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Mark My Words!

Welcome to the first edition of "Mark My Words"! We are very excited to be starting a newspaper to keep all the pupils and parents in touch with all the exciting things that we have going on at school! Thanks to all the staff who have helped us put the first edition together - for patiently allowing us to interview children, report on the events and take pictures to make our newspaper interesting! Congratulations to Toby who won a £10 book token for being the winner of our "name the paper" competition. We hope that you enjoy reading it as much as we have enjoyed writing it.

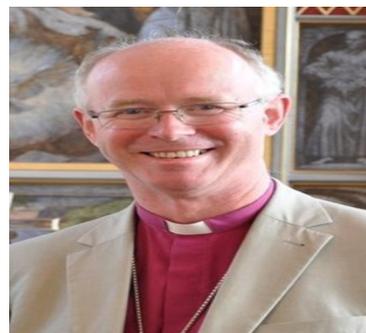
Bishop opens new building!

By Caitlyn and Madi

There was a buzz of excitement for the pupils of St. Mark's school when it was announced that the Bishop of Rochester was to be visiting the school to officially open the new buildings. As we all know Reverend James Langstaff is a very important person and we are extremely lucky to have the privilege of meeting him.

On Friday the 23rd of October he came to have a look round the school before the ceremony later that day. When the tour had finished, he stood outside the building whilst the school sung 'Shine Jesus, Shine' and the deputy head boy and girl read out a passage from the bible. The school held its breath as Reverend James cut the ribbon!

After that exciting moment parents and a few pupils went to meet the bishop himself and have coffee and tea with a few cakes. We have interviewed a few children about when the Bishop came to our school.



Mark my Words reporters: 'Were you excited about when the Bishop came?'

Chelsea, Year 5 pupil: 'I was really excited and I wanted to see what he was like.'

Mark my Words reporters: 'Did you enjoy the visit?'

Chelsea: 'I did and I got to sing my favorite song!'

The bishop got a few presents

Some eggs from Mrs. White and apples from one of the teacher's houses and some other special presents... We hope you parents and children enjoyed the bishop's visit.

Flower Power Day



By Rosie and Claudia

On the 10th of November both Year 2 classes celebrated Flower Power day in a very festive and colourful way! They wore lively costumes that were from the 1960's, which is their topic from this term! Belts, skirts, wigs sunglasses, necklaces, bracelets and much more were worn to make fabulous costumes. Even the staff



1960's Y2 class photo



wore costumes!!! Some people were dressed as hippies, people of the 1960's,

singers and some one looked a bit like Michael Jackson! A lot of necklaces with the symbol of peace were worn by children. Rosie and Claudia interviewed some Y2 pupils to find out what they thought about 1960's day and find out what they

are dressed as. Patricia said 'I came dressed as a hippie!' Her friend Megan said 'I have liked Flower Power Day so far! Year 2 clearly had a great time and 1960's day was a great success!



Astro Turf arrives in KS1 by Rosie

Something really exciting has happened in the KS1 playground...

They've just recently had some new Astro Turf laid down in their playground. Some children say that it has lots of bumps and lumps in it. They also said it looks like real grass. The benefit of this is that they can play on a patch of grass in any weather and it won't be so muddy.

All the children are very happy with it and are enjoying playing football even when it is wet. All of the teachers are happy that the children have more room and aren't all cramped up in one little space of tarmac. It allows all the children to have more space and freedom.



St Mark's Children In Need Day by Cristina

On Children In Need Day the St Mark's School Choir sang the song 'Power In Me' in assembly to mark the day.

Then Toni and Sarah made a super Pudsey with the St Mark's uniform and with the money they collected.



Interview of the term with Miss Drabble by Naomi and Cristina



How many years have you been working in this school? "I have worked at St Mark's for 3 years now, I spent the first 2 years in EY and this is my first year teaching Year 1!"

What is your favourite colour? "Yellow is my favourite colour, my classroom is very yellow this year."

If you wanted to improve the school what would you buy? "If I wanted to improve the school I would buy something amazing for the playground like a big pirate ship or assault course that could be used for learning and playing."

If you were not a teacher what would you be? "If I wasn't a teacher I'd definitely be an artist, Drawing is something I always love to do in my spare time. I think I would be an illustrator and combine it

with writing children's stories"

When you draw how do you feel? "Drawing makes me feel happy. It is usually very calming and takes a bit of concentration!"

Do you enjoy school? "I really enjoy school, I enjoy making lessons creative and fun."

Why did you decide to work as a teacher? "I decided to be a teacher because I love children's enthusiasm to learn. I wanted to teach in a creative way and I worked with the Brownies when I was younger, which is when I decided to teach."

