



# St Luke's Newsletter



Monday 16th July 2018

Dear Parents,

Apologies for not getting the newsletter out for the last two Fridays but this is absolutely the busiest time in the yearly life of a school! Let's recap a little and give you a flavour of what has been going on.

## International Event

Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> July saw our world famous (in Canning Town at least!) annual International Event which boasted numerous inflatables, sporting challenges and fantastic food donated from our wonderful families. Special thanks goes to the office staff especially Miss Phillip who spent a lot of time co-ordinating the event which I think you can agree was such a success.

## Brilliant Club

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Mr. Durrant and I took 12 children to a graduation event in Oxford (Lady Margaret Hall College and Oxford Town Hall) for the end of their work with a PHD (Doctor of Philosophy) tutor, centred on writing about a number of philosophical topics. It has been a great 'taster' into the world of universities for our children and their final 1,000 word assignments were graded as university degrees with one of our children, Spacious, receiving a 1<sup>st</sup>!

## Sports

Last week saw our Y5/6 girls become football champions of Newham (the opposition were too scared to turn up) to go along with the success of our Y3/4 earlier in the year. Our Y5/6 boys played in an epic final going down to a wonder-goal before equalising and pounding the opposition, Windsor Primary, sadly without being able to find the winning goal. After a period of extra time the game was decided on penalties with Windsor scoring one more than us. Congratulations to them and to our boys who played so magnificently all year, winning the league and always, like the girls, showing great sportsmanship.

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> July also saw our Y6's get a bit wet as they had a day on the water at the Royal Docks taking part in rowing and canoeing activities. Thanks to Mr. Scott for organising this fantastic event.

## Music

It is with great excitement that I can finally announce that we have entered into a partnership agreement with Newham Music Service that will see their Saturday orchestras practicing at St. Luke's from September onwards. The school has been working towards this



outcome for a year and it means that our pupils will have free access to the orchestras and that our Autistic children will have pride of place in the brand new orchestra being formed especially for children with those specific needs throughout the Borough. John Bergin, the head of Newham Music, has been visiting the school regularly over the last year and has always commented on *'what a special feel it has.'*

### **English and Maths Quality Mark**

Wednesday sees us receive an inspection on our delivery and plans for the teaching of English and Maths; as you can see the days of schools at this time of year being all about sports days and shows are long gone!

### **Y5/6 Show**

Thursday saw our end of year show *'Reach for the Stars'* performed by our Y5/6 children and centering on transition to secondary school. The children were fantastic and had been working on a very tight timeline (with everything else that has been going on) and particular thanks must go to Ms Koenig, Miss Galal and Miss Adams for all their hard work and guidance.

Hopefully this has given you an idea of just how much is going on at this time of the year and I look forward to seeing you at our parent/teacher meetings this week. Have a great week and remember school closes at 1pm on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

*Matt Hipperson*

#### **Forthcoming Dates**

**Mon-Tues 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July parent meetings 3-6pm**

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> July Nursery closes followed by Home Visits for next 3 days**

**Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> July Tribal Quality mark inspection for English and Maths**

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Leavers party 1-3pm**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Leavers assembly 9am**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July School closes for summer at 1pm**



Y5 & 6 pupils canoeing and sailing at the Royal Albert Docks