



Newsletter: Tuesday 3rd May 2022

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Feast of St Mark



The children in Key Stage 1 learned about the Gospel writer St Mark. Mark was one of the first followers of Jesus. Mark was alive during the time of Jesus and was one of his first followers. He was also a good friend of Peter who was one of Jesus' dearest apostles. Mark and Peter often spoke about the life of Jesus; when they did, Mark wrote down everything Peter said. It is believed that Mark travelled around with Peter as his interpreter while he spread the Good News.

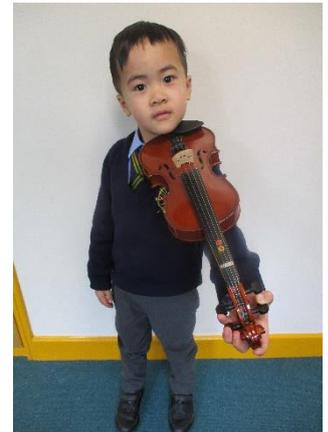
GDPR and SATS and other Assessments

We would like to remind parents that our Privacy notice is available on our website. We regularly share information regarding children with the Department of Education.

The reason for reminding our parents now is because many of your children will have formal assessments being made. The outcomes of these are shared with the DfE for accountability purposes. Please be assured that all assessments are shared with you at the end of the academic year.



ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC



The children in Reception class have all been 'sized for their music instrument tuition which starts in September, at the beginning of the new academic year. The parents of Reception class are being invited to watch the tutors play their instruments so that all can share in a love of music.

May is the Month of Mary



Please look out for the homework that was sent out last Friday. We look forward to receiving the children's finished pieces back at school at the end of this week. The staff from Chimes Music Instrument in Kensington came to St John's to size the children for the instruments they will begin to learn from September. It was very exciting. You and your children are very creative and we are always amazed at your wonderful ideas and beautiful offerings.



Calling all parents, Year 2 needs your help!!

Every Year the children study an artist called Jane Perkins. Jane creates pieces from items usually thrown away. This is a great link with our recycling topic and the children love working together to make their own masterpieces in the same style.

To do this we need lots of 'bits and bobs' for example: buttons, beads, broken/old jewellery, odd bits of lego, small plastic toys/objects, straws etc

If you have any of these things at home that you could contribute towards our work we would be very grateful. It takes many items to create one piece so every little helps!

You can also visit Jane Perkin's website <http://www.bluebowerbird.co.uk> where you can look at her artwork and see the types of items she uses. On there you will also see the masterpiece created by a previous Year 2 class here at Saint John's. Jane Perkins was so impressed with it she displayed it on her website alongside her own creations.

Thank you for your continued support.



By Jane Perkins



Created by previous Year 2 children

British summertime is very unpredictable



Children must bring a coat to school

Tulip Project

This Year, the children took part in the Greener Bermondsey's Tulip project commemorating 100 years since greening champion Ada Salter became Mayor of Bermondsey in 1922.

Each class were given a bag of bulbs to plant outside their classrooms, the children took responsibility for watering and weeding the flowerbeds in anticipation of the bulbs blooming.

On our return from the Easter holidays, the children were delighted to see that some of the tulips had emerged. The children have continued to care for them and are now enjoying the bright colours of the fully-grown Tulips.



Echo Warriors

As part of Year 2's Summer topic; 'Caring for our World', the children have been exploring texts with an echo theme including, 'The Tin Forest' and 'Michael Recycle'. After enjoying 'Michael Recycle' the children invented their own 'Echo Warriors'. They planned, wrote and published their very own 'Green' adventure story. The children have been enjoying each others' stories and are looking forward to other Year groups reading them when they go on display in the corridor.

