



# St Luke's News

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



10th March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

*Lent often leads us to thinking about the suffering Jesus went through and that in turn makes us think of our own difficult times.*

A number of staff have had very tough news about family members in the last few weeks and I am sure it is the same for many in our community. It really makes you focus on how we notice those who are struggling and then care for each other. Our prayers and thoughts are with all those who are dealing with bad news at the moment - *remember you are not alone, your friends are with you.*



## Parent Meetings

Please look out for a link sent to you via *Schoolping* which will allow you to book a meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress. The meetings will take place during the week of the **20<sup>th</sup> March** – we look forward to as many of you as possible able to come in for face to face meetings but if you would prefer you will be able to book them online.



## Coffee morning Next Friday

Next Friday at 9am there is a coffee morning for any parents who would like to meet our new parent governors, Aisha and Latoya and also school staff for a chat or to ask any questions or get help with problems. Look forward to seeing you then!

## Strike Action

Next week we see the third and fourth NEU strikes on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> March**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions and not because of any issues at our school. We are having to close the following year groups on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023:



**Reception, Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y5 will be closed**

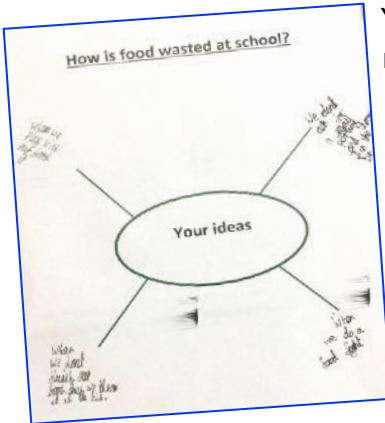
**Nursery, Y2 and Y6 will be open as normal and any Y2 and Y6 children who go to Breakfast or After School club will still be able to attend these.**

Sincere apologies for the inconvenience. We all hope that the government and union are able to sort this out as soon as possible.

## British Science Week

Next week sees British Science Week looking at the theme of 'smashing stereotypes'. The classes will study a scientist that doesn't fit the usual stereotype of a scientist and revisit that throughout the next few weeks. There will be a homework competition for the best profile with a science based prize and on that note the school has secured 15 tickets for our best scientists to see a live science demonstration at the Royal Institution of Great Britain in July.

## Food Waste Workshops for Y3 & 4



Y3 & 4 had a visit from Newham Council to discuss what we can do to reduce food waste in our school. One way will be for the Eco Committee to work with all classes to reduce the amount of food that is wasted in school and Mr Scott and the committee are investigating getting a composter on site – details to follow.



## More Sporting Success!

After last week's competition success, Year 3 & 4 were fired up and ready to go again. So on Tuesday 7th March, seven Year 4s and one Year 3 travelled to Newham Leisure Centre to participate in a Borough Games Badminton Skills Competition. It was the very first time St Luke's has ever entered a badminton competition and with there being over 70 competitors there, it was quite a scary 1st experience too. However, this didn't bother our brilliant badmintonists and

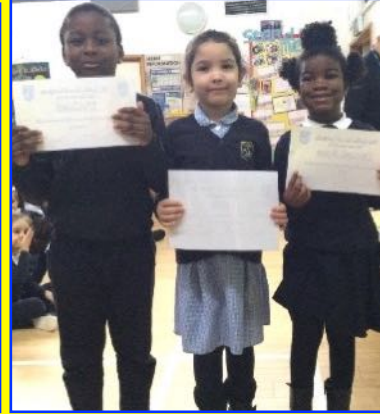


after facing eight different skill-based games including games called *Switch*, *Crazy Golf*, *Ladders*, *Catch* and *Ready-Steady-Go*, our talented sports stars won 1st place! This was a fantastic achievement because this also means St Luke's will be representing Newham in the 2023 London Youth Games. A massive well done to our Y3&4 Champions, St Luke's is so proud of you. St Luke's will be representing Newham in THREE different events at the 2023 Youth Games - go to the LYG website for more info.

# Golden Assembly on World Book Day



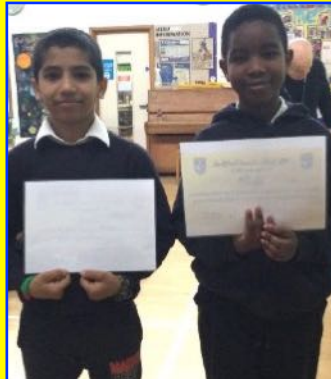
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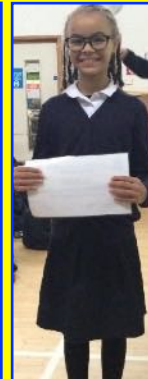
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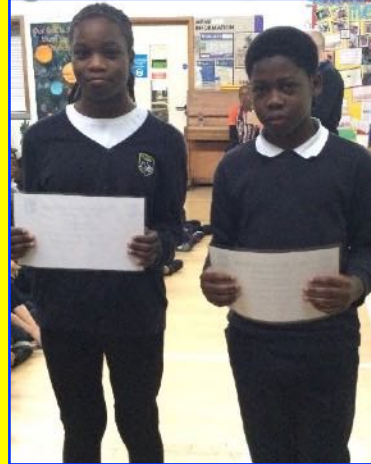
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Homework Champions

## Upcoming Dates:

March

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

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Mar. Possible Strike days

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

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

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

**31<sup>st</sup> Mar. 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

Have a peaceful weekend

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