



# St Luke's News

A Christian school that serves a diverse community and works in partnership with parents to develop the whole child.



Friday 5th July 2019

Dear Parents,

*Though we approach the end of another academic year, St Luke's still remains a very busy school!*



Meeting the Mayor

This week alone we have had a visit from the Chief Nurse (see the attached article); two of our Y5 children met and talked with the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, at the breaking ground ceremony for the Eastbank development in the Olympic Park; we held our inaugural Careers Fair for Years 4, 5 and 6; the Y2s went to the seaside (having secured a £1,000 sponsorship that paid for learning equipment - and fish'n'chips!); and we held a music assembly

to show off the many musical talents we have in school. (Phew! that took some writing...)

The school prides itself on the varied experiences it gives to the children and also the well rounded skills and knowledge it is helping them to develop. The new Ofsted criteria that comes into effect in September stresses how schools that only 'hot house' children for the Y6 SATs will be criticised and we welcome this shift in thinking as it mirrors what we have been trying to do over a number of years. Our sporting successes, our developing partnership with Newham Music, weeks such as our Innovation Week all contribute to the development of the whole child that is our vision. We realise we can always get better at what we do but that said, we are also very proud of what we are developing at St. Luke's.



Y2 at the seaside!

## Careers Fair

On Thursday we ran our first ever careers fair for Years 4,5 & 6 children. We had representatives from Burberry, TFL, Galiford Try Construction, City Airport, Kalamtach Educational APPs, Zzeta Restaurant and Islington Council. The children had 'passports' in which they had to collect key information from each representative before considering who they would like to revisit for final conversations. I would like to say a huge thank-you to Patrice Buddington from our governing body

who led in this venture and without whom it wouldn't have been possible. We will be running this event again next year.



### **Innovation Week – led by Mrs Tarbuck**

Mrs Tarbuck writes:

“What a week of marvellous machines and innovative inventions! This week we have been solving real life problems to help our world be a cleaner and safer place for generations to come.

Teachers and children brought learning to life, encouraging each other to see how Literacy,

Maths, Science, Art and PSHE can be used creatively to design solutions to save the world.

By teaching these subjects with a real purpose, pupils have had opportunities to manage their own mini-design companies and develop their communication skills for effective teamwork. Every class has shown great creativity and innovation through design to improve the world we live in.”



### Extracts from the pupil voice:

*"It was good to find different ways to solve the problems of air pollution."* **Gemima Y4**

*"To make a machine – test it first, make it - and have instructions with it."* Jedediah Y4

*"We solved problems that had not been solved before and used our creative minds to do this."* Sariya Y5

*"I built a submarine to fish for plastic. It's fitted with a camera to spot any plastic."* Hannah, Y3

*"I really enjoyed seeing my drawing become a real moving model."* Toby Y4

*"I learnt new skills like sawing and drilling."* Yoma Y3

*"I didn't know I could use what I know to make something new."* Martina Y5

### Music Assembly

Friday morning saw a music concert organised by Ms. Adams to showcase the variety of instruments and levels of ability in our student body. It was a great success and we were all amazed by the level of 'professionalism' of our children.



### In brief...

**Football Finals** - Next week our Y5/6 football teams are in the borough finals, fingers crossed!

**Transition** - On Monday the children will meet their teachers for next year in the first of our transition sessions and in next week's newsletter I will share that with you.

**Exhibition Evening** - Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> July will see our first *Exhibition Evening* in which you will be able to visit not only your child's current classroom but also their next one – except for Y6! We will also have plenty of food and drink for you to share in as well as music from our children and Newham Music - and a chance to play on some educational games from an APP company. So please come and join us! Reports will be given out next Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Final Reminder – International Event** - Next Friday from 4-6pm is our International festival with bouncy castles, stocks for the teachers and lots of stalls and food – please get tickets before Friday to avoid queues!

## Report on Chief Nursing Officer visit to St. Luke's CEVA Primary School



Ruth May, the Chief Nursing Officer for England, visited St. Luke's this week at the start of an ambitious project to see nursing teams visit all primary schools in England over the next two years.

The strategy was aimed at 'catching' children early for the profession before they choose other career paths. Ruth spoke about her time as a nurse, and followed with an interactive nursing

station with local nurses, demonstrating specific skills. The children loved the event and many indicated that it had changed their view of nursing as a career path.

The visit was built upon on Thursday 4 July, when a careers fair for the older children was held with companies from the tech world, construction, retail and public services being interviewed by the Year 5 & 6 pupils.

*"It was so interesting to see the children's minds opened up to what a nurse 'looks like' and what they do – the practical nature of the session enthused the children and so many hands went up to say they were interested in becoming nurses."*

**And finally...**this week's Music Show Assembly heroes. Have a lovely weekend



Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

# JULY

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 'Peace At Last' opera performances for EY & KS1**

**9<sup>th</sup> EY Tea Party on main field 2pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> Y3 Class Assembly – parents welcome**

**10<sup>th</sup> Y1 Class Assembly – parents welcome**

**11<sup>th</sup> YR Graduation Ceremony 9am parents welcome**

**12<sup>th</sup> Last session of Y6 Rowing at Royal Victoria Dock**

**12<sup>th</sup> July International Evening 4-6pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> July Exhibition Evening (parents able to look at their child's work and where they are going next year 3.30-6pm)**

**18<sup>th</sup> Y6 End of year performance 5pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers assembly 9am**

**19<sup>th</sup> School closes for the Summer at 1pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> Full refurbishment of school heating system begins**