



# St Luke's News

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



3rd July 2020



**Kwame Obeng  
Class of 2016**

Dear Parents & Carers

*It is so sad to begin another newsletter with tragic news but I would like to let the wider school community know of the death last week of a former pupil of St. Luke's, Kwame Obeng.*

Kwame, who finished at St. Luke's in 2016, died from a brain tumour and needless to say Mum, Dad, his brother (Y2) and older brother are all devastated by this tragedy. Can we all remember Kwame and his family in our prayers and help his family feel the love and warmth for them coming from our community.

Those staff that knew Kwame were also devastated by the news. The sentiments of Mrs Tarbuck and Mrs Aulakh below probably best sum up the abiding memories we all have of him.

*“The first thing I think of is Kwame's big smile and his sense of fun. He brought so much joy and laughter to year 6 and he was so very kind. Not just to his friends but to those in other year groups too. He would always encourage others to join in a game if they looked lonely at break time and could always get them smiling faster than anyone else could.*

*He was so kind-hearted, but not in a timid way. No way! There was nothing shy about Kwame! As soon as you saw that smile you knew mischief was brewing! He was ever so playful and energetic, both outside and*

*in the classroom. And he was so bright! Such curiosity! Always asking questions and wanting to know more. He will be so very missed.*

*You'll always be in our hearts but never forgotten!” Love Mrs Tarbuck.*



*“I will always remember Kwame as a bouncy, friendly and caring boy - always on the move with a big wide smile on his face.” Love from Mrs Aulakh*

### **End of School Year and Beginning of Next**

The school received the latest guidance from the Department for Education (DFE) on Thursday regarding the opening of school for all in September. I will contact you with details of our plan for September next week – but please understand that any changes we make are to meet the requirements of the DFE and not for any other reasons.

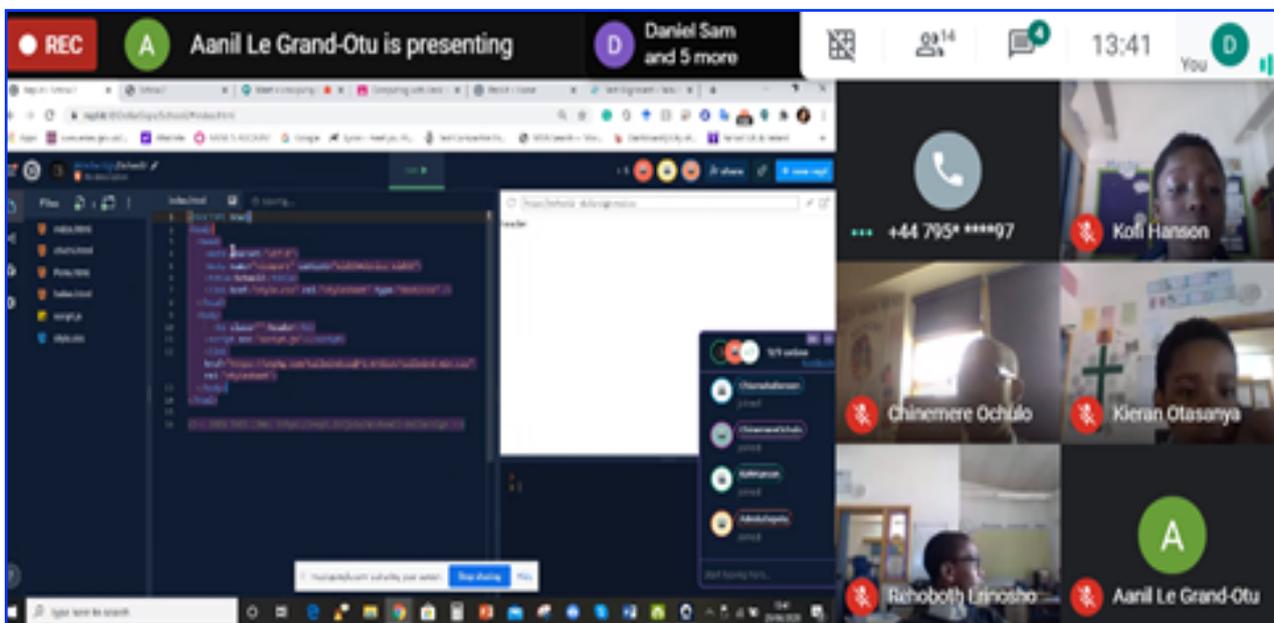
**One thing that is not changing is that school finishes for the Summer holiday as planned at: 1pm on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **Summer Holiday Club**

I will let you know in next week’s newsletter whether we have enough interest in the Summer Club from Premier Education.

### **Coding**

Y6 had a new online teacher this week. A certain Mr. Aanil has been guiding them through some remote coding lessons. Mr Aanil of course, is our Y6 Aanil (possibly rehearsing for a career in IT) and it was lovely seeing children so confident to teach others – well done Aanil and Y6! (see screenshot below)





Please find attached to this newsletter the Week 9 *Schoolreaders Storytime* videos for sharing. This week's stories are: Planes and Martians; Greedy Squirrels and Treasure Hunters.

## Mathletics Champs

*Mathletics* is the online support for maths using games to reinforce learning. The school as a whole has spent over 1551 hours 16 minutes online on Mathletics this year scoring an impressive 1,096,170 points. This works out at an average of 7 hours and 50 minutes per pupil whilst completing over 10,511 activities working out at 53 per child!

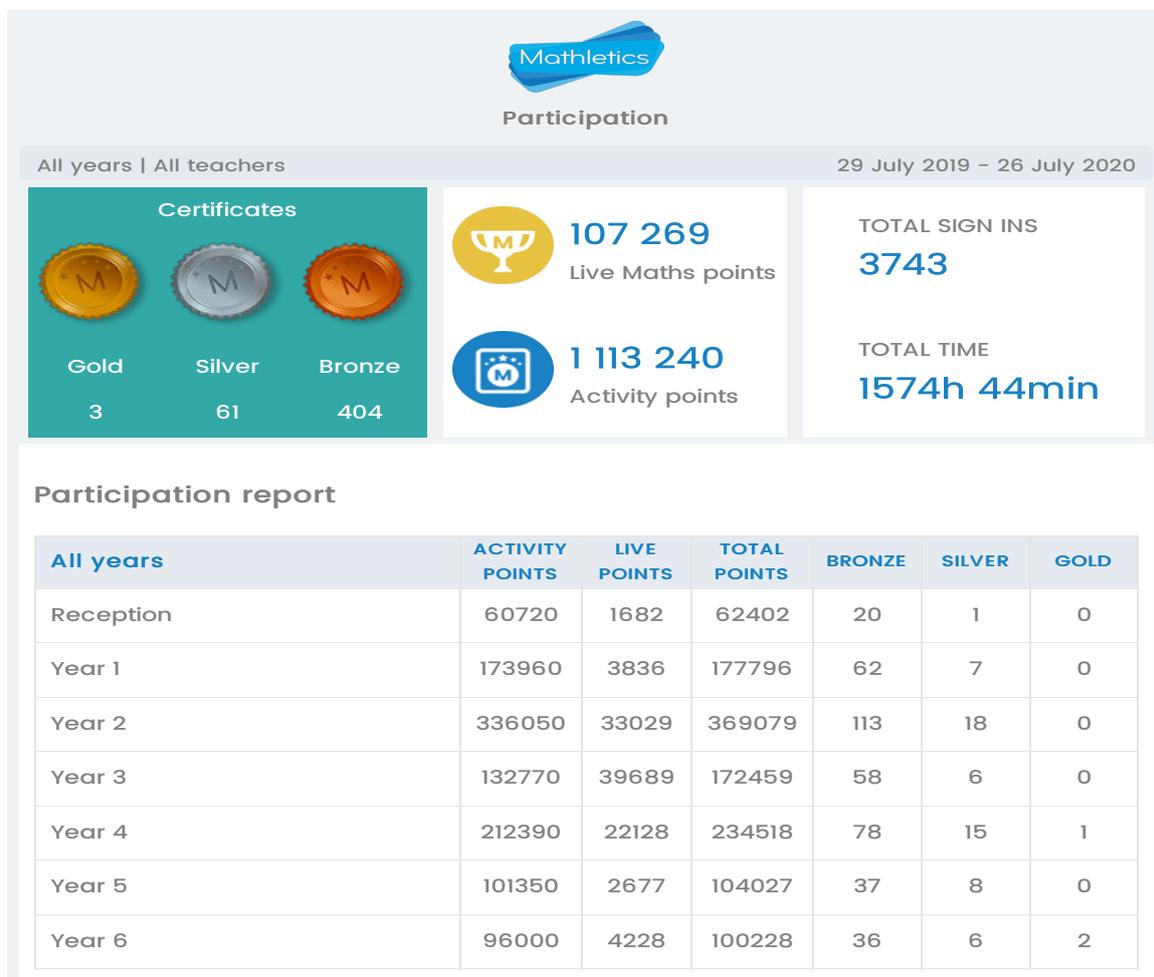
Some children have many more such as Natalie in Y2 who spent an incredible 84 hours on Mathletics and Nana, Y2, who completed 138 activities throughout the year!

