



St Luke's News

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



Friday 12th July 2019

Dear Parents,

In twenty years of working in and around schools I have never experienced a week like this week!

There was the usual business of a school: transition days; new teachers for next year visiting; recruiting the last 2 staff we required for next year...but then it became surreal.

On Monday we had an Opera performance for our EYs & KS1 children on the story of 'Peace at Last' and then on Tuesday morning we were notified of the Y6 SATs results which saw them achieve 93% at the expected level and 23% at the higher standard – results that are unprecedented for us since the introduction of the new national Curriculum in 2014. A massive thanks goes to our phenomenally dedicated and talented staff, to our fantastic parents working in a true partnership and *most* of all to the **most** amazing Y6 class I have ever had the privilege to work with!



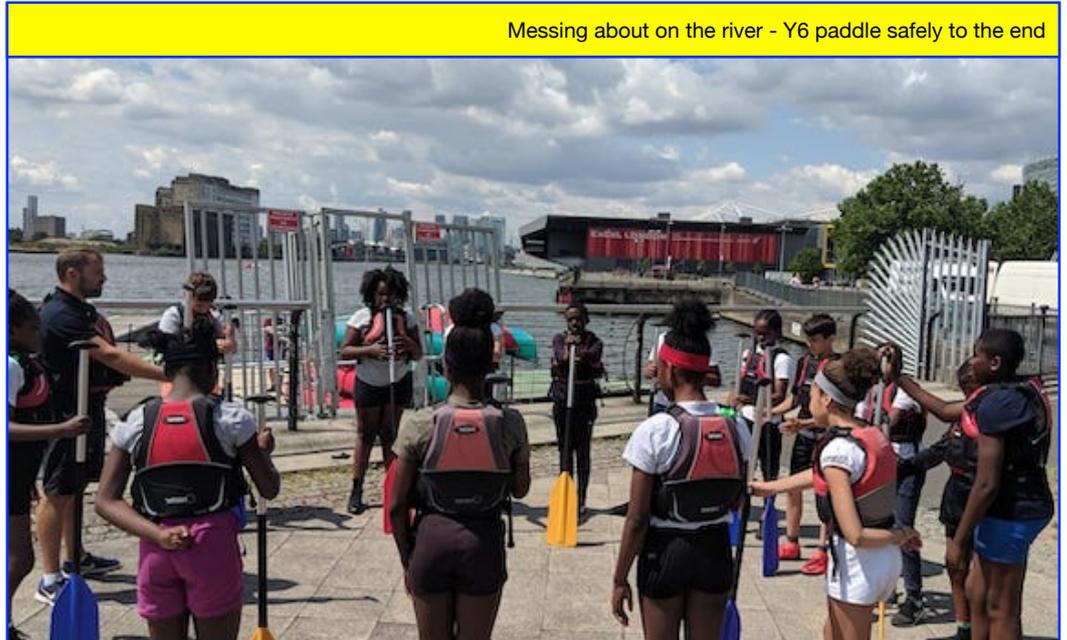
But being St. Luke's that wasn't the end! On Tuesday after school our Y5/6 boys team travelled to Langdon Secondary School to play in the LBN 9-a-side Football Final, beating Chobham Academy 3-1 in a hard fought game where our superior team-work overcame some 'star' players – it was never really in doubt. Then on Thursday our girls' Y4/5/6 football team played in the All Girls



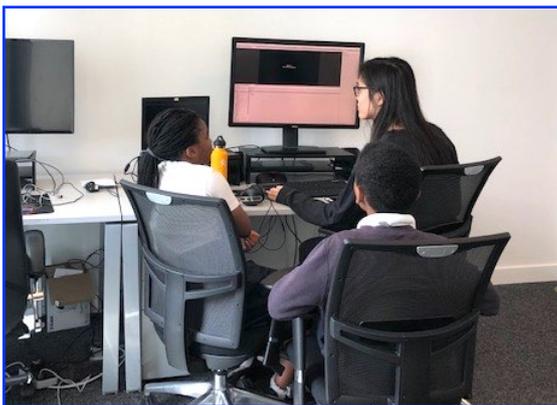
London Borough of Newham Football Champions 2019
(with their biggest fans!)

