



St Luke's News

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

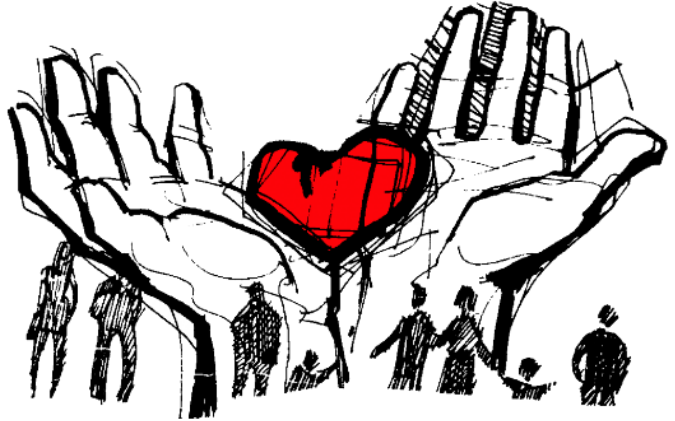


4th February 2022

Doing our best!

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Monday saw the funeral of Amina and I know a lot of parents and staff were there to show their respects to her and her family. I do not think I have ever seen so many people at a graveside before, it truly spoke to what a wonderful woman and mother she was.

Also this week two visitors who are working on a transition to Secondary project with some of our Y6s (see last week's newsletter) commented on the difference in attitude our children have compared to those in two local schools they are running the same course in. They said our children were less cynical and aggressive in their thinking and more open to solutions. We should be enormously proud of our children, their talents, their energy and humour and their drive to be the best – alongside our hardworking staff and wonderful parents we can help put them into a position to succeed in life.

Nursery Closure

A big thank-you to all the **Nursery parents** for their help this week. As you know we have been hit hard by Covid over the last two weeks and on Monday ten staff were off having been affected, which made it incredibly difficult to keep the school running safely. The Nursery closed for the rest of the week and that allowed us to reallocate the remaining staff and keep the rest of the school open and safe. The closure was undertaken as an absolute **last resort** and after discussions with Newham. The good news is that now staff are able to return for next Monday so we will be re-opening as usual.

Onwards and upwards...

Next week sees a typically busy St. Luke's week. The Y6s have swimming lessons everyday at the Olympic pool to try and make up for all the swimming they lost due to Covid closures. They also get a trip to see the *Lion King* 'up town' as a reward for the hard work they put into their Y6 mock exams that they completed this week.

On **Monday** the Y5s are visiting Rokeby school for a follow up session with Bhavesh who visited a couple of weeks ago. On **Thursday** the Institute of Imagination are filming in Y4 & Y5 to make some films about how they help children in school to think creatively – and on that topic our

own Mrs Tarbuck has been asked to speak at the [BETT Exhibition](#) (Tech) in March, look out for photos. But best of all next **Friday**, the last day of half term, there is a 'reverse dress' day – the children are going to dress like teachers and we're going to dress like kids! So look out for the photos in next week's newsletter. *However, I have said to any children wishing to dress like me that I will shave all the hair off the top of their head so they really look like me!*

Rockstars @ St. Luke's!

Friday saw Y1-Y6 in a competition to see who could earn the most points whilst learning their 'Times Tables'. The children dressed up like their colourful avatars on the website and competed against each other having great fun and raising money for the *National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children* (NSPCC). Winners will be announced next week.



Chinese New Year

Wednesday saw us celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Tiger with special assemblies, drama workshops around the ancient story behind the twelve year cycle and a special menu. The kids enjoyed finding out the reason by the twelve year cycle and the Y3s made a great dragon head that will develop a body next week and scare off bad luck in the playgrounds next week.



News from Rev. Amy - St. Luke's Church

Community Survey:

St Luke's Church are conducting a Community Survey to better understand the needs of those living in Canning Town. As a school community it will be invaluable to them to understand the



needs of families in the area. By completing this survey not only will you be helping the Church get a more accurate perspective on the community but you will also be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Amazon Gift Voucher. Importantly the survey also asks a key question about a Summer Holiday Club which the church is looking at launching in the near future. Please consider supporting the work of St Luke's Church by completing the survey via this link/QR code.'

Also we are launching Together on Thursdays, 12-2pm at 55 Ruscoe Road. Do you know anyone who might fancy a time of food, fun and friendship? Why not come along to together on Thursdays at 55 Ruscoe Road for a time of chat, cake and company every Thursday in February at 12pm? Nana, Jing and Rev Amy will be there!



Year 3&4 Athletics Stars

Report by this week's Sports

Correspondent - Chinemelum, Y5

On Wednesday 2nd February, I went with eight Year 3&4 athletes to Langdon School to report on them participating in a mixed athletics competition. Thirteen schools took part and there was lots of music playing to lighten the mood and children were running around practising their events.

First of all, they did the field events like javelin, chest throw, long jump and speed bounce. Everyone performed amazingly well. Haaris won the long jump with a record 2.06m jump and Owura won speed bounce with an incredible 68 jumps in 20 seconds!! In the track events, our girls came second in all their races and our boys came 1st in all theirs.

Out of 13 schools, we came 2nd! We were very happy with that result.

Well done to our amazing athletics stars.

St Luke's is proud of you.



Celebrations & Stars of the Week



Y1



Y2



Y2 Birthday & Piano Certificate



Y3&4



Y3&4 Athletics Stars



Y5 & Y6 Stars & Y6 are KS2 class of the week - **again!**

And remember the school closes for Half-term next Friday the 11th feb. at the normal time and re-opens on Monday the 21st Feb. at the normal time.

Have a lovely weekend

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher

