



St Luke's News

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



17th November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

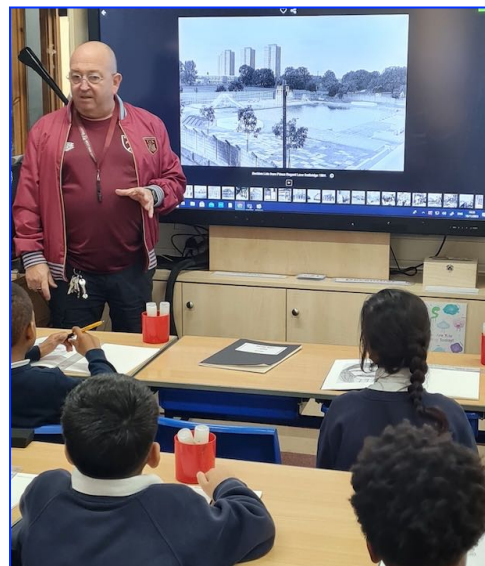
Next week sees our first parent/teacher meetings of this academic year and we hope you and your children can come along in person – if not, then we can meet online. It is really important and part of our partnership together to meet to discuss how your children are doing and what we need to work towards. It is also really important that the children hear these messages. YN are going to do their meetings during sessions and Y2 will do theirs in December because their teacher Miss Langhorne has just returned from maternity leave.

Reminder

The school has bought online licenses for three learning platforms: *Mathletics*, *Times Tables Rockstars* and *Reading Eggs*. Just 10 minutes a day on each of these sites will help your children to improve their confidence in crucial basic skills that they need. Every year after the Y6 SATs, we can see the children who did this practice are the ones who got their expected levels. It is easy, it is free, so please get your children going and see the benefits.

Canning Town over the years

Our talented and very hard-working Site Supervisor Charlie Bonner became a teacher this week as he talked to our Y3s about all the changes our area has seen over the last 100 years – he is nearly that old!! He was talking about photos from 1900, the Second World War and the 1970s and the children had a fantastic time - and yes, those are West Ham tops he is wearing!



Parent Workshop in Year Reception



Above is a picture of our Phonics workshop in YR this week. The workshop aimed to show our parents how we teach phonics and how they can support this with activities at home. Thanks to Miss Yeter and to all the parents for putting such effort into it.

Some of our Anti-Bullying posters made this week during our special week focusing on being kind to one another.



Church News

In partnership, St Luke's Church and St Luke's School are running a *Community Christmas Fair* on **Saturday 9th December** to raise money for the local foodbank and homeless project. In preparation we are organising a variety of stalls including:

- food
- gifts
- face-painting
- balloon modelling
- raffle prizes

If you think you might be able to support or help in anyway please drop an email to jing@stlukese16.co.uk. Please note we will do our best to accommodate everyone but we have a limited space and also want to have a good variety of stall vendors so please be understanding as we draw things together.



J'aime regarder des dessins animés en français!

'This week, Year 5 went on a trip to the South Bank. First, we went along the River Thames to see how it is used today. We saw so many bridges. Did you know it was the Romans who build the first bridge that linked north and south London?

Later, we looked at famous landmarks including the London Eye, Houses of Parliament and even the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben).

When we got to the BFI, we were escorted to the cinema. We watched three short french animations. Each one was linked to the other. Then our teacher helped us to make up french sentences about the movie!

After lunch, we watched a movie called *Mune* whose character was the Guardian of the Moon. We followed his journey as he unlocked his special gift and powers.

If you would like to watch the movie at home, please scan the QR code from the worksheets from the day.

Merci et au revoir!

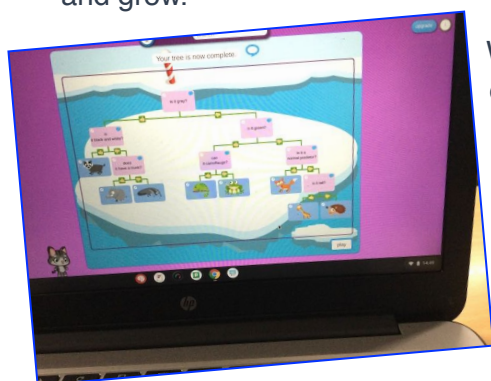
Jennifer Y5



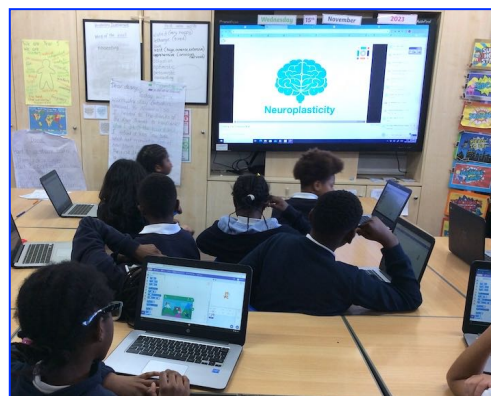
Y5 arrive at The British Film Institute for their French workshop - and also ran into an old hero!

Coding our emotions

This week Year 5 joined the *Institute of Imagination* to learn about how we can rewire our brains! We learned about neuroplasticity - which is how we use our brain to change and grow.



