



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

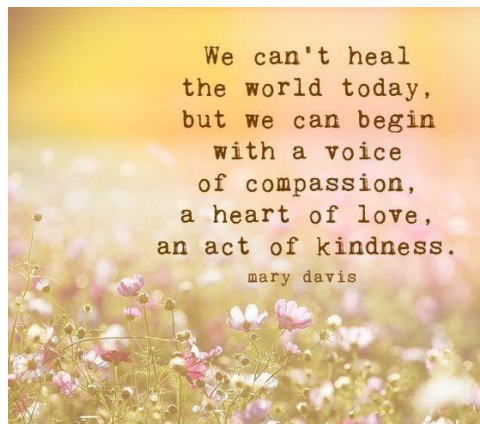
Dear Parents and carers,

I hope this finds you well. Firstly, thank you to the many of you who arrived at the allocated time to collect your child's home learning pack - your co-operation was much appreciated! Families who are self-isolating have received parcels from school by delivery. If you are struggling to get out - please contact the school office as we can arrange something. Whether you need the home learning packs delivered (we still have a few to be collected) or are in need of a food parcel - please contact us.

Remember, we're in this together.

Next week, we will be commencing lateral flow testing for staff. Lateral flow testing will enable us to identify any members of staff who are positive for Covid-19. (Please remember that 1 in 3 cases of Covid-19 are asymptomatic which is why it is crucial that we all play our part in keeping a safe distance, washing/sanitising our hands regularly and wearing a mask.) Lateral flow testing will be an additional measure, we will be continuing with all the stringent safety measures we already have in place, so please continue to do the same and be vigilant. Taking things one day at a time is crucial as the state of play is constantly changing. Introducing lateral flow testing may result in more classes having to self-isolate - please ensure you have a plan in place.

Thank you again for your continued support. One of the virtues children are learning about this half term is Compassion and here is a quote from Mary Davis (an Irish social entrepreneur, activist and long-term campaigner for the rights and inclusion of children and adults with intellectual disabilities.)



Take care and stay safe,  
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team



Spread The Word with those around you...

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/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=13.4>



## TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Leo(YR) Piotr(YR) Enya(YR) Julia(Y1) Mia(Y1) Isaac(Y1) Aaryan(Y2)  
Adam(Y2) Ashnan(Y2) Szymon(Y3) Dylan(Y3) Eesah(Y3) Blessing(Y4)  
Zahra(Y4) Holly(Y4) Preeti(Y5) Amani(Y5) Aadam(Y5) Arya(Y6)  
Jeremiah(Y6) Kaiden(Y6)

## Congratulations and 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:** Ezekiel & Leo

**Year 1:** Eva & Bella

**Year 2:** Evie & Anokh

**Year 3:** Szymon & Ana-Lia

**Year 4:** Daniel & Zia

**Year 5:** Amani & Preeti

**Year 6:** Rhia & Flynn

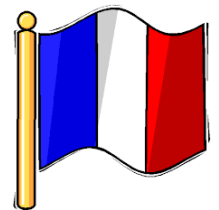


# How many stars can you earn online with j2stars?

Did you see the French mime in school today?



# French Day



Today's French day added some much-needed light relief to the school curriculum as we have been working non-stop on those all-important key skills. We must not forget how important an all-round curriculum is whereby children explore a range of subjects and topics. Therefore, from next week, Mrs. Usowicz (our French leader) will be uploading a French folder on to BGF L for children in Key Stage 2 to access. The activities will be available for children to re-cap some of their French skills in their own time and hopefully add a little bit of further fun to their learning.



## Home Learning



As a school, we continue to appreciate the huge efforts that you as parents are putting into your children's home learning. We understand that home is not school, and that your sole purpose is not to just teach your children. As parents, you are juggling many different things, including family and work. If no one has said, 'Well done' to you, we are saying it now. A BIG thanks to you all for ensuring that your child takes part in live teaching with their class teacher, has access to the class text by collecting home learning packs and most importantly, is loved and cared for at home. Remember we are all in this together and if you need any support at all, even if it is just someone to talk to - **we are here**.

Some figures for our home learning - these would not be possible without you! Keep going.

### Week Beginning 11.01.21

Year Group	Maths TEAMS session	English TEAMS session	E-Safety TEAMS session	BGFL Average	Bug Club Usage	MyMaths Usage
Reception	44%	56%	41%	40%	41%	
Year 1		77%	77%	59%	71%	
Year 2	79%	63%	63%	37%	37%	
Year 3	53%	63%	58%	51%	52%	42%
Year 4	61%	26%	52%	37%	46%	55%
Year 5	52%	91%	70%	66%	41%	18%
Year 6	48%	52%	43%	40%	12.5%	79%
Whole School Average	56%	61%	58%	47%	43%	49%

We have already seen an increase in the attendance of live TEAMS teaching sessions this week due to us all becoming more confident and familiar with how this works. Thank you for persevering with all of the staff when technological issues occur.

### Week Beginning 18.01.21

Year Group	Maths TEAMS session	English TEAMS session
Reception	59%	59%
Year 1	67%	78%
Year 2	83%	81%

Year 3	79%	68%
Year 4	63%	63%
Year 5	77%	91%
Year 6	46%	50%
Whole School Average	68%	70%

Unite with God in Prayer

# Ten:Ten Resources



Remember in times like these when we are all apart and cannot see our loved ones, we can unite together and with God in prayer. Ten:Ten Resources are providing our families with a pathway to prayer. Follow the links below, to join in weekly worship and Sunday Liturgy.

## Daily Prayer WC 25th January

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/456-07549743872355-43/>

## Sunday Liturgy for Families

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families>

## School Log In Details:

Username: st-mark-b42

Password: gospel-242



# *E-Safety Session to Parents*

Thank you to the Year 5 and 6 parents who attended the E-Safety session last night. If any other parents in Years 5 and 6 are interested in this training being repeated, please contact the school office with some preferred dates/times and Mrs. Linley will try to accommodate.

The aims of the session were to:

- *Update and inform parents of recent research findings into online lockdown habits of children*
- *Share observations and experiences of children in school*
- *Work together in a non-judgemental and respectful manner to ensure we can keep children as safe as possible online.*



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Let's keep kids safe online