



# St Luke's News

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

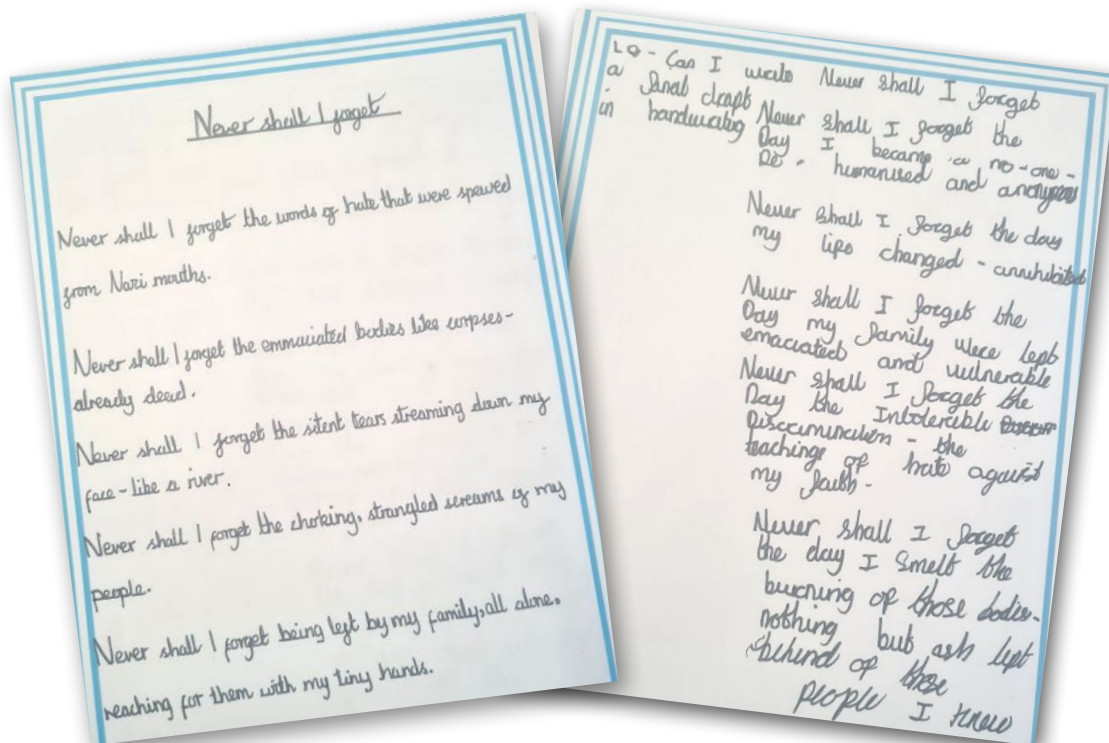


## Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2025



After more in-depth sessions with Y5&6 the previous week, Monday saw the whole school join in with commemorations around the world to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Death Camp in Poland.

An important part of the commemoration was to recognise when a group is being isolated and demonised as part of the preparation for evil and how we can stop that from happening again. We talked about how religious beliefs alongside age and race form some of this country's Protected Characteristics but also that the fight against hatred is always taking place. Next week we look at diversity in the way we learn as a society. Below are some poems from our Y6s in which they try to imagine the horror of the death camps.





**Happy New Year** to all our Chinese families as they celebrate the Year of the Wood Snake. This is important to me as I myself and one of my sons were born in Years of the Snake, many years apart! The children revisited the story behind the 12 year chinese Zodiac, found out which animals they were born under and had a special lunch cooked by the kitchen staff.

### Whatsappening!

We are excited to introduce our new St Luke's WhatsApp channel! We've heard your feedback on improving communication, and we're trialling this platform to help keep you better informed.

### How to Join:

1. **Scan the QR Code:** Simply scan the QR code provided to join our channel.
2. **Click Follow:** After scanning, click 'Follow' to start receiving updates directly from the school.

