



St Luke's News

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



3rd March 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

In our first full week of Lent we looked at Lenten wisdom by looking at some of the lessons Jesus left us after he had ascended to Heaven. We spoke of the traditions of gathering together, caring for one another and breaking bread. We began our service by helping others in school and in future weeks we will discuss how, as Christians, we aspire to become a part of the group who:

Listen together

Spend time together

Eat together

Pray together

And share what we have together so everyone's needs are met.



World Book Day



Friday saw the school celebrate *World Book Day* with an assembly with a difference, a book fair and all children being read to by someone different. I was fortunate to read a beautiful West African traditional tale to the Y3s which led onto a discussion and ended with us listening to *Nessun Dorma* (from Puccini's Opera *Turandot*) with our eyes closed to 'see' the pictures in our head! The whole day was a joy to take part in. The children loved being 'in character' and I want to say a special thank-you to Mrs Tarbuck for organising the day and to Ms Joslyn in the office for making it run so smoothly.

Safeguarding Update



For those of you with older children we received a report this week saying that children as young as 7 are now being used by local gangs to transport drugs! Instagram and Snapchat are being used as virtual 'gang' job adverts so it has never been more important to protect your children from the abuse of social media – remember the only safe time to allow our children to use social media and phones and laptops is when you are present!

Athletic Champions!



On Monday 27th February, 17 athletes from Years 3 and 4, and two team managers from Year 4 went to a Newham Y3&4 Indoor Athletics competition held at Newham Leisure Centre. It was a very big event, with over 150 competitors from 10 schools. Our amazing students competed in 4 field events: *long jump*, *chest throw*, *speed bounce* and *javelin* as well as several relay

races including hurdles. Their effort and determination was brilliant! Special thanks to their Team Managers who kept them focused and on task. After scoring well in the field events and dominating the races, our talented team came FIRST!



CONGRATULATIONS and well done to our fantastic Year 3&4. St Luke's is very (VERY!) proud of you.

Football Champions!

Tuesday 28th February, was cloudy, windy and very cold - the perfect day for St Luke's to attend yet another outdoor competition! This time, it was the *Borough Games of Years 3&4 Girls Football* held at West Ham Foundation in Beckton. There were 10 schools and over 100 competitors in attendance.

After dominating the group stages that saw our brilliant girls finish top of group Two, we faced St Antony's in the semi-finals.

At full time it was 0 - 0 so it went to penalties which St Luke's won. In the final, our team faced Sandringham (a school four times bigger than

ours!) and once again it went down to penalties. Our girls held their nerve and after a thrilling penalty shoot-out that went down to sudden death...

ST LUKE'S GIRLS WON!

It was a brilliant achievement and this victory means that our talented girls will go on to represent Newham in the *London Youth Games* in March - they are following on the Year 5&6 Girls football team who also qualified for the 2023 London Youth Games.



Well done girls! Everyone at St Luke's is proud of you. Right is a flyer for a Girls football team recommended by the organisers of the competition.

Swimming

This week saw the completion of the Y5 intensive swimming course at the Olympic Pool. They owe us 1 session which was missed due to a problem with the pool and we are waiting to see whether it will be re-arranged. The children have really improved as swimmers with this



intensive approach and for the first time we had 10 swimmers do so

well they were taken into the actual pool that the London 2012 races took place in (we normally use their training pool). The Y4s are next in July.

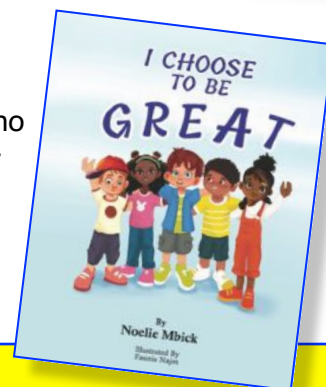
St Luke's School is blessed with lots of very talented students who participate in lots of sports or activities outside of school.

During the half-term two of our Year 3s participated in a competition at their local karate club, where they had to compete against other students and each other! Despite being brothers, both boys fought hard and managed to secure a gold medal in either individual or team kumite. But don't worry, after their fight they gave each other a big brotherly hug. Well done boys.



Our own author on World Book Day

Amidst all the fun of our World Book Day celebrations on Friday I just wanted to highlight our own author on the staff. Madame Noelle Mbick who teaches our children French and is our Education 4 Change Ambassador (helping our school and curriculum reflect who our children and community are), has somehow found time to write a book. It is published with a colouring book companion and both are available from Amazon.



Golden Assembly on World Book Day



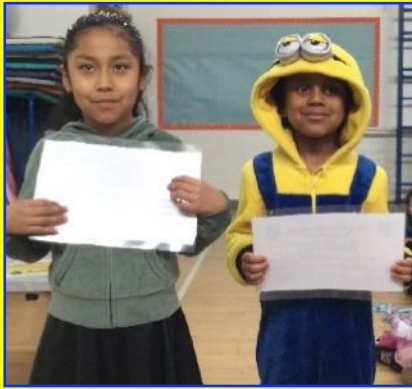
YR



Y1



Y2



Y3



Y4



Y5



Y5 'Characters'



Y6



Cool Y4s



Y3s



Miss Trunchbull & students

Please double check the school term diary dates below.

Have a good weekend



Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher

March

7th Mar. World Athletics Day

10th Mar. Teaching & Learning Coffee Morning for parents

10th Mar. Holi Festival

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

Mar 15th & 16th Possible Strike days

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

24th Mar. Y6 Music Assembly – Parents Welcome

29th Mar. Y3&4 Easter production PM – Parents welcome

31st Mar. 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**