyone but in particular well done to **year 3** who have the highest attendance so far! Keep it up!

Congratulations & Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving a Congratulations certificate this week. Keep up the great work!



Reception: Traebhavan & Leo

Year 1: Sofia & Manha

Year 2: Tia & Gabriella

Year 3: Chioma & Sumaya

Year 4: Hristiyan & Reuben

Year 5: Raman & Taim

Year 6: Arihan & Lucy

Healthy Eater

This week's Healthy Eater awards go to, Eva in Reception and Nasri in year 4.

Well done and keep making healthy food choices!



TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK



Well done to the following children for earning the most stars this week!!

(YR) Isaam

(YR) Spirit

(YR) Aisha

(Y1) Leo

(Y1) Tida

(Y1) Nishitha

(Y2) Harpreet

(Y2) Julia

(Y2) Rico

(Y3) Kaiden

(Y3) Delphi

(Y3) Alex

(Y4) Eliza

(Y4) Prabkirat

(Y4) Szymon

(Y5) Zia

(Y5) Christina

(Y5) Raman

(Y6) Kimaya

(Y6) Raphael

(Y6) Preeti

Values & Virtues of the Week

- Reception** – Shenaya for always making wise choices.
Year 1 - Nishitha for his wise choices across the school day.
Year 2 - Mia for her fair play and perseverance in basketball.
Year 3 - Rosie for always demonstrating a sensible attitude to learning and making good choices.
Year 4 - Keeley for always making wise choices.
Year 5 - Aoki for always wanting to improve his work.
Year 6 - Teigan for her curiosity and thoughtful reflection on Remembrance Day.



School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022 is a staff INSET day so school is closed to all pupils

School opens: Wednesday 5th January 2021



Diary Dates

For your
Diary



Dates for Diary: -

- Monday 15th November 2021 Odd socks day for anti-bullying week £1 donation.
Weds 24th November 2021 Flu Vaccinations for the whole school
Friday 26th November 2021 Please could children bring in unwanted goods for the Christmas Fayre (they need to be unused and in good condition please!)
Friday 3rd December 2021 Please could children bring in bottles for Christmas raffle
Friday 10th December 2021 Christmas Fayre & non-uniform day
Tues 14th December 2021 Christmas dinner day for Reception & Key Stage 1*
Weds 15th December 2021 Christmas dinner day for Key Stage 2*
Friday 17th December 2021 Christmas jumper day, Children pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper to school (money goes to school fund)

*Christmas dinners are £2.40 and information on how to book will be sent nearer the time.