### Important Information:

- **Updates Only:** Please note that this channel is for sending updates only such as the latest newsletter and you won't be able to reply to messages or notifications.
- **Contacting the School:** For any inquiries or communication, please continue to use our usual contact methods of phone/email/class dojo/Google classroom.



We value your feedback! If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can make the most of this channel, feel free to email us at [ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk](mailto:ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk). Thank you for your support as we work to enhance our communication with you.

### Teaching Phonics session for parents in YR

Miss Yeter ran a teaching of phonics session on Wednesday morning this week and it gave the children a chance to show off their skills but also a chance for parents to see some of the strategies that are seen to work well. We will hold a follow up session one evening to build on this, please look out for details.



## **B B C** TINY HAPPY PEOPLE

The BBC are taking part in the Early Years Alliance's free online family festival – further details on the BBC website here: '[Home is where the start is: a world of possibilities](#)'. Its a three-day online festival running from Thursday 13th February to Saturday 15th February 2025. We hope your families might be interested, they can book to attend as many or as few **free sessions** as they like.

We are delivering an introduction to Tiny Happy People session on Thursday 13th February at 2:00pm - 2:30pm. And our Lead, Janet Cooper, is running a fun and informative activity play session on Friday 14th February at 1pm - 1.45pm: Get talking with Sound Play!

**Free tickets can be booked here.** We also have an interactive online guide to Tiny Happy People on our webpage here, just scroll down to the 'How to use the site and get involved' and our ['quick guide to the website'](#)

## Next Friday morning, 7<sup>th</sup> February

### Family Coffee Morning

Newham Family Support services are coming to our school hall. This is a great opportunity to see what our local authority are offering the community in the way of free help and advice - from parenting support to financial advice, housing advocacy, to local activities and events. We will be only the second school roadshow to have been delivered so please come along.



**FAMILY COFFEE MORNING**  
7TH FEBRUARY 2025  
9:00AM



**JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF VALUABLE SUPPORT AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES LED BY NEWHAM FAMILY HUB NETWORK! THE FAMILY HUB ROADSHOW WILL FEATURE A SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS COVERING KEY TOPICS SUCH AS:**

- Resources for parents of children with additional needs
- Parenting support
- Toileting guidance
- Healthy eating habits
- Managing screen time
- Enhancing parental interaction with children
- Online safety tips

In addition, there will be a team available to assist with:

- Local activities and events
- Financial advice and support
- Housing advocacy
- Food and educational resources

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

Newham London

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HTTPS://FAMILIES.NEWHAM.GOV.UK/



### Message from the London Fire Brigade Free Home Fire Safety Visits

A fire can start in any room and the effects can be devastating, even a small fire in your home can lead to substantial damage and expensive repairs. The LFB want to stop fires from happening and that is why we offer free home fire safety visits to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

#### What happens during a home fire safety visit?

Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs, this includes; information on how to prevent fires, the importance of smoke alarms to detect a fire and your escape plan in the event of a fire. A visit can take up to 90 minutes or longer if needed and we will fit free smoke alarms if required.

Specialist alarms can be fitted for people who may have a delayed response to escape for example; strobe light and vibrating pad alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

#### How to book a Home Fire Safety Visit:

Freephone: 0800 028 4428

Email: [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk)

Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

# GROW BOX

Welcome to *Grow Box*, a relaunch of the Canning Town regeneration hub on Vincent Street –(see map →→→→).

