

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an extremely busy week in school this week!

The children have worked really hard across the board and have been enjoying time with Wigan Warriors and Wigan Athletic.

The children in Little Lions' have been rehearsing for their graduation this week. They have also been exploring how unique they are, what makes them different and how special they all are. The Reception class have been reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They even had the opportunity to question the giant and discover more about why he chased Jack down the beanstalk! Years One and two have been working hard in science this week; identifying, naming and labelling different parts of their body. Year three have been exploring a Midsummer Night's Dream and have been thinking about the versions of events from Helena's point of view. Children in Year 4 continue to work extremely hard on their times tables. More than 2/3 of the class got full marks on their tt rock stars test this week. They are now fully prepared for their times table assessment next week. The children in Years 5 and 6 the children have been researching all of the planets in the solar system. They were absolutely fascinated by all of the amazing facts they discovered. They then presented their findings to the rest of the class.

This week Mr Penning met with our Trustee and Governor in charge of monitoring the spending of Pupil Premium (PPG) in school. They discussed this year and how spending had been affected by the current pandemic. They also discussed how the plans had been changed in order to meet the needs of the children in school throughout the year. Mr Penning was keen to explain how we support children in school and found it a very useful meeting to discuss PPG at St Mark's.

Mrs Maylor has been busy looking at improving our provision for Physical Education this year. We are excited to announce that the Reception playground will be getting a 'make-over' with some child-friendly playground markings and activities.

A reminder that school closes for Summer on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. As usual, school will only be open half a day on this day. The staggered finish times are as follows:

Nursery: Morning session only: 8:45am- 11:45am

Rec: 1:10pm

1/2: 1:15pm

Year 3/4 1:20pm

Year 5/6 1:25pm

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

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