



St Luke's News

Aspiring to be just and kind. Walking humbly with God.
Growing with every opportunity



5th July, 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,



Careers Fair

Friday was the most amazing day in St. Luke's. Our Y5 & 6s had the opportunity to meet with professionals from a wide variety of jobs at our *Careers Fair*. They met with:

Gensler Architects, police officers, construction/interior design owners, nurses, members of Natwest Bank, the LBN Library service, an Aerospace Engineer, a Coder and a Barrister. The children toured each one of the professions in small groups and did some practical activities as well as having time to question the professionals. Next week they will have time to reflect on the experience and see if any of the prospective careers really 'hooked' them.

The Election



Not only was the school used for the General Election on Thursday but it also saw our elections on Wednesday 3rd July as our Year 2,3,4 & 5s elected their representatives for the *Justice, Eco and Food Committees*. We talked about how in a democracy, an election is the culmination of a campaign aimed at convincing voters to elect them. Our children followed the same path: being

nominated; convincing the voters (their fellow pupils); and then voting. Best of luck to our politicians



End of term music celebration

Friday morning saw our most talented musicians perform in our end of term music concert. You could see how the children develop through the different year groups and we had some of our Alumni performing as well to show our parents where this musical journey can take their children.



Staff Goodbyes

Our very hard-working and much loved Deputy Head, **Fiona Norcross**, is retiring at the end of this term after nine years at St. Luke's during which she has transformed SEND practice and worked tirelessly on RE and Relationships, Health & Sexual Education, navigating us through a subject that can cause tensions. She will be holding a goodbye SEND coffee morning at 9am on the 16th July for all those parents whom she has worked closely with and those who would like to say goodbye.

Miss Sheldon O'Garro also leaves us at the end of term to move to a school in Croydon near to where she now lives. Sheldon has spent a successful 3 years at St. Luke's, teaching in Years 3,4 & 5 and has chaired our *Justice Committee*. Please share your appreciation for Miss O'Garro at our **Carnival** on Friday afternoon the 12th of July which she is also helping to organise.

New clubs arrangement for September 2024

Our school, alongside the vast majority of schools, is facing a very challenging financial situation and for many years have kept *Breakfast & Afterschool* clubs as cheap as possible but this has come at a cost to the school that we can no longer continue to support. Last year we sourced some providers that worked in local schools but we felt they wanted too much money - much more than we ask you for. However we have found a company, called Superstar Sports who we interviewed and were impressed with. Their charge for After School club will be £11 for a session until 5.45pm and £5 for Breakfast club, both of which are very similar to our charges. This change will mean that parents book directly with the company for both clubs. They will also be able to accept YR aged children to the After School club which is an improvement on what we could offer. If you use clubs please watch out for more information coming soon.



Praise for our children

We are always so proud of our pupils' achievements inside and outside of school. This week, we received a lovely email validating this from the team behind **The Line Art Trail**.

"I'd like to say a massive thank you to you, your colleagues, and your wonderful year 5 students at St Luke's. They were so well behaved and attentive to our art installations and surrounding nature. I was really impressed by their knowledge of the local area and enthusiasm/willingness to create their maps. I hope we can work again in the future – we'd be happy to welcome your students to The Line again any time!"



Online safety is important to protect our children from negative influences. This week we have seen the internet expose our pupils to inappropriate and potentially offensive terms such as the 'N' word. This could have been heard in a new Netflix programme 'Supacell' which some of our children have watched even though they are too young to watch it. Sadly, these words were heard and repeated in school. The school was swift to act and explain why these words were unacceptable in school, at home and in the community. Please be vigilant by creating a safe online environment, in this way we can help prevent these negative influences and ensure that children can explore the digital world in a secure and healthy manner.

Your Views

At St Luke's Primary School, we continually strive to create the best possible learning environment for our students. To help us improve and attract new parents to our school community, we would greatly appreciate your views about your experience with us. Your honesty and praise if due are very important to helping us shape our future. Please scan the QR code above to access a form to capture your thoughts about what you feel makes St Luke's special, what you would like prospective parents to know about St Luke's and things we can improve on your child's successes at our school.



Class of 2019 Reunion



An illustration of how our families and children feel about their time at school came this week with a **Class of 2019 Reunion**, organised totally by the parents of the class. It was a joy to see and hear about the journey our ex-pupils are on and meet up again with their parents and Mr Durrant who travelled down from Worcester especially to see the children - this could become an annual event for Y11 pupils.

Year 5s & 6s visit the UTC in Beckton



Whilst some of our 5s & 6s were playing in the Newham Football Finals this week, the rest attended another Lego workshop conducted by World Teacher of the Year nominee Shafina Vohra.

The children love our link with this secondary provider who specialises in apprenticeship training for the tech industries as it allows them to practically solve design problems that are set for them.



Y3 Library visit & the Summer Reading Challenge

This week, Year 3 took a trip to the local library. They learned how to find key books and that they can take a whopping 25 books home at one time! Although, maybe a handful at a time is wiser!



Each pupil knows the books that they would love to read. Please take some time over the summer to take books out and join in the Summer Reading Challenge. Every pupil who reads 6 books over the summer break will be celebrated in a special achievement assembly in the Autumn term. Which year will be the most avid readers? I think year 3 have a very good headstart!

The Library also has a wonderful schedule of reading, listening to stories, arts & craft sessions and Lego building to stimulate your child's imagination (see poster right).



School Life this week:



Bikeability day for Y3



Y4 at the Olympic Pool



EYFS Sports Day - kids and...



Mums!

Diary Dates

9th YR Graduation Day – Parents Welcome

9th YN Graduation Day – Parents Welcome

9th Y2 visit to Leigh-on-Sea

11th All After School clubs end for the Summer

11th Y3 visit new Sikh Temple Barking Rd.

11th After School clubs close for the rest of Term

12th St. Luke's Carnival PM Parents Welcome 1-4pm

12th YN closes for Summer

16th AM SEND Coffee Morning

16th 2pm Y6 Show Parents Welcome

17th 9am Y6 Leavers Service Parents Welcome

18th 9am End of Year celebration Assembly Parents Welcome

Thursday 18th July School closes for Summer Holidays at 1pm – School reopens for children on Weds. 4th September 2024 for Y1-Y6 with Breakfast Club. After School clubs begin Mon. 9th September. EYFS start times will vary, parents will get individual letters

Have a peaceful weekend

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a vertical line and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that extends to the right.

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher