



# St Luke's News

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



## End of Year Special

20th July 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

*And so another school year draws to close and the week ends in celebration and not without a few tears of joy and sadness - but what a week! A week that has brought together all the elements that makes St. Luke's such a wonderful place to be.*

Last Friday was our Carnival Day. It was meant to be a 'Parade' but the weather wouldn't allow that! Instead we had to all squeeze into the hall and it was colourful, noisy and full of life. Thank you so much to all of our families for your stunning generosity with the food - the amount of smells and sheer diversity of the menu was incredible and I finished my over-eating with a beautiful Afghanistani Green Tea with saffron – delicious!





## Goodbyes



We said goodbye this week to two very special members of staff who have been here for 50 years between them. Shirley Cole (on the left) has been with the school since 2002 and Josie Harding has been here since the 1990s - and her mum was the school cook in the mid 1980s! They have both given incredible care and service to generations of children and they really kept the link going between the school and our ever changing community and the more traditional elements of Canning Town – we will miss you both but look forward to you dropping in any time you want to! X



We also said goodbye to Mr Brown who has skilfully guided Y6 classes through the end of primary phase for four years – he leaves to relocate to Surrey – and Miss Anker who joined us just before all the lockdowns and was a constant in the school during all that turmoil as we stayed open for children. She leaves to go travelling. Below is a message from Mr. Brown:

*Dear Parents and Carers of St-Luke's,  
Thank you so much for the last four years. It has been a privilege to work with you and I would like to say thank you to all of you for your support during my time here. I remember what drew me to the school was how much of a community it felt after being at previous schools. It has been fantastic to be part of that community over the last four years and the parents and families of the children I have taught have been a big part of that.  
Mr Brown*

## Y6 Leavers service



Wednesday saw our Y6 Leavers Service with songs, laughter and the words of some of the children:

*'What has changed me over the years in St Luke's is my attitude towards learning because I used to spend so much time talking and not paying attention which got me into so much trouble but now I only talk when I am allowed to and also what has changed is my maturity because I know if I want to be*

*a good student in Secondary School I would have to learn to behave myself before Secondary School. I would thank my dad for bringing me to this amazing school and if he didn't I wouldn't have made the same friends I made now and I wouldn't been going to the secondary school I'm going to now.'* – Lakeysha

*'I would like to thank all the teachers I've had from Nursery to Y6. They have made me grow as a person in terms of mentality and physically. I would like to also say thanks to Mrs Martin for being there for me when I was emotionally down, she helped me build up my confidence and to solve any problems I had in school and just comforting me when I needed it.'* – Mikhaela

*'When I changed to Y4 I was nervous because it was a new teacher. It went well. That's when I realised that I was really good at maths. At the end of year 4 I remember the day when my brother left the school, I was jumping around my house like crazy "Finally!" I shouted. In Y5 we went on a trip to Rokebey School where my brother was learning but I didn't see him. Also we went on a trip to the ballet which I did not like because I did not like dancing in front of my friends, only my parents because I'm shy'* – Tautvilas

*'Myself, Kaleb and Mateusz used to play together in an area called 'The Zone' we had so much fun in there. Kaleb made Pac man out of lego, while Mateusz was playing - Miss Robyn always took us to the zone!! We had so much fun in year 1!'* – Zion

*'In Year 2, our teachers were Miss Rowe, Miss Aulakh and Miss Robin. We got a bit closer in year 2. Although in year 2, my favourite teacher left. Mr Durrant, though we called him Mr D. He works in the countryside now! With him we had a lunchtime club where we would make art in the Y5 and 6 shared area. We had purple to do our drawings in and it was better than spending those wet, soggy*

days outside. That lunch club was something the people who participated looked forward to.’ – Mercy

## Y6 SAT Results

Below are the provisional Y6 SATs results which will be published in December after all appeals have been decided by the DfE:

### **St. Luke’s 2023 Y6 SATs by subject (National results in brackets)**

**KEY:**

**Exp+ = expected standard    GD = Greater Depth**

Grammar	Reading	Writing	Maths
Exp+ 93% (72%)	Exp+ 76% (73%)	Exp+ 86% (71%)	Exp+ 86% (73%)
GD 48%	GD 27%	GD 20%	GD 17%
<b>RWM Combined</b> (Reading and Maths determined by SATs + Writing assessed by Teacher Assessment)			
St. Luke’s Exp+ 66% (59% - National Average)			
GD 7%			

## End of Term Music performance

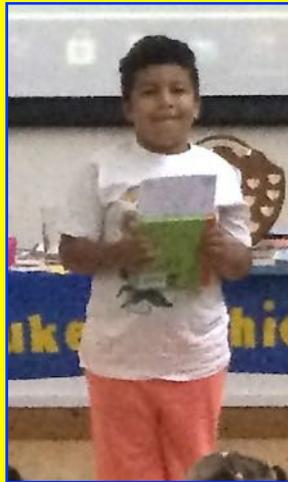
On Monday, some of our wonderful musicians took part in an end of term performance showcasing pianos, drums, violins, saxophones and vocal performances – the children were brilliant as ever and special thanks go to Emma, our violin teacher, and especially to Ms Adams who spent lots of her spare time organising the event and ‘warming’ the performers up!



# End of Year Awards



YR



Y1



Y2



Y3



Science Winners



Y4



Y5



Y6



Sports personalities



Creative Writers



The U9 Girls Football Champions



The U9 Boys Football Champions



Maths Champions

***Please check out the 2-page information sheet from Newham at the end this letter.***

**Have a great and safe Summer – if you have any problems you can contact me on:**

**[ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk](mailto:ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk)**

**School re-opens for the new school year on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> September for Y1-Y6. Breakfast club will be open - After School clubs will begin on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> September – please look out for letters on the first day back. YR & YN will get individual letters for their start dates.**

**Matt Hipperson  
Head Teacher**

# Peer Parenting Offer

## Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC)



Delivered for Parents by Parents:  
These courses help parents learn practical communication skills for everyday life & bring up confident, happy and co-operative children.

### BAP (Being A Parent) Courses

The BAP Group is a weekly space for parents to come together sharing experiences and learning tried and tested approaches that can help us improve our relationship with our children. Many parents have already benefited from this course, & we want to reach as many parents and carers as possible.

### Baby & Us

For parents & carers with a baby under 1 years old. This course will help you feel better able to:

- Process the impact of the birth experience
- Understand your baby's crying/sleeping/feeding cues & to feel more confident managing the practicalities of your baby's routine
- Communicate with your baby
- Develop friendships with other parents which are mutually supportive

### BAP Standard 2-11 years

You will leave this course feeling better able to:

- Help others by sharing your experience as a parent
- Support your children as they start Primary School, Secondary School and other transitions
- Create a calm and peaceful family life

Topics include understanding children's behaviour, listening skills, discipline strategies, feelings, self care & play time



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**Thursday**  
21st Sept - 30th Nov  
10.00am - 12.00pm

*Baby and Us*

East Ham Library  
328 Barking Road, East Ham E6 2RT

**Friday**  
6th May - 8th Dec  
10.00am - 12.00pm

*BAP 2-16 years*

Southern Road Primary School,  
Plaistow E13 9JH



**Wednesday**  
27th Sept - 6th Dec  
10.00am - 12.00pm

*BAP Autism*

via zoom  
(register to receive link)



Light refreshments  
provided



Courses available  
every term



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