And talking of Year 2, they were also the class who spent the most time online with an incredible 458 hours 33 minutes, scoring a truly amazing 361,161 points - well clear of their closest rivals Year 4 who scored a still respectable 231,681 points! Well done Y2! (See our 'scoreboard' at the end of this newsletter).

Have a safe weekend and always tell those around you how special they are too you – it is so important.

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher



# Schoolreaders Storytime Videos

Week 9 Schoolreaders Storytime
<a href="#">Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘The Way Back Home’ by Oliver Jeffers</a>
<a href="#">Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘The Squirrels who Squabbled’ by Rachel Bright</a>
<a href="#">Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘Searching for Treasure’ by Annabel Pitcher. From ‘The Book of Hopes’</a>
Week 8
<a href="#">Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘Little Rabbit Foo Foo’ by Michael Rosen</a>
<a href="#">Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘The Magic Paintbrush’ by Julia Donaldson</a>
<a href="#">Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘The Hope-o-potamus’ by Greg James and Chris Smith</a> Reading Age 8+
Week 7
<a href="#">Cave Baby’ by Julia Donaldson</a> Reading Age 6+
<a href="#">The Misadventure of Frederick’ by Ben Manley</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 7+
<a href="#">Stories from ‘The Book of Hopes’ edited by Katherine Rundell</a> Reading Age 8+
Week 6
<a href="#">Tiddler’ by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 6+
<a href="#">‘Hubert Horatio – A Very Fishy Tale’ by Lauren Child Part 1</a>
<a href="#">‘The Last Noo Noo’ by Jill Murphy</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 6+
Week 5
<a href="#">‘What the Ladybird Heard’ by Julia Donaldson</a> Reading Age 6+
<a href="#">‘Spells’ by Emily Gravett</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 5+
<a href="#">‘Peace at Last’ by Jill Murphy</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 6+
Week 4
<a href="#">‘Aaaarrgghh Spider! by Lydia Monks</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 5+
<a href="#">‘Cyril and Pat’ by Emily Gravett</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 7+
<a href="#">‘The Highway Rat’ by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 6+
Week 3
<a href="#">‘Winston the Book Wolf’ by Marni McGee</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 7+
<a href="#">‘The Legend of the Kea ’ by Philip Temple</a> Reading Age 10+
<a href="#">‘We’re going on a bear hunt’ by Michael Rosen</a> Reading Age 6+
Week 2
<a href="#">‘Baby Brains’ by Simon James</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading Age 5+
<a href="#">‘Into the Forest’ by Anthony Browne</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading age 8+
<a href="#">‘Bringing Down the Moon’ by Jonathan Emmett</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading age 3+
Week 1
<a href="#">‘The Ravenous Beast’ by Niamh Sharkey</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading age: 5+
<a href="#">‘One is a snail, ten is a crab’ by April Pulley Sayre</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading age: 3+
<a href="#">‘This is Our House’ by Michael Rosen</a> <a href="#">Optional activity</a> Reading age: 5+

# Make a difference to a child every month

We are looking for short break foster carers who can spare at least one weekend a month to care for a child with a physical or learning disability.

Just one weekend a month makes all the difference to a family.

As a Short Break Foster Carer we will support you through:

- A generous allowance
- A one-off grant of £750 to set up your home
- Bespoke training in relation to the child you are caring for
- Support from our specialist services
- Being part of a team supporting children in Newham

## Interested?

If you would like to find out more about respite fostering please give us a call on **0800 0130 393**.

[www.newham.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.newham.gov.uk/fostering)





