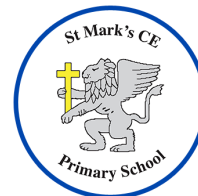


St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been incredibly busy in school this week! The children continue to amaze me with their focus and eagerness to learn.

The children in Little Lions' have been focusing on Moving and Handling this week. They have completed an obstacle course and have been practising writing their own names independently. The children in Reception have embraced their online learning this week and have really enjoyed their active maths lessons. Year 1 have been actively learning how to answer comprehension questions. They had the additional challenge of locating question cards scattered around the year 1 learning area. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity. Year 2 supported the Active Learning Day 2021 this week. They enjoyed telling the time on the playground as well as estimating the duration of activities in Active Maths. Year 3 had a fantastic time learning cricket skills with Dave from Lancashire Cricket Club, and performed their own prayers in RE. Year 4 created their own block printing in Art. They looked at how these are used in countries like India and then created their own work based on art around Fibonacci. Year 5 had a fantastic time practising new skills taught by the cricket coach from Lancaster cricket club. The children in our Year 6 class began their assessments this week' they have been absolutely amazing and I am so proud of them.

This week, St Mark's has undergone a Review with the CEO of the Trust. This has been a very useful process for the school, looking at areas of strength within it. We have also explored ways in which the school can develop further.

We also hosted the Governor Review and Development Day for the Trust on Thursday. This looked at how Governance has supported the school throughout the last academic year and focused on areas of priority for next year. As always, the event was extremely productive and allowed Governors from across the Trust to meet and discuss good practice.

Today, we said goodbye to the very loved Mrs Flanagan (HR and Operational Effectiveness Manager). Mrs Flanagan has worked across the Trust for seven years and she will be missed dearly. I am sure you join me in wishing her all the luck in the world as she begins her new adventure with a promotion at the Quest Trust.

As always, have a lovely and safe weekend, Mrs K A Ferguson

Headteacher Mrs K Ferguson