Grow Box will be a space that we intend to:

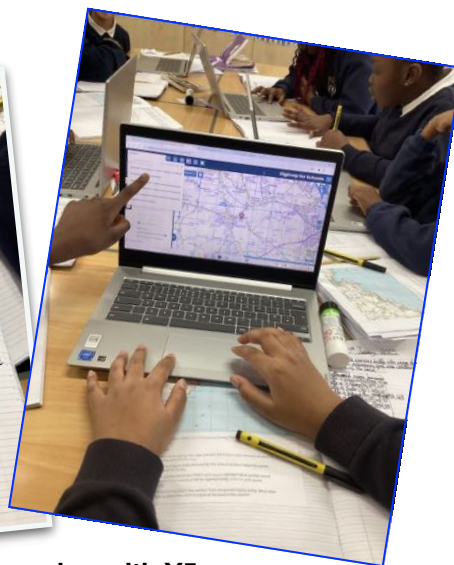
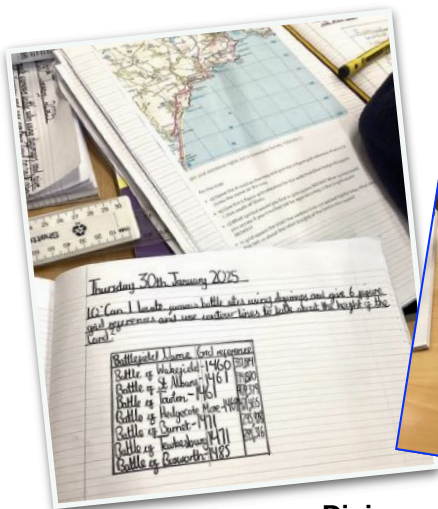
- grow through gardening
- grow skills in workshops
- grow enterprise through markets
- grow relationships through supper clubs and events
- grow knowledge through events and talks



We are looking for local people who are interested in running activities for other local people. If you'd like to know more, or are interested in holding a workshop / class, please contact us at [madeline@make-good.com](mailto:madeline@make-good.com)

Don't worry if it's the first time you've ever held a workshop - we just want people who are passionate about sharing their skills with the community - we'll help you work out the best way to use Grow Box as a platform for doing that.

## In the News

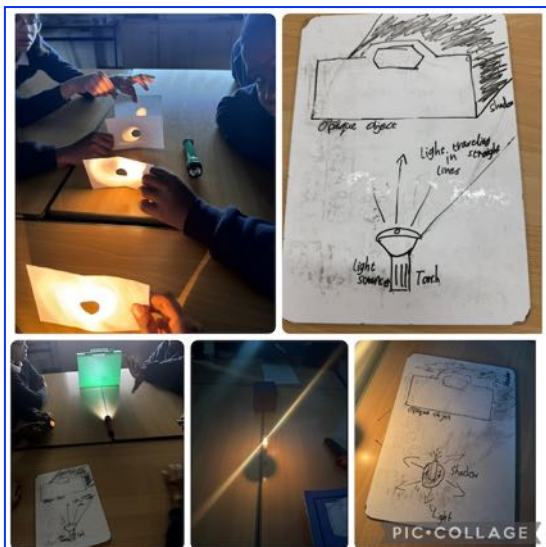


Digimapping with Y5

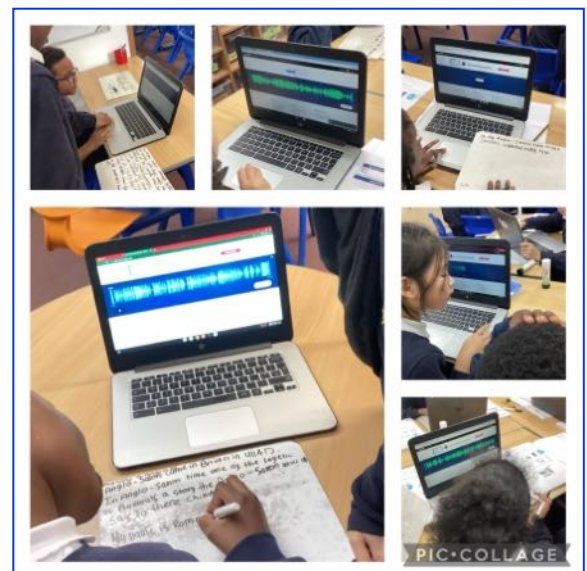


'Egg'citing playground science!

