



# St Luke's News

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



20th January 2023

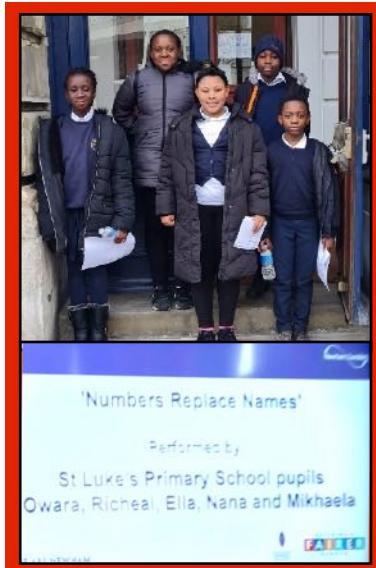
Dear Parents and Carers,

*On Friday 27th January, five of our children represented St. Luke's at Newham's Holocaust Memorial Ceremony, this is one of the most important events that we attend and the school has been honoured to have been invited to the last three commemorations.*

It is a very sombre event and this year Michael Bibring talked about his late father Harry, who arrived in this country from Vienna as one of the first 'Kindertransport'\* children in 1938. The children read out a poem they had composed (below):

Numbers Replace Names  
The gruesome gates of death,  
Beckon the unfortunate ones into the camp.  
Barbed wire grabs and snatches,  
Skin is pierced and torn.  
Machine guns stare into Jewish souls.  
Tattoos poison the skin.  
Numbers replace names.  
Chimneys reach high,  
Spewing out suffocating smoke.  
Broken bodies, broken hearts,  
Forced to wear Jewish stars,  
That cling to arms,  
As they look for hope in times of darkness  
and despair.

(\*The Kindertransport, German for 'children's transport') was an organised rescue effort of children (but not their parents) from Nazi-controlled territory that took place during the nine months prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. The United Kingdom took in nearly 10,000 predominantly Jewish children from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the Free City of Danzig. Often they were the only members of their families who survived the Holocaust. The programme was supported, publicised, and encouraged by the British government. Importantly the British government waived the visa immigration requirements that were not within the ability of the British Jewish community to fulfil. The British government put no number limit on the programme



Jewish refugee children arrive in London on the ship Warszawa

## **Strike Action Next Week – Wednesday 1st February**

The following classes will be closed next Wednesday – YR, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 leaving only YN, Y2 & Y6 open. I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. I know how much our staff care for your children and this is a decision that they have not taken lightly.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk

### **Lunchtime News**

A few weeks ago we met a Y6 boy who loved to draw during his lunchtimes, well today we have a picture below of another Y6 who spends her lunchtimes using loop knitting to make herself a scarf, she began in early December and finished this week and it is magnificent.



### **School Communication**

We as a school are trying to improve communication with parents as we have not been happy with how stressful some parts of the current system are for families and staff. We have been looking at a new app and text service called *Schoolcomms* – below is a link to explore it.

<https://www.parentpay.com/schoolcomms/services/messaging/>

If you have any thoughts or questions regarding this and how it may improve our communication with you, please come and see me in the office.

Thanks – Miss Joslyn, Office manager

### **Chinese New Year workshops**

This Thursday saw Years 1-4 take part in workshops in the hall centred around the story of how the Jade Emperor solved his problem of telling the time by hosting a race for 12 animals across the river. At the same



time the Y5 & 6s had an assembly on the same theme and our cooks prepared a Chinese banquet.



## Murder most Foul - Solving a Mystery

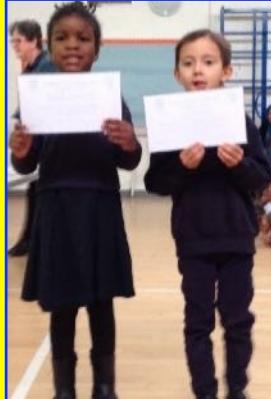


The Y5s have turned detectives this half-term as they attempt to solve the mystery of who killed Prince Edward and Prince Richard in the Tower of London in 1483! It is rumoured that the future King Richard III did the deed and our Y5s hunted around the Tower and the gardens around it to see if they could find evidence. They have not finished the case but hope to solve it soon – just 540 years late!

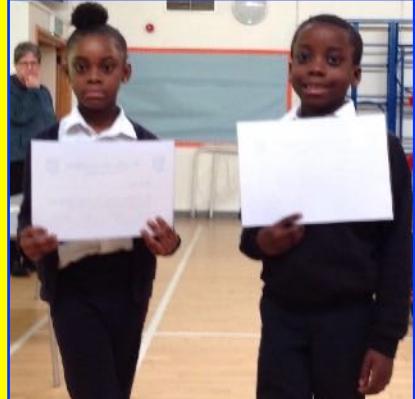
## Celebrations & Stars of the Week



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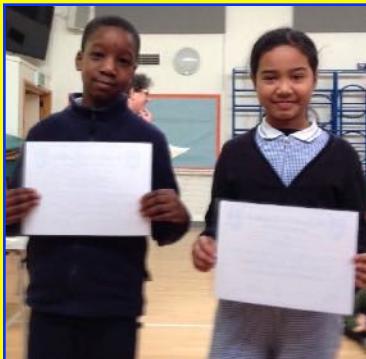
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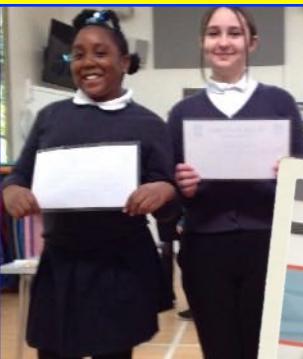
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Y3



Y5



Y6



(The Y4s were out on a visit so no Stars!)

Please check out the Newham flyers at the end of the newsletter on SEND activities at Newham Leisure Centre and great half-term activities in your area.

Have a peaceful weekend



**Matt Hipperson**  
Head Teacher

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

— ANNE FRANK



**Spring Term 2023 dates**

January

30th Holocaust Memorial Assembly in school

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

February

1st NEU national strike day

3rd Non-Uniform day for Times Table Rock Stars

6th-10th Children's Mental Health Week

8th PM Futsal Tournament for Y5 @ Rokeby School

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

February

20th YR & Y6 Height & Weight checks AM

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

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

March

10th Teaching & Learning Coffee Morning for parents

13th-17th Mid-Year test for Y3,4&5

20th – 24th Spring Parent-Teacher meetings all week

24th Y6 Music Assembly – Parents Welcome

29th Y3&4 Easter production PM – Parents welcome

31st School closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays

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

**FEBRUARY  
HALF-TERM**

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**GR8 DAY 2 PLAY**

**PREMIER CAMPS NEAR YOU**

**Gallions Primary School**  
Multi-Activity  
13th-17th Feb  
9am-3pm

**Hallsville Primary School**  
Multi-Activity  
13th-17th Feb  
9am-3.30pm

We have lots of exciting activities planned throughout the week!

**Please Bring**

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Have a funtastic February half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

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**Free**

**For SEND young people aged up to 25**

**Saturday 11th February 13:00 – 18:00**

**Newham Leisure Centre 281 Prince Regent Ln E13 8SD**

**GR8 DAY 2 PLAY**

## Ever wondered what sports & leisure activities are on offer for SEND young people in Newham?

Come and try out some sports taster sessions such as Bollywood and Hip Hop dance, pilates, wheelchair basketball, Boccia, multi-sports, table tennis, & swimming.

There will be information stalls about other services, opportunities to have your say about important issues that effect SEND young people in the borough, as well as a relaxation and sensory space.



Click on the link for more information about the day and to book places  
<https://tinyurl.com/GR8DAY2PLAYFEB>

