



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 7th September 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to you all - it has been so nice to see everybody again this week. The children have been fantastic. Whilst many staff have been in at different times during the holidays to get ready for this academic year, it needs the children and parents to come back to make it all worthwhile!

The holidays are a great time to recharge ourselves, but for some they can be very challenging, especially if you have to work and keep your children active. I have appreciated this even more this year, as my mother passed away a few weeks ago and the funeral was this week. Through all the pain however, I have found it a very faith-affirming experience and, in the way of life, it was counter balanced by a member of staff becoming a grandmother on the same day my mother died. Through all we do in school we encourage the children to reflect on and at times lean upon their faith and that has certainly worked for me.

Growth Mindset or The Art of 'I can't do it...yet!'

In our welcome assembly on Wednesday, we introduced the children to the power of '**Growth Mindset**' and how we need to exercise our most important muscle - the brain!. We explained how many successful people - whether Einsteins, Bolts or Ronaldos - only became who they were by making mistakes, learning from them and refusing to give up! You as parents are your child's biggest role models. If they have a task to do and get it wrong, instead of scolding them, try to encourage them to try again. Show them that we are all on a journey of learning and we all make mistakes - but only those with '*Growth Mindset*' and who are willing to embrace those mistakes, improve their knowledge and skillset.

Music

It is with great excitement that I can finally announce that Newham Music Service start their Saturday orchestras practicing at St. Luke's from 22nd September onwards. The school has been working towards this outcome for a year and it means that our pupils will have free access to the orchestras and that our Autistic children will have pride of place in the brand new orchestra being formed especially for children with those specific needs throughout the Borough. John Bergin, the head of Newham Music, has been visiting the school regularly over the last year and has always commented on what '*a special feel it has!*'



And on the subject of the Arts, it is with great pleasure that we can announce that the school is now part of the *'Unicorn Schools Club'*. This doesn't mean mythical horse shape creatures are visiting but even better! We are now members of the Unicorn Theatre alongside many other prestigious schools across London. This means staff will benefit from highly qualified training days and that pupils will benefit with specially discounted shows at the Unicorn theatre. We are very fortunate to have many visits to the Unicorn theatre booked for the next academic year!

And finally...

In two weeks' time (Tues/Wed, 18th/19th September) you are invited to join us for a 'Meet the Teacher' morning (8.45-9.30am) where you will be given the opportunity of learning more about how we teach your children and also how you can support your child. Watch out for more information in next week's newsletter.

Until then,

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Forthcoming Dates

Tues 11th Sept.....Y6 Transition Meeting 3.30pm

Tues 18th Sept.....Key Stage 2 Meet the Teacher 8.45am

Weds 19th Sept..... Key Stage 1 Meet the Teacher 8.45am



Driving a hard bargain: Our Eco group harvested lots of healthy organic vegetables from our gardens this week, selling to parents at the end of the day