Y4's podcast about Saxons



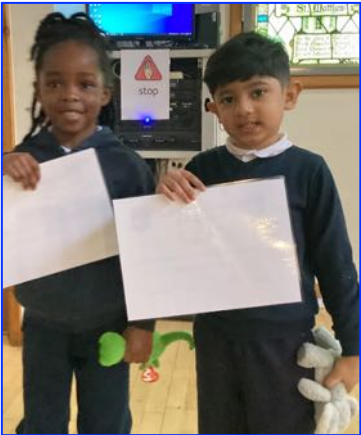
The science of Light and Shadow



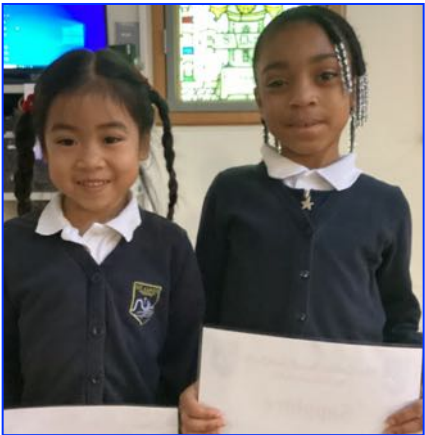
# "KNOW YOURSELF, GROW YOURSELF"

Children's Mental Health Week! Next week 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at St. Luke's

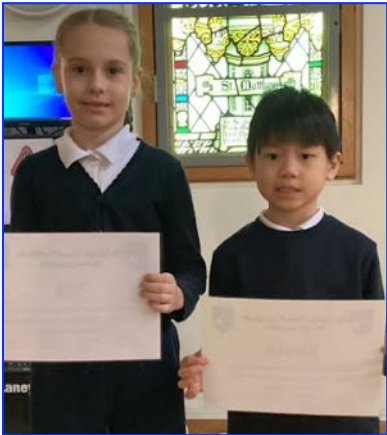
## Golden Assembly & Birthdays



YR



Y1



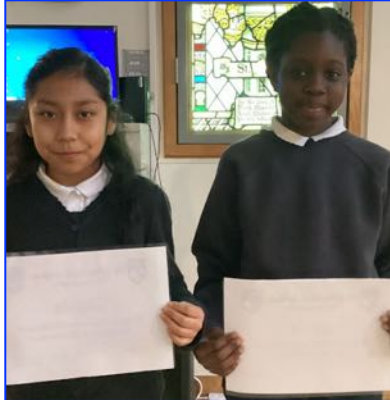
Y2



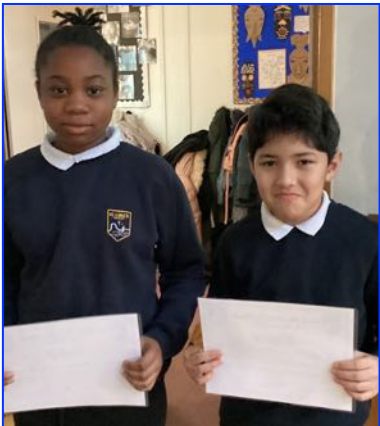
Y3



Y4 & Class of the Week



Y5



Y6



Homework Experts

## Diary Dates

### February

5<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Indoor Athletics festival  
6<sup>th</sup> Y4 meet with a scientist online  
7<sup>th</sup> Parents from YN, YR & Y1 invited to a Coffee morning to raise awareness of Family Hubs in Newham  
11<sup>th</sup> Arch Deacon Mike visits St. Luke's AM  
12<sup>th</sup> Special River of Hope assembly  
13<sup>th</sup> Y4 visit to Canning Town Library

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

### February (Contd.)

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

### March

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

### April

2<sup>nd</sup> Y3/4 Easter performance for parents

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

### A thought for the day:

*“Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better”*  
– Maya Angelou

### Have a lovely and peaceful weekend



Matt Hipperson HT

