



St. Mark's C. E. (A) Primary

Friday 29th January 2016

Message from Mrs Johnstone

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy week at St Mark's. Can I congratulate you all for reading with your child every day. This has had a good impact on the children's progress and their confidence when reading in class. Keep up the good work! Thank you for supporting your child at home.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They were a great audience.

Year 2 enjoyed a Dragon Dance Workshop. They loved taking part and couldn't believe how long the dragon was.

To help Year 5 further understand their Brazil topic, they were visited by Art Brasil. Firstly, they learned specific music vocabulary, tempo for example, and then practised them in the style of traditional Brazilian music. After that, the children had an opportunity to compose their own rhythms. Later, the children were taught about the Geography of Brazil and the specific types of music and dress associated with certain places, including: Salvador (Samba Reggae), Recife (Maracatu) and Rio (Samba). Finally, the children learned about the different styles of dance in Brazil and had an opportunity to create their own moves!



Reception had a fabulous time when their family members came into school to enjoy a story and a cup of hot chocolate. Reading bedtime stories is a special time to share with your child. What bedtime stories do you like to read with your children?

Merits

Well done to all the children who have received golden jumpers and merit awards over the last two weeks:



Friday 22nd January - Saadia Rauf, Alan Anoop, Shyah Qurbany, Abu-Hurayrah Sajed, Muhammad Zayan Khan, Daniyal Zamir, Mohammed Haris, Daniel Pokuta, Musa Hussain, Jozef Mica, Laila Rashid, Cameron Mountford, Amirah Massoud, Kamal Karchut

Friday 29th January - Ismael Saddiq, Rotag Hussein, Zaynah Khan, Ameliya Ahmed, Haseeb Hameed, Muneeb Zaraf, Haifa Waqar, Maouane Ignaoun, Halimah Ahmed, Khadijah Shah, Wajid Ellahi, Sana Kausar, Ibraheem Khan, Abdul Hussain

Data Collection Sheets

We are still waiting for data collection sheets for some children. Could you please make sure that you return the data sheet as soon as possible so that we can check that all the child's contact details are up to date in case of emergencies.

Reminders

Please make sure that if your child is not going to be attending school for any reason that you contact the school before 9am on the morning to let us know why. You will need to choose option 1 when ringing and leave a message if nobody is available to take the call.

Can we remind parents that children must wear black school shoes and not trainers. Also, children should not come to school with inappropriate haircuts or with their hair dyed.

Events over the next two weeks

- Monday 1st February, 3B going to the library to research Volcano's
- Tuesday 2nd February, 3W going to the library to research Volcano's
- Tuesday 2nd February, 4W going with 6th Form College students to take photographs of the local area
- Wednesday 3rd February, Y6 parents meeting about SATS at 2pm
- Thursday 4th February, 4B going with 6th Form College students to take photographs of the local area
- Friday 5th February, year 3 going to 6th Form College making Volcano's
- Friday 5th February, football match against Abbey Hulton Primary

February Half Term Break

School will close at 2.45pm on Friday 12th February and re-open on Monday 22nd February at 8.30am