We used our coding skills on *Scratch* to create new games to help people to code their emotions. We followed step by step instructions and were able to use the camera on the laptops to use our video as part of the game! We are coders and game developers!



When it comes to courage, our Year 5's (and 1 year 4) showed they are made of strong stuff when they took part in a dodge-ball competition against Year 6s from other schools. Read our exciting news report below by Evie, Nicoleta and Isabella:

'On Friday 17th November, 9 Year 5s and one Year 4 travelled to Rokeby school to take part in a KS2 Dodgeball Competition. We had to play five schools in the group stages. We had to play each school 6 times. Our first match was exciting and we won some and lost some of the rounds. We did



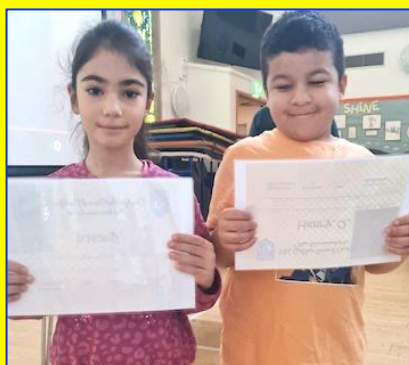
well against the others and at the end of the group stages, we finished second in the group. In the semi-finals, we played well but lost so we finished joint third. We had a great time and did well because all the other schools had Year 6.

Our Year 5s were very brave and Ms Adams is very proud of them all.'

Golden Assembly & Birthdays



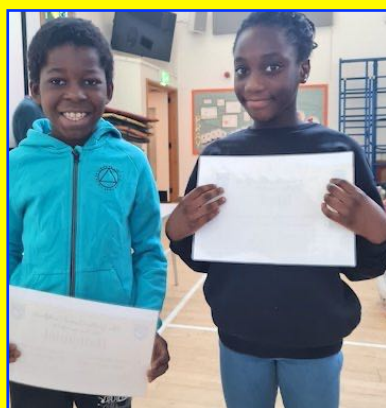
Y1



Y2



Y3



Y3



Y4



Y5



Happy Birthday!

And finally...

We love it when our students do extra learning at home but one of our Year 4 students went above and beyond with his home learning. As part of his Ancient Greeks studies in Topic and his ECO learning about the environment, he created 3 stunning models made from recycled materials. He is a very talented young man and has the makings of a great architect. Well done - and St Luke's is very proud of you.



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)

November

20th-24th Parent Meetings week

28th Google online safety assembly – KS2

29th Architecture in Schools awards – Tower Hamlets 5-7pm Parents invited to attend with their Y4 child

December

1st Christmas pudding Assembly 9am

1st PM KS2 Debate – Parents invited

5th Y3 Build a New World visit

7th & 8th YN Home visits for new children

11th Bishop Lynne visits St. Luke's 9am Parents invited

12th PM EYFS Nativity – Parents invited

13th Choir singing Christmas Carols at Waitrose to raise money for River Foodbank

14th PM Little Red Riding Hood visiting Pantomime

15th AM Christmas Music assembly

15th PM KS1 Christmas show – Parents invited

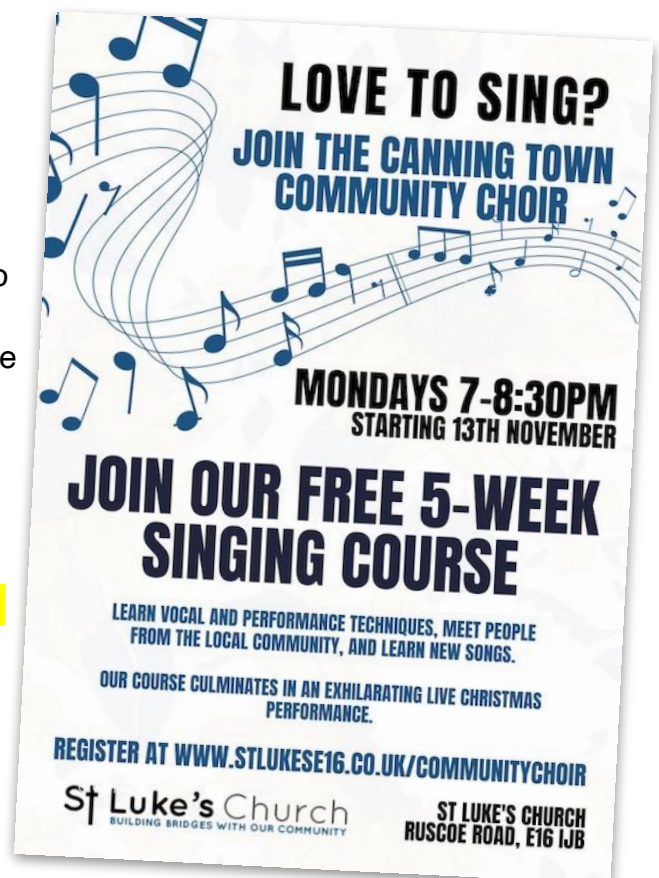
18th Dec. 9am Christingle Service Parents Invited

18th Dec PM Class Christmas parties

19th Dec. End of Term Awards – Parents invited

19th Dec. School closes for Christmas Holiday at 1pm – school re-opens normal time

Thursday the 4th January 2024



Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher