



# St Luke's News

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



13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

*It has been a lovely week back in school and although the holidays are much needed, coming back together as our school community is a joy to behold.*

One of the greatest things about our children is the uniqueness of their spirit, which is exemplified here by our resident Y6 artist who brings his own pens and canvas in so he can draw at lunchtimes. Everything you see on these canvases has been hand drawn and coloured to an amazing standard. He is such an amazing artist (shout out to his Mum who is no slouch herself at art) that his artwork is going to be integral to the Y6 legacy project this year whereby they leave the school something to remember them by – watch out in the Summer!



## Ready for the Great Fire of London

The Y2s have begun their topic on the Great Fire of London (1666). This week they compared firefighters from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century with firefighters today and tried on some old uniforms from the 1980s and 90s – we are hoping they will get a visit and a chat from our local firemen from Plaistow Fire Station soon - fingers crossed.





## Church Assembly



It was lovely to have the Church Youth Team leading an assembly on 'Kindness' on Tuesday. All week we have used the story of *'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse'* that was such a hit on TV at Christmas, to inspire discussions we have been having during assembly. We particularly focused on these two excerpts from the book. Chardonay from Y6 told everyone that when you compare yourself to others it can make you feel bad about yourself and then we discussed how there is no-one on this planet like us, we are all unique so it is truly a waste of time! That mole is a clever guy!

## St Luke's Ski King

During the Christmas break one of our amazing Year 1's proved that he is not just an amazing sportsman but is also a very brave one! Over the holidays, he travelled to the home of his father, the beautiful European country of Austria which is famous for its stunning, snowy mountains. Wearing full skiing gear which includes warm clothing, a helmet and ski footwear (that's as long as him!) our little legend showed he has nerves of steel by skiing down some very high slopes!! That's amazing courage for a 6 year old -well done and St Luke's is very proud of you!



**Parents** - If your child has done something special and you would like it appear in the St Luke's Newsletter, please see Ms Adams or email all the details (including photos) to me directly at: [ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk](mailto:ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk)



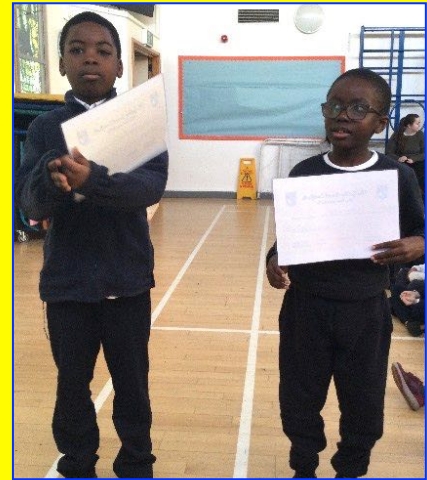
# Celebrations & Stars of the Week



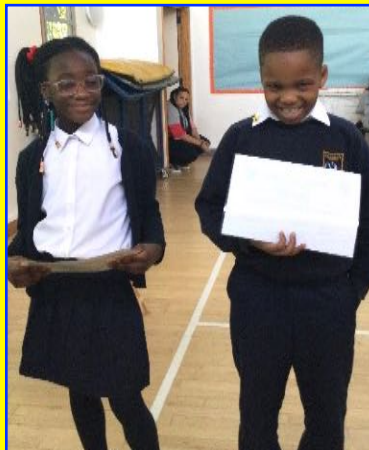
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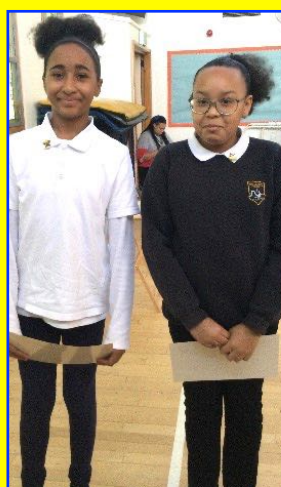
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Y5 & Homework Champ!



Y6



Happy Birthday to all of you!

## Roblox warning



Roblox is a popular online game-creating system where children **create** and **publish** games, and **play** other users' games. It is relatively easy for children to see content that **isn't age-appropriate**.

**Strangers** can contact children – there have been recent news articles about **grooming** via Roblox

Children can easily **lose** a large amount of real-world **money**. Be **aware** of conversations about Roblox, and **remind** your children to be careful when talking to strangers online.

Online sites such as YouTube use **algorithms** (computer programming) to recommend videos to watch based on viewing habits. Research has shown that these algorithms can push users towards increasingly extreme content on sites such as Reddit, Instagram, TikTok, Discord and Twitch.

Be **mindful** of what your children are doing online and encourage **critical thinking** when faced with targeted adverts and algorithms.

And finally...

## Noble in defeat

Our talented Year 6 Girls football *A-Team* might be representing Newham in the London Borough Youth Games but even they can have their off days. This week was the 1st Girls Football Club of the term where all our amazing players worked hard on their fitness, drills and skills. The session ended with a mini football game - this week it was Bench Football. 4 teams battled it out and despite their amazing skills, great teamwork and fantastic effort - our (usually) brilliant Year 6 *A-Team* were the 1st team to be eliminated! However,



like true sportswomen they went on to support and encourage the other teams to the very end of the mini game. They really are amazing role models to the younger girls. Well done to the Year 3&4 team that went on to win and well done to everyone for their amazing effort.

*(Year 6 Girls - when we go to the Youth Games in March - DO NOT get eliminated, WIN IT!!)*

**Please make a note of next term's diary dates below**

Have a peaceful weekend

**Matt Hipperson**  
**Head Teacher**

## **Spring Term 2023 dates**

### **January**

17<sup>th</sup> Institute of Imagination design workshops Years 1,2,3 &5

18<sup>th</sup> Y5 visit to local Mosque

20<sup>th</sup> SEND Coffee Morning for parents

24<sup>th</sup> Initial meeting of the 6 schools selected (St. Luke's is one) for the Enthuse Computing Project

26<sup>th</sup> Chinese New Year workshops and special lunch

27<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Memorial Day – service at Old Stratford Town Hall

27<sup>th</sup> Y4 visiting VUE cinema for free screening

31<sup>st</sup> Y5/6 boys West Ham United Football Tournament @ Beckton

### **February**

3<sup>rd</sup> Non-Uniform day for Times Table Rock Stars

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week

8<sup>th</sup> PM Futsal Tournament for Y5 @ Rokeby School

**School Closed for Half-Term Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Re-opens as normal Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

### **February**

20<sup>th</sup> YR & Y6 Height & Weight checks AM

20<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3<sup>rd</sup> March Y5 intensive swimming course every morning @ Olympic Pool Stratford

23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 free visit to see Trial of Josie K at Stratford youth Zone Theatre

### **March**

10<sup>th</sup> Teaching & Learning Coffee Morning for parents

13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Mid-Year test for Y3,4&5

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Spring Parent-Teacher meetings all week

24<sup>th</sup> Y6 Music Assembly – Parents Welcome

29<sup>th</sup> Y3&4 Easter production PM – Parents welcome

31<sup>st</sup> School closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays

**School Closed for Easter Holidays Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April – Re-opens as normal Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**