

St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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Our Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).

18th April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Young Marketeers Training Day at Borough Market – Wednesday 26th April 2023

As part of our Young Marketeers project, your child is one of three children selected to represent Year 3 in an educational visit to Borough Market (8 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1TL) on **Wednesday 26th April 2023**. We will be travelling by train, leaving school at after registration and arriving back before 3pm.

09.45am	Arrive at Market Hall for registration
10.00am - 11.30am	Growing Training or Market Trader Training
11.30am - 12.15pm	Lunch
12.15pm - 1.45pm	Growing Training or Market Trader Training

The training will include tips on growing with TV and former Blue Peter Gardener Chris Collins, and market-trading training from Borough Market stall holders. **Garden Organic's Heritage Seed Library** have kindly donated seeds to take back to school.

For more information about the project see overleaf.

If your child normally has a school dinner, a school packed lunch will be provided. We will ask the children what their preferred sandwich filling is (cheese or tuna). If your child normally has a packed lunch, please provide a healthy packed lunch as normal - no glass bottles please. Lunches should be in a bag that children can carry with them.

Full school uniform will need to be worn. Please ensure appropriate coats or waterproofs are provided if necessary.

Please give your consent on ParentPay so that your child can attend the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Christine Graham
Headteacher



Young Marketeers Programme – additional information

Young Marketeers is a project run by School Food Matters that brings together children from local primary schools to experience the joy of growing, harvesting and cooking delicious fresh fruit and veg. Along the way they learn all about food surplus and, once the veg has been picked, engage their enterprise skills to sell their produce at the world-famous Borough Market.

All proceeds from the Young Marketeers sales will go to [The Felix Project](#), London's largest food redistribution charity. The charity rescues good food that cannot be sold and delivers it directly to almost 1000 charities and schools serving people in need. **Every £1 raised will provide enough food for six tasty meals for vulnerable people across the capital.**

Young Marketeers Summer and Harvest Sales

Students take part in the following elements:

- **Assembly (Tuesday 24th April 2023)** - an introduction to the programme and the concept of food surplus, delivered by our project partners The Felix Project.
- **Gardening and market trader training at Borough Market (Wednesday 25th April 2023)** - the schools take a trip to the market to learn all about how to plant their seed from our expert gardener, and also how to set up the ultimate stall with help from the Borough Market team.
- **Trip to The Felix Project depot** - to learn about food surplus first hand.
- **Gardening health check (June/July 2023)** - midway through the project the School Food Matters gardener visits every school to ensure that veg is in tip-top shape for sale day.
- **Sale day (Wednesday 4th October 2023)** - schools head to Borough Market to become market traders for the day and sell their veg in aid of The Felix Project at either our Summer or Harvest Sale.

"The most useful parts of the programme have been learning about the food we eat and the food we can grow 'from welly to belly'... and, of course, the awareness of the Felix Project charity. Fundraising and helping towards fighting hunger and tackling food waste have been valuable experiences for our students."

- Teacher

Our friends at Garden Organic have kindly supplied each school with seeds from their [Heritage Seed Library](#) to maximise their growing potential.

For more information visit <https://www.schoolfoodmatters.org/what-we-do/projects/food-education/young-marketeers>