



# St Luke's News

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



3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

*The government has criticised schools for 'banning families from Nativities', or as many schools would say, trying to keep their communities safe in the run-up to Christmas. I think their reaction says a lot about how completely out of touch they are with the reality of life in a community like ours. We have had so much loss and it still continues as I write this – families being torn apart by the apparent random deadliness of Covid 19. Please pray for those who mourn loved ones and for those going through the agony of having a seriously ill member of their family clinging to life.*



With that in mind, the school has decided not to have parents in for shows again this Christmas, not because we are being needlessly careful but because we are desperate to have no more people in our community get seriously ill or have to isolate away from the rest of their family this Christmas. We will film the shows and upload them to the secure *Google Classrooms* you have logins for. This is not what we wanted but at the same time our community needs to act together to keep everyone safe and we hope you will understand.

## Ballet in East London



The English National Ballet have a new home, on London City Island just the other side of Canning Town Station, very close to our school. We have managed to begin some work with them and on Thursday our Y5s were able to watch a live link to see a practise session for their Christmas

production of the Nutcracker as well as a chance to have a Q&A with the costume department. On Monday the 13th they will be visiting the new home and more pictures will follow – thanks to Miss Davies for facilitating this.



# The Great Debate

The motion was: *'This house believes that men are better than women at sports!'*

The answer was *'No!'*



Friday saw our first KS2 debate of the year with the polarising title of *'Men are better at sports than women'*. There were 16 passionate speakers some of whom supported Ameen and Nahum's argument that because men are paid more and there are more famous sportsmen, then that was enough proof.

However these powerful arguments were met with Yorshaleim's assertion that women were *'fit, fierce and forthright'* and that gender pay gaps must be eliminated. Shiloh and Mercy worked on the dual theme that because women carry children in pregnancy and give birth coupled with the fact that they do by far the bigger share of work in the home, means women were clearly stronger than men from an endurance standpoint. One speaker even stated that her father did nothing around the house and left all the work for her mum – I am not going to say who said it! But perhaps the best statement was made by Mia when she said, *'Weren't we all created equal?'*



Thanks to the children and staff for all the hard work they put into preparing for a great debate – more to come in the Spring. You can see a short clip by opening up this link below:

[Ks2debatepart2.MOV - Google Drive](#)

And the full story is on your KS2 Google classroom.



## Films in Canning Town

Christmas movie time! You are all invited to St Luke's Church (the school) on Saturday 4th December for a festive, Christmas movie! Doors open at 3pm. Please join the Church team for festive fun, fresh popcorn and movie snacks and sweets. See the end of this newsletter for more details of Church events during Advent.

## This Week - Highlights



Y5 taking part in another V&A workshop



Y4 analysing the geography of Europe using our inter active Digimaps

## Key Dates

9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sleeping Beauty Pantomime for all children

9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4.30 pm Christmas Carols & snacks around the fire pit in the playground

10<sup>th</sup> Dec. St Luke's Music Show 9am in hall

10<sup>th</sup> Dec. last day of After School clubs before Christmas

13<sup>th</sup> Dec Member of English National Ballet coming in to meet Y5

13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Party food donations for Kids parties welcomed

14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9am EYFS Nativity show for parents

15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Choir singing carols at 55 Ruscoe Rd. 2pm

16<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am KS1 Christmas show for parents

17<sup>th</sup> Dec. PM EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Christmas parties for children

19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6pm Choir singing at St. Luke's Church Carol Service

20<sup>th</sup> Dec AM End of Term achievement assembly

21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 9am Christingle service led by Rev. Amy

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec. School closes for Christmas at 1pm and re-opens for children on the 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Jan. 2022**



This term Y4 have been studying design and architecture as part of the Open City Project creating a celebration city. This culminated in a schools award ceremony on Friday where we won 3rd place in the sustainability category.

*Have a safe and peaceful weekend*

**Matt Hipperson**  
Head Teacher

# Boloh

**Call the helpline for advice if you're unsure what to do when your child may have a chest infection.**

**There will be lots of coughs, colds and chest infections in young children this winter. Be prepared. Most children can be safely looked after at home, but sometimes they will need NHS support.**

Are you a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic parent wanting to know more about chest infections? Would you like support to access the right health services?

Call us on **0800 151 2605**  
<https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk>



Scan QR code to the advice pages on our website

Our helpline advisors can provide a service in English, Punjabi, Mirpuri, Polish, Luganda, Ruyankole, Rukiga, Rutooro and Kinyarwanda. Interpreters can be provided for other languages.

Find out more at: <https://what0-18.nhs.uk>

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اگر آپ اس پوسٹر کو نہیں پڑھ سکتے

Punjabi ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਪੋਸਟਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ ਜਾਂ ਵਧੇਰੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ  
0800 151 2605 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ

Polish Jeśli nie może Pan/Pani odczytać tego plakatu lub potrzebuje Pan/Pani  
dodatkowej pomocy, prosimy o kontakt pod numerem 0800 151 2605

**If you're worried about your child's health trust your instincts**



**RED**

**If your child has any of the following:**

- Abnormal colour (pale, purple or blue)
- Very noisy or irregular breathing
- Unable to feed
- Floppy and lethargic or extremely agitated.
- A new rash that doesn't disappear when you hold a glass against it

**You need urgent help:**

**Go to the nearest Hospital  
Emergency (A&E) Department  
or phone 999.**



**AMBER**

**If your child has any of the following:**

- Breathing is hard work - they suck in their ribs
- Breathing is sometimes noisy or irregular
- No wet nappies for 12 hours
- Shivering or complaining of muscle pain
- Raised temperature for more than 5 days

**You need to contact a doctor or  
nurse today:**

**Please ring your GP surgery or  
call NHS 111 – dial 111.**



**GREEN**

**If your child has none of the above symptoms:**

- Make sure they have enough water and milk
- Look out for signs it could be getting worse

**Self care.**

**Continue providing your child's  
care at home. If you are still  
concerned about your child,  
call NHS 111 – dial 111.**