



St Luke's News

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



Friday 1st February 2019

Dear Parents,

This week Mr. Scott led the school in an assembly celebrating young carers.

These are children who, alongside their own busy lives, have a part in caring for a family member. There are over 800,000 children in the UK in this situation and they often miss out on schooling, holidays and the smaller things in life that we all take for granted. After the assembly some children came forward to tell Mr Scott and Ms Regan about their situations: some of which we knew about and some of which were unknown to us. A big thank you to Mr. Scott (who runs sessions for young carers in Barking & Dagenham) for bringing this important topic to our attention.

Inspiration this week from Mrs Tarbuck

This week Mrs Tarbuck was involved in so many events (aside from teaching) it seemed like she either had a hologram of herself running around, or a twin sister in school I didn't know she had!

On Tuesday morning *and* evening, she led sessions to 'up-skill' Y5 & 6 parents in their ability to help their children do their best in the Y6 reading SATs (many thanks to the 25% of the parents that were able to come and we will run it one more time after half-term on Thursday 28th February).



Then on Thursday after school, she went to St. Angela's to see a new grammar App for children which we are evaluating, *then* today she arranged a fantastic storytelling day whereby everyone had their 'jammies' and onesie's on for a special session where pupils were either acting out a story, constructing the story or simply lying down with a cuddly toy enjoying a story as you might at home.

Session for Y5&6 Parents

As mentioned in the above article, we will run another 'Up-Skilling' session for Y6 parents on Thursday, 28th February, 5pm.

Athletics Final

On Thursday our Y5/6 indoor athletics team took part in the finals at Kingsford School in Beckton. They competed in a variety of track and field disciplines and finished the competition as the fourth best team in Newham - an amazing achievement for the smallest school in the borough.

School Uniform

As of 12th February, Tesco will no longer run the school uniform supply site. A new company called 'My Clothing' will be taking it over. It will run exactly the same and they offer the same incentives as Tesco did with the 5% donation to the school still being applicable. Here is the link for the company (which can also be found in the 'Uniform' section of our school's website): www.myclothing.com

Contributions towards school trips

We have worked very hard at providing good quality experiences and trips for our children and we will fight hard to keep this going. However, you will be aware of significant government cutbacks to school budgets and we are approaching the second year of a four year decline in school budgets. With this in mind, we no longer have surplus money to provide all the smaller trips for free and we are going to start asking for a voluntary contribution for most trips to reduce the expenses the school faces. This is so we can continue to offer as wide a range of 'hooks' for learning as possible.

And finally...**Well-done to today's Golden Children!**



Have a peaceful weekend!

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Spring dates for your diary

February

- 4th - Y6 mock SATs week
- 5th Boccia competition PM
- 8th - Parent workshop around healthy eating for the family
- 13th Spiritual artwork for KS2 with Steve Kersys
- 13th - Y5 Citizens day Tate & Lyle
- 13th - No clubs due to staff training
- 14th Y3/4 girls football tournament
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18th-22nd SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF-TERM (WiFi also being upgraded)

- 25th - Whole school Science Engagement Day
- 27th Y5/6 Table Tennis competition Langdon School

March

- 5th - Y4&5 visiting Chelmsford Cathedral
- Eco Drama Day for EYFS & KS1
- 13th-15th Book Fayre at school
- 15th - St. Luke's World Book Day celebrations
- 25th - Hamlet (Young Shakespeare Co.) with Y5&6 all day
- 26th & 27th Parent Evenings 3.30-6pm
- 29th 'Wear a Hat' day for brain cancer research

April

- 3rd - Y3/4 Easter production for parents - 2 PM
- 4th - **School closes for Easter**