If you wanted to do another club what would it be? "I would enjoy a collage club, or possibly a mindfulness colouring club, the drawings are very detailed"

KS1 Nativity Play a Box Office Smash by Rosie and Claudia



On Friday 4th of December the two Year 2 classes performed their nativity dress rehearsal 'Christmas with the Aliens' in front of the whole school. There were some very good actors, such as Zachery and Mia playing the Aliens.

They all had wonderful singing voices and they knew their words off by heart.

James and Ana in Leeds class played Joseph and Mary in the play. Other notable performances came from the Three Kings, played by Freddie, Daniel and Ashton. The expressions and tones of the children's voices were brilliant and the costumes were outstanding!

The teachers made a brilliant background and the props were fantastic, it was a pleasure listening to and watching this exciting nativity play! The space twist to the play was very clever and it fitted per-

fectly as it was Y2's topic for Term 2.

The pupils and teachers did stunningly and it was only the dress rehearsal that we saw, so the actual performance was even better!!! A big thank you to all the staff and pupils who created this dazzling, space-themed nativity play.



St Marks football team make a good start to the season!

By Louis, Eesha and Poppie

On Wednesday 18th

November 2015 our school played their first game of the season. The line-up was as follows - Scott, Louis and Anthony from year 4, Louis from year 5, and Kyle, Toby and Alex from year 6. We played against

St Peters, another junior school in Tunbridge Wells. St Marks started really well with Kyle scoring the first goal. Toby scored the second goal which made the score 2-0. Luck was really on our side as Alex scored a third fantastic goal. Then it was half time. By this time the weather had started to turn, and unfortunately we didn't get the win we deserved but

our boys did brilliantly to end the match as a three all draw. The next match is after Christmas and the Mark my Words sports reporters will bring all the action as it happens!

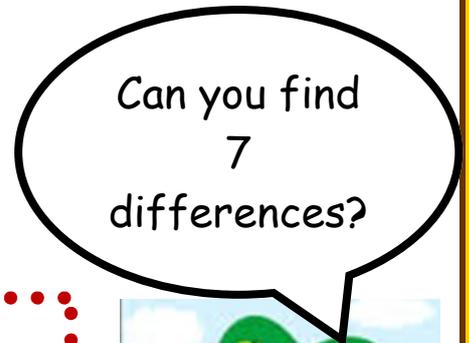




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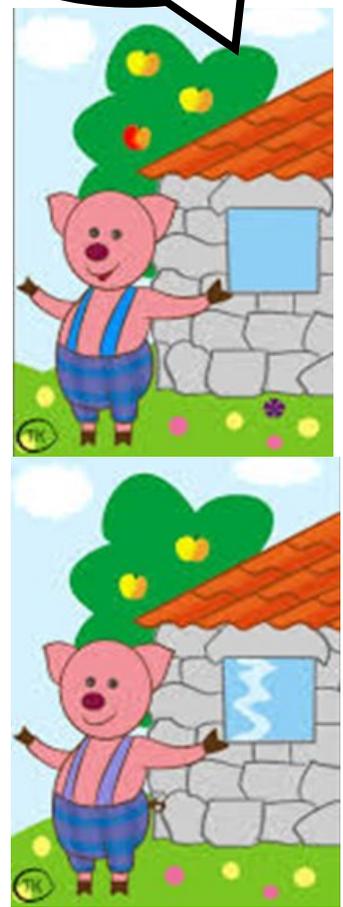
By Chelsea and Madi

- 1) What day did the Bishop open the new building?
- 2) Who was the winner of the Newspaper name 'Mark my Words'?
- 3) When was the first football match of the season?
- 4) Which school did our football team play against?
- 5) What was the score of the football match?
- 6) Who was dressed up as super Pudsey heroes?
- 7) Which KS1 pupils acted Mary and Joseph in the Nativity play?



Christmas Word-Search

g	d	s	a	a	t	o	m	b	o	l	a	
s	t	a	l	l	c	l	t	h	w	d	r	mince pie
s	e	C	i	o	s	s	s	t	y	p	a	fair
r	m	h	w	s	m	a	f	t	e	r	g	face paint
i	z	r	a	e	t	s	a	o	w	i	n	raffle
k	m	i	n	c	e	p	i	e	n	z	j	tombola
c	d	s	e	n	p	v	r	m	y	e	o	lucky dip
y	b	t	a	b	g	s	f	b	e	o	j	Christmas
m	e	m	c	g	a	m	e	s	a	l	u	games
r	i	a	l	u	c	k	y	d	i	p	g	prize
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