



St Luke's News

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



10th January, 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

A school without children is like an empty shop – it cannot fulfil its purpose, so it was fantastic to have the children back this week. I know as a parent myself, how we are often really glad when the holidays are over and routines return but I hope you all had some relaxing time together and on behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for your kind Christmas wishes and gifts - and we also wish all of our families a Happy New Year and best of luck for 2025!

New time for the gates to open at the end of the day

The Spring term is the most important period for learning in the school year. The Autumn term can involve a lot of settling into new environments and work patterns and by the Summer, tests and tiredness take over. It is in Spring where a lot of the deep level learning occurs. So as we embark on this period we are going to delay opening the gates by 5 minutes at the end of the school day. From Monday 13th Jan. the gates will not be opened until 3.05pm to minimise any disruption to the last part of the learning day – I hope this doesn't cause anyone any inconvenience but it will help the older children to stay focused.

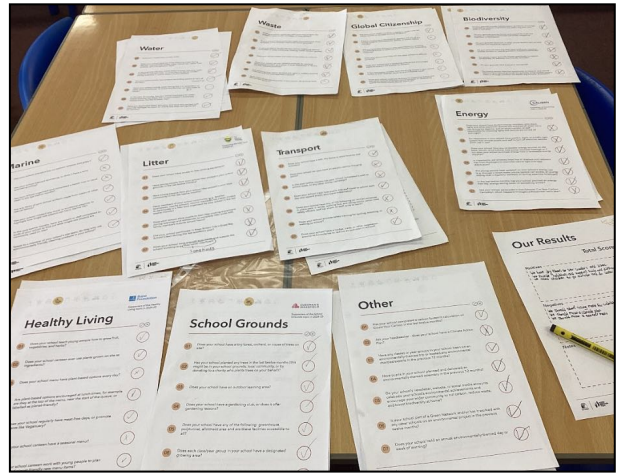


In the News

This week saw our Y5s & Y6s take part in the Newham Indoor Athletics competition and although you will find out more about how they did in next week's newsletter (pictures and write up by the children) I can let you know that they **WON!!**

Other winners this week included YR who won the 'Class of the Week' trophy for their magnificent return to school. Their learning behaviours are really developing and the great news is they retained all of their fun, humour and zest for life!

Eco committee representing our school and guiding the Borough



Next Tuesday sees our Eco Committee attend the Newham Schools' Council Conference at Elmhurst School. The Committee have been asked to give a presentation to all the school councils to help them with their sustainability and climate change plans – an honour indeed – more information to come next week.

Message of thanks from *Your Place* charity who joined our Choir carol singing and fundraising in December

“Hi St. Luke’s,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and that the new year is off to a fantastic start! We have awarded you a fundraising certificate for the school (see below), to recognise the incredible efforts of the pupils. The certificate includes an image from the day and highlights the amazing amount we were able to raise for local homeless people, through their wonderful carol singing. Their hard work and enthusiasm made such a difference, and it was truly inspiring to see the community come together for such a great cause. We would absolutely love the opportunity to work with St. Luke’s again in the future. Thank you so much for your continued support—it means the world to us and makes a real impact.


Warm regards,

Niamh Slator
Support/Care Officer “




Upcoming Workshop...

Phonics Stay and Play



Join us on
**Wednesday, 29th January at
8:50 AM**
for our EYFS Phonics Stay and Play session. You'll see phonics techniques in action and how to support your child/ren at home.

Stay connected
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...and a message from West Ham Sea Cadets for Y5&6 children

"My name is Nicola Barratt, from West Ham Sea Cadets and I am writing to you regarding our upcoming open evening that some of your pupils and parents maybe interested in. We recently helped out at your Christmas event when asked by Jing and were grateful for the opportunity to talk to your pupils and other attendees about the Sea Cadets.

The Junior Sea Cadets offer a fun programme for 10 to 12 year olds. They will get hands on learning experience of the custom and traditions of the Royal Navy that encourages them to learn life skills through land activities and water-sports.

*Come along and join us at our open evening being held at West Ham Sea Cadet unit (see poster below) on **Thursday 16th January at 7pm**, to find out what we do and perhaps join our unit."*



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Junior Sea Cadets offers a fun programme for 10-12 years old. They will get hands on learning experience of the custom and traditions of the Royal Navy that encourages them to learn life skills through land activities and [water-sports](#).

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Annual camps and more!

STEM

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 16th JANUARY @7PM
Location: St Margaret & All Saints' Church, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town, E16 4HB
For more information [Email: westhamscc.co@gmail.com](mailto:westhamscc.co@gmail.com)
Officer in Charge – Petty Officer (SCC) G Brodie

Diary Dates

January

- 13th New Starters in YN this week
- 14th Eco Committee speak to LBN School Councils on sustainability
- 17th 2 staff attend Education 4 Change Conference in Stratford
- 20th Martin Luther King assembly
- 20th London Fire Brigade visiting Y2 & Y5 for safety talks
- 20th Y3 visiting the British Museum
- 22nd Y6 visiting Natural History Museum
- 23rd Y4 visiting British Museum
- 27th Holocaust Memorial Ass.
- 27th Panathlon Sports tournament
- 29th Chinese New Year (Snake) assembly & lunch
- 29th Phonics workshop for EYFS parents 9am
- 30th KS2 Livestream spoken word workshop
- 31st YN visit to Canning Town Library

February

- 5th Y3/4 Indoor Athletics festival
- 6th Y4 meet with a scientist online
- 11th Arch Deacon Mike visits St. Luke's AM
- 12th Special River of Hope assembly
- 13th Y4 visit to Canning Town Library

17th Feb – 21st Feb – School closed for Half-term – School reopens as normal on Mon. 24th Feb. with breakfast and After-School clubs both running

February Contd.

- 26th Trees for Cities working with Eco Committee
- 27th Ramadan/Eid awareness Ass.

March

- 3rd Dental fluoride for Yn-Y1 for those with permission
- 5th Vision & hearing tests for YR
- 7th World Book Day – non-uniform
- 12th Y5 visit to Tudor Museum
- 19th London Youth Games
- 19th Switched on Assembly – safety by rail tracks
- 24th -28th Parent meetings all week
- 26th Y6 on subsidized visit to Lion King show
- 27th Y5 visit Cody Dock
- 28th Anti gangs workshops for Y5 & Y6

April

- 2nd Y3/4 Easter performance for parents

Mon 7th April – Mon. 21st April – School closed for Easter Holidays – School reopens as normal on Tues 22nd April with breakfast and After-School clubs both running

Have a lovely and peaceful weekend



Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher