



# St Luke's News

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



23rd October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

## ***Red = A Red Card to Racism!***

The Y6 members of our Justice Committee led our *Stop the Hate* assembly on Friday. Children, staff and some parents heard how this campaign started in 1996 when the Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop (who also played for West Ham) was racially abused at a petrol station before the abusers realised he was the Newcastle goalkeeper...at which point



they said they really liked him and asked him for his autograph! Hislop was left devastated by this encounter but also determined to organise an education programme to stop it happening to anyone else. St. Luke's is a big supporter of this programme and in recent years has had Sky TV filming events here. Thanks to Miss O'Garro and all the children who shared the work they had been doing on black women who had to overcome not only racism but sexism also.



***Y2 & Mary Seacole***

## Church News

Massive thanks to four of the St. Luke's Church Youth Team who helped the school out on Thursday lunchtime with supervising and playing with the children. It was a day when we had several staff out training and others taking children to a sports competition so we were blessed to have their help. See below for two events the Church are hosting that might be of interest to families next week.



## Health & safeguarding warning from the London Borough of Newham

Some children are being sold vapes containing spice advertised as tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) vapes. Vaping among children has been on the rise recently and the introduction of additional ingredients and substances can pose serious health risks. The chemicals found in many vape products can have detrimental effects on the developing bodies and minds of children.

We wanted to ensure that you are aware of the risks associated with vaping, which include respiratory problems, addiction and potential long term health issues. It is important to us, as parents and educators, to work together to address this issue and educate our children about the dangers of vaping.

I encourage you to have an open conversation with your child about the risks and consequences of vaping. It is essential to create a supportive environment where they feel comfortable discussing their choices and concerns.

Change Grow Live is an organisation who have a free drug and alcohol service for young people aged between 11-18 living in Newham. More information can be found on: [www.changegrowlive.org](http://www.changegrowlive.org) or alternatively [www.changegrowlive.org/young-peoples-service-newham](http://www.changegrowlive.org/young-peoples-service-newham) Contact number: 0800 652 3879 Email: [NewhamYP@cgl.org.uk](mailto:NewhamYP@cgl.org.uk)

Giving children free vapes is also an entrapment technique used by criminal gangs so please be aware.



## Another busy day of art in EYFS using the Curiosity Approach

The approach is further explained by Miss Yeter below:

*'The Curiosity Approach is driven by active learning and critical thinking through the use of adults and an enabling environment. The environment is an extension of children's homes – objects that are familiar to the children. We use neutral colours within the provision to provide a calm yet stimulating environment. Children are the centre of their own development and are encouraged to explore, experiment and create using authentic and natural resources modelled by staff. The use of authentic and natural resources promotes independence and teaches the children about cause and effect. Children have a view/input into their environment and staff plan learning opportunities that follow the child's agenda and extend children's ideas to enrich play experiences.'*

For more detailed knowledge here is a article-<https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/hub/curiosity-approach-in-early-years/>



## In our News

### Y4 making Greek tiles as part of their topic work & Rev Amy working with the Y3



YR Teaching of Reading meeting



## Reception Autumn Walk in Kier Hardie Park



and... friendship is sharing a good book!



## Golden Assembly from 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

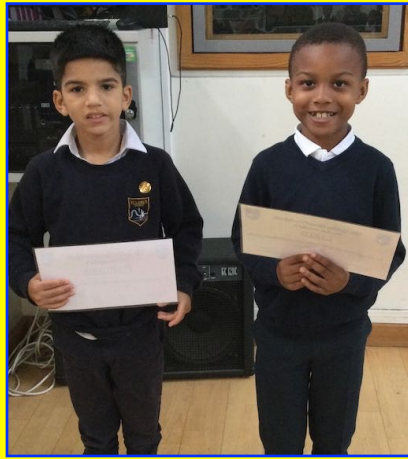


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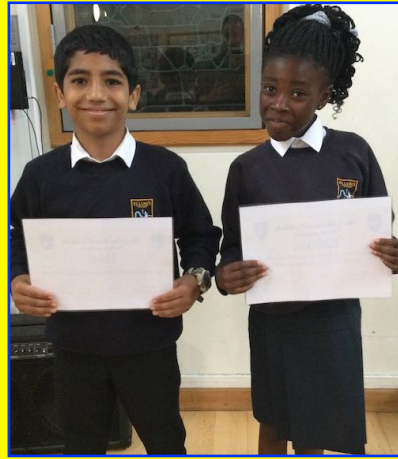


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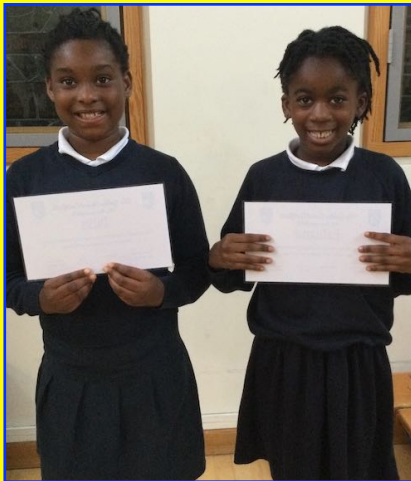




Y3



Y4



Y5



Y6



Happy Birthdays from the last 2 weeks

## Upcoming Dates

Click on the link below for all the term dates this year:

[Final academic-calendar-2023-2024 \(st-lukes.newham.sch.uk\)](https://st-lukes.newham.sch.uk/final-academic-calendar-2023-2024)

### October

**31<sup>st</sup> School re-opens for all children**

31<sup>st</sup> YN meeting to help parents apply for Reception 2024

### November

1<sup>st</sup> Y5 meet an Astronomer online

3<sup>rd</sup> Zero Carbon Assembly led by the Eco Committee

6<sup>th</sup> Y1 vision & hearing tests

6<sup>th</sup> Institute of the Imagination (loi) working with Y2

6<sup>th</sup> PM Y6 visit Young Citizens' Project at Tate & Lyle factory

7<sup>th</sup> Institute of the Imagination (loi) working with Y6

8<sup>th</sup> Y3 Cable Car visit as part of Citizen Topic

9<sup>th</sup> Y3 Puppetry workshop with Bigfoot Theatre

10<sup>th</sup> Flu nasal vaccinations Yr-Y6

10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service

10<sup>th</sup> PM KS2 at LBN Mini Olympics

13<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying week

13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Afternoons - Y6 Swimming lessons at the Olympic Swimming Pool

14<sup>th</sup> KS2 trip to BFI to see French film

15<sup>th</sup> Y5 loi workshop

20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Parent Meetings week

28<sup>th</sup> Google online safety assembly – KS2

### December

1<sup>st</sup> PM KS2 Debate – Parents invited

5<sup>th</sup> Y3 Build a New World visit

11<sup>th</sup> Bishop Lynne visits St. Luke's 9am Parents invited

12<sup>th</sup> PM EYFS Nativity – Parents invited

13<sup>th</sup> Choir singing Christmas Carols at Waitrose to raise money for River Foodbank

14<sup>th</sup> PM Little Red Riding Hood visiting Pantomime

15<sup>th</sup> AM Christmas Music assembly

15<sup>th</sup> PM KS1 Christmas show – Parents invited

18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christingle Service Parents Invited

19<sup>th</sup> Dec. End of Term Awards – Parents invited

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec. School closes for Christmas Holiday at 1pm – school re-opens normal time**

**Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Have a peaceful weekend



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