LBN 9-a-side Football final, beating our neighbours Hallsville 2-1 in a titanic battle secured by a wonder-save by our captain. There was also a fun YR Graduation party, an organised biking sessions for Y4, other tournaments attended by the school and to top it all, Y6 had their final session of rowing on the Royal Docks!

Messing about on the river - Y6 paddle safely to the end



As I said to the parents in assembly, we are not unique with the talent we have – all schools have this talent - but the success we are having is due to the coaching and opportunities the staff provide that are often planned for after-school and at weekends.



Comfy chairs and app design. Y5 go high-tech

Internship Week (continued)

This week, *Kalamtech Educational APP Company* hosted some Y5 pupils in their tech studio. Pupils took part in work experience alongside artists, coders and programmers. We got a behind-the-scenes tour of what goes into designing, creating and marketing an app. Pupils were then treated to a business lunch and reflected on their day's learning whilst travelling the cable-cars home (see pupil voice below):

Aanil: "I loved the artist studio with Akira and can't wait to go again. I learned so much!"

Adeolu: "I enjoyed the work experience because I got to experience every part of the Kalamtech studio. My favourite part was working with Rob - I got the opportunity to see the different types of tech used to create the game."

Josie: "I enjoyed visiting Kalamtech as we saw the amount of coding they had to do to code the game. I could not believe there were thousands of lines of code needed! It blew my mind! My favourite station was with Fernando who showed me how to adapt and change code. It was like a behind the scenes studio tour!"

Matheus: "I loved visiting Kalamtech because I like working with technology and making things using code and creativity. I enjoyed the business lunch too...especially the chocolate fountain."

Sakhr: "I enjoyed working with Akira the artist because he was using research to improve his design for the games."

2019 International Fete

Friday after school saw our latest annual fete comprising stalls, bouncy castles, a West Ham run penalty shoot-out, a visit from our local fire station and as ever, glorious food from our parents. This is always one of the highlights of the year and this was no exception - but it requires a lot of forethought and planning. So when you can, please thank the office staff who started planning this back in the Spring term.



Fun & games at our Annual International Fete



St Luke's first Annual Exhibition Evening

Next Tuesday we will hold our first annual Exhibition Evening. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you their work and also take you to the classroom they will be in from next September. **But please note:** this is not a parent teacher meeting. If you have any queries about their report, then you can make an appointment with the teacher as you would normally do during the rest of the year. It is designed to be a celebration of the children's achievements this year and with that in mind, there will be music performances from our children (with Newham Music staff talking about the Saturday Orchestra provision in the lobby area), a sporting tribute, an APP demonstration in the main hall and refreshments for all. Please come along and celebrate with us!

Chickenpox

We have had a few reported cases of chickenpox at school. Please make sure to do regular checks of your children and if you think your child child has chickenpox, please inform the office.

School uniform standards for next term

As from September, we will be far more pro-active with maintaining uniform standards at St Luke's. Please make sure you read our uniform policy ([see our website](#)) to ensure your child adheres to uniform expectations. This includes length of girls' skirts (knee-length) and sensible black shoes (not trainers).

And finally...celebrations with Golden Assembly and Early Years graduation!



Remember this is Newham Show weekend in Central Park, East Ham (see flyer below).

Have a great weekend.

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher



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16th July Exhibition Evening (parents able to look at their child's work and where they are going next year 3.30-6pm)

18th Y6 End of year performance 5pm

19th Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

19th School closes for the Summer at 1pm

NEWHAM SHOW



Visit the Visiting Team - July 13th-14th Central Park from 12noon to 6pm

The Council's Recycling & Outreach experts will be on hand to help and advise.

Plus - all the inter-active games, quizzes and activities on display can be brought to your community neighbourhood centre, library, school etc...
to educate, amuse and inform

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