



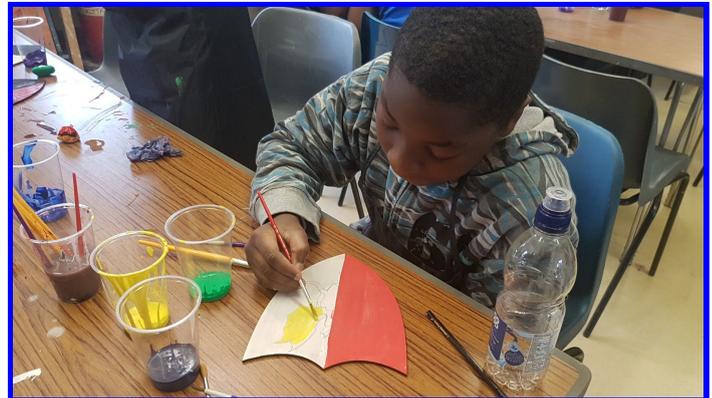
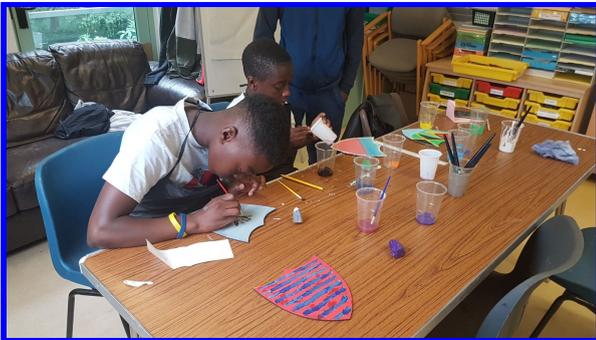
# St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 15th June 2018

Dear Parents,

This week we have all missed Y6 terribly! They have been busy team-building at St. Mark's on their residential trip. We have been kept updated with the activities they have completed and they all have had a great time. *"It has been excellent,"* reported Shola, *"such a delightful time to be here. I loved racing round the assault course and the monkey bars and archery was also great - I managed to get bullseye!"* *"I really liked the turf maze, [in Saffron Walden],"* said Elizabeth, *"it was lots of fun and easier than the big maze!"* *"It was simply amazing - apart from the spiders - the food was great and the mazes were fun to explore"* - JJ.



Huge thanks to all of the adults involved in the preparation of the trip and to those who stayed with the pupils day and night. The level of dedication shown by all involved is hugely appreciated.

It has been a busy week in school too.

Nursery have been busy listening to the sounds they hear around them and playing, *"I spy with my little eye something the colour of..."* this is a great way to develop listening skills even before children learn their sounds. What can you hear at home?

Reception have been writing 'stretchy' sentences! They have been looking at how they can add more detail to their sentences by adding descriptions. Can they show you any 'stretchy' sentences at home?

Year 1 have been super busy with their phonics screening tests. We are so proud of all everyone involved who used all of their sounds to sound out not only real words but the nonsense words too. What was your child's funniest nonsense word? Mine was "osk"! I wonder what an "osk" looks like! Could you ask your child to draw a monster called osk?

Year 2 have been developing their knowledge of how to collect data. After their busy bug hunt last week they had so much information to share. This week, they are organising this data in different ways to make it easier to understand.

Year 3 have been taking it back to the old days...to stone age times! They have been looking at changes from then and now. They cannot wait to share their learning with you next week in their class assembly (20th June).

Year 4 showcased a fabulous class assembly this week. One that will definitely be hard to beat. Their passion for learning is almost infectious! Using props and images they taught the rest of us all about what goes on inside our digestive system - not for the squeamish!

And last but not least, in year 5, they have been challenged this week and had to use their detective skills to identify what we can learn from a wide range of sources and how these can give us information about what happened many years ago.

Did you know... Research reports a link between library use and reading for pleasure: young people that use their public library are nearly twice as likely to be reading outside of class every day! We are so lucky we have a brand new and revamped library just by Rathbone Market! All pupils have a library card ready to use! How many books will you take out this weekend? Parental involvement in a child's literacy has been reported as a more powerful force than other! Don't just listen to your child read, get reading too!

Children whose parents read a book with their child "every day or almost every day" or "once or twice a week" during the first year of primary school perform higher in tests than children whose parents reported that they had done this "never or almost never" or "once or twice a month." Now that is persuasive research!

And if you really do not have time, then log them onto [www.readingeggs.com](http://www.readingeggs.com) .

If they have forgotten their log on please see your class teacher who can reprint their log on to use at home, if you have any issues with the website then please speak to Mrs Tarbuck who will be able to help!

### **LCIS Coffee Morning - All Welcome**

On 18th June, LCIS will be hosting a Coffee Morning at school from 8.30. This is a great opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have regarding autistic spectrum disorder. We hope to see you there.

Have a restful weekend.

*Mrs Tarbuck*