



# St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018



Dear Parents,

The weeks fly by and they just seem to get busier and busier as they do so!

This week our Y5/6 children took part in the Borough Indoor Athletics final at the *Copper Box Arena*. There are 60 primaries in Newham and we finished sixth

overall, continually competing against schools that are twice and three times our size. I'm sure you will agree that this is a great achievement by our boys and girls led by Ms Adams and Mr. Scott. This was then followed on Thursday with yet another event at Beckton with an excellent show by our girls' football team who progressed to round 2 of the *W11 Girls Premier League Primary Stars Tournament*. Congratulations to the girls and a big well done to all of them.



Thursday saw David Reedy, a leading reading comprehension specialist, come and give us some help with the way we are teaching reading in the school, so we can continually improve.

Talking of guests, we also had a visit from senior executives from *Keep Britain Tidy* and *Wilko* who grilled our Eco committee about all the things we do to secure our lofty status as one of only 100 schools in England and Wales to hold five eco flags - they were blown away by our children.

**For the next three Friday mornings there will be no Golden assembly** as we are carrying out sessions for parents. This morning Mr. Scott and Miss Akhtar ran a 'phonics for writing' session for our Y1 parents and there will be a similar session for Y2 parents on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. I have also had to move the **KS1 SATs meeting to next Friday morning at 9am**. This meeting is for parents of Y2 children to explain how their SATs tests will work in May. All families will benefit from helping their children to access the online reading, spelling and maths sites we have paid licenses for - please encourage your children to practise a few times a week on these - they will help your children to cement their knowledge.

On Wednesday Chris Garel from *Forest Gate Night Shelter* came to collect 5 portable beds which we bought from money we have raised - thank you to all our children for their efforts - this means more people will be able to have a safe and warm night off the streets.

### Can I just reinforce some rules please...

Children should be dressed in official school uniform at all times unless there have been special instructions given out by staff. This includes no jewellery except small stud earrings. This is to keep children safe and stop damage to your personal property. Also, if your children have had any **vomiting** or **diarrhoea** they must wait **48 hours after the last episode before coming back**. This is a health service guideline to stop any infection from being spread through the school whilst the child is still contagious. If we do not abide by these guidelines it will inevitably lead to a lot of disruption to you as we will need to send children home more often as they are exposed to a 'live' bug! **And finally** ... Unless it is a hospital appointment or an emergency - visits to the doctor's, dentists, opticians, etc, need to be made either before school starts or after school.

Many thanks and have a great weekend.

*Matt Hipperson*

### Upcoming Diary Dates

Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Y1 Class assembly</b> 9am
Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SATs meeting for Y2 9am
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>Y5 Class assembly</b> 9am
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Phonics for writing for Y2 9am
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Class photos
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Y2 Class assembly</b> 9am
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day at St. Luke's –(details to follow)

**Tues & Wed 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Meetings**



## COPPER BOX HEROES

By Dylan Mucina, St Luke's Sports Correspondent

The long walk to the Copper Box Arena was worth it. By the time we stepped in, there were schools after schools, after schools... Even as I started to write my report, another school appeared. While the sports coaches are setting up the equipment, our pupils are getting ready, chilling and waiting for the action! As soon as I hear the music, not only did it encourage me to write more but I knew that it was all going down for real.

In the running events we were dominating the other players, or should I say demolishing them! Throughout the competition my ears were ringing and all I could make out was 'ST LUKES! ST LUKES!' but no other name was heard above the roar. Could this get any better? (It could if we were playing Football and Dodgeball!). The good thing throughout was that we really relied on each other, no matter what situation, no matter what consequences. Maybe that could be another golden rule in our Golden Rules at school. We all hoped we could bring home the gold. If we did it would have been so amazing for us and the community of St Luke's, also when visitors come to the school they would see that our trophies keep on growing and growing. But we didn't win – however, we did come in 6<sup>th</sup> place but that doesn't matter: what matters is that we tried and had fun, and it's not just about winning, it's also about having fun.

If I had to rate how astonishing the Copper Box was I'd say 10 out of 10! First of all, outside the Copper Box, in enormous mirrored letters, is the word RUN! – and we certainly did that!

But the thing is, I still don't understand why it's called the Copper box...