

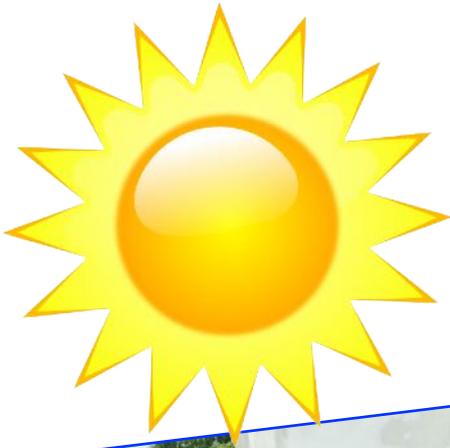


St Luke's News

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



17th June 2022



Phew! What a scorcher

And as the temperature kept on rising on Friday morning, there was only one way to cool down after working hard - and that was to have a water fight and an ice lolly!



It was also our first **Golden Assembly** with parents back in the hall since Covid struck. It was a privilege to be able to share the success of our children with their parents and we look forward to welcoming more of you in before the end of term. And remember in two weeks time we are having our 'Cultural Celebration' from 1-4pm and everyone is invited. Next week sees our Y6 Residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre in Upminster – look out for pictures and updates on our **Instagram** site – you can follow us at **stlukessche16**



Our Golden children of the week with some members of their family.

The Road to Success!

We are keen to continue to promote the healthy minds of our young learners. Research shows that when pupils are anxious or worried, their thinking is hindered as these strong emotions interrupt the

working memory and make learning difficult. To ensure we break this cycle of fear and avoidance, we have looked into the positive impact of **using games to make learning more fun**.

The online platforms we have bought for our pupils are a great way for your child to prepare for school, or help them catch up if they are struggling. Please encourage your child to log on for some 'guilt-free' screen time! **Research has shown that those who log on for 20-40 mins a day have higher levels of involvement in school, achieve better grades and SATs results, get into higher sets in secondary school and find entry to grammar schools with 11+ tests to be less of a challenge.**

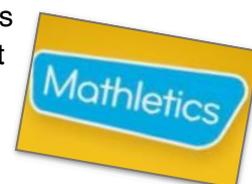


Reading Eggs is an early reading platform that teaches phonics and early reading, then moves onto teaching grammar and comprehension. Through **fun and engaging** games, pupils are able to build fluency. Learning to read online is fun as they combine reading books with online reading games and activities.



Times Tables Rock Stars is a **carefully sequenced** programme to boost times tables recall and maths confidence. TT Rock Stars gives students the right questions at the right time; this ensures that students don't find it too easy or too difficult. **Mathletics** is a

great way for pupils to **reinforce the learning in the classroom** through more practice.



These games are **motivational and confidence building**, ensuring our pupils maximise all opportunities to **practise their skills both in school and at home** and is a constructive use of screen time that you allow your children to have.

Governor News

The Curriculum sub committee of the Full Governing Board presented our award winning Y4 pupil with a present in recognition of her poem 'Poseidon' which won the Mighty Oak prize for the best poem in a public speaking competition earlier this year.

Also regarding our Governing Body, a vacancy has arisen for a **Parent Governor** (I sent a link out on *Schoolping* last week). If you are interested in standing for election as a Parent Governor please email me at:

ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk



The Eco Committee joins forces with Wickes

On Friday the Eco Committee went to negotiate with the staff at *Wickes* for some donations to fix and upgrade the Eco Garden. They met with Del and convinced him to donate some really useful resources for our garden. Great work by the committee.



Del shows the Committee members what might be of use to them - and their eventual haul of goodies!



Stranger Danger: We have had a report of a man staring at children in Kier Hardie Park, please be vigilant.

GLOBAL WARNING – a message from Hannah in Y6

Do you know what climate change is? Climate change is one of the biggest problems the world faces today and whoever says otherwise needs to read this.

The Earth's atmosphere is like a greenhouse! It lets the sun's rays through heating up the Earth. This is called solar radiation. Infrared radiation is when the rays bounce back up. However, there are greenhouse gases like methane, carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide that keep the solar radiation in the atmosphere. Too much of these gases are dangerous leading to climate change and making it unnaturally warm.

The reason we have too many greenhouse gases is because of fossil fuels (coal, crude oil and natural gas). Have you ever heard this before? Well if you haven't, humans have been using these for a long time - since the 18th century! We use them for cars, factories or maybe your oven at home! They emit carbon dioxide into the Earth's atmosphere breaking the natural balance.

What happens when there are too many greenhouse gases in the atmosphere? The Earth warms up. This is supposed to occur naturally, but we are making it worse! If the Earth is just 1.5 °c hotter than its old average temperature, it may just be too late.

But it isn't too late now. It is our job as humans to make a sustainable order for all beings. Other human beings are too stubborn to change their selfish ways. But maybe you can help:

- *Reuse, reduce, recycle everything that you can.*
- *Plant more trees. They absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen.*
- *Turn off unoccupied electricity.*
- *Use electric vehicles.*
- *Use less plastic.*
- *Don't waste paper or food.*
- *Eat less meat. They release methane into the atmosphere which contributes to global warming!*

*If we don't change our selfish ways, animals like polar bears and penguins will become extinct! Those poor animals are dying because the ice that they live/survive on is melting and humans are the ones to blame! Trees and soils are dying. Again, WE are to blame. Most of the animals don't even know what is going on. So it is our job, our responsibility to make a stand for our beloved planet. So what are you still doing here? Go on, reuse, reduce, recycle. **Remember this is a warning, a GLOBAL WARNING!***

Please note the remaining summer dates we have listed below and have a peaceful week

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Summer Term Dates

June

20th-22nd Y6 Residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Camp in Upminster

23rd Windrush Day Assembly

23rd 5pm New to Reception in Sept. 2022 meeting



24th AM - St. Luke's has Talent

24th Y2,3&4 Digital storytelling workshops in school

28th Colne Engaine Primary Y3 visit St. Luke's

29th Y1/2 mixed handball @ Dersingham Primary

July

1st International Celebration for all Parents and children 1-4pm

4th Y6 to visit Ben Kinsella Workshop

5th Y6 SATs Results are released!

6th Y5/6 ABC Team Festival @ Langdon Primary

8th Y6 to visit Adventure Island, Southend

11th AM EYFS Sports Day & PM KS1 Sports Day

11th 4pm Drama Club show for parents in the main hall

12th AM Y3/4 Sports Day & PM Y5/6 Sports Day

13th Y3/4 mixed ABC sports tournament

15th Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

19th St. Luke's Music Festival 9am

20th Y5/6 Girls Netball tournament

22nd July school closes for the Summer Holidays at 1pm