



# St Luke's News

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



**30th June 2023**

Dear Parents & Carers,



*At St Luke's we have always had a strong connection with our surroundings and ecology, but this year we have taken it further as a part of the Zero Carbon Schools project. Year 4 have been working all year to learn more about climate change, its causes, its effects and what they can do to be change-makers and stop it. Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> June was one of the projects they have been promoting - 'No Electricity Day' - which saw the whole school banned from using any electrical devices!*

We had an amazing day from using our mapping skills to complete treasure hunts, using the Monet Garden for outdoor sound poetry, the outdoor classroom and playground for maths, the Eco Garden for making bird feeders and



some shared reading, the field for some baseball and camp fire activities, we even went out into the local area to do a litterpick at Kier Hardie park. It was a great day to get us all to think about our carbon footprint and the little actions we can take to make a difference. The work will continue with our 'Walk to School Week' on the last week of term!

## Strike News

Next week we are having to close the following year groups on these days due to industrial action by the National Education Union:

### Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July

Year Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 will be closed

YR, Y4 and Y5 will be open as normal & Y6 will be returning from their residential trip - Breakfast and After School club will be open as normal.

### Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July

Year Nursery, Y2, Y3, Y6 will be closed

YR, Y1, Y4 and Y5 will be open as normal - Breakfast and After School club will be open as normal.



**We are sorry for the disruption and hope the government and unions can sort this out as soon as possible.**

## Calendar for School year Sept 2023-July 2024

Click on link below for the school dates for next year academic year:

[Final academic-calendar-2023-2024 \(st-lukes.newham.sch.uk\)](https://st-lukes.newham.sch.uk/final-academic-calendar-2023-2024)

## **All about the Ben Kinsella workshop**

*(Report by Sophia, Y6)*

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June, Y6 went to the Ben Kinsella workshop in Islington to learn about knife crime. We learned that Ben Kinsella was stabbed on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008 and he was only 16 when the incident happened. He was out with his friends and siblings celebrating the finishing of the GCSEs exams. Ben and his friends were out walking on the streets when they noticed they were being followed by 3 older teenagers. They started to run but Ben stopped because he thought the boys had no reason to stab him, but unfortunately Ben got stabbed.

The 3 boys all got the same punishment because nobody could see and make a final decision on who it actually was stabbing Ben. This is called Joint Enterprise. Joint Enterprise is when someone else commits the crime, but if you were there and you didn't report it or do anything to stop it, you get the same punishment as the person committing the crime. The boys each got 19 years in prison. A life sentence back then was 15 years, but the judge didn't think that was enough so they added another 4 years on. A life sentence now would be 25 years.

In conclusion, we learnt that there is no reason to carry a knife and you can get in very serious trouble for having one on you. Knife crimes are very serious in the UK and can affect many the lives of many people, not just the person who got stabbed but their family, friends and a whole community.

## **Kidzania**

*(Report by Mercy, Y6)*

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June we went to Kidzania in Shepherd's Bush, West London. We climbed up to the top floor and into a wonderful new world. We all got visitor bracelets and Kidzo cars. We were able to participate and be employed in different career vacancies.

There were places like Shell so we could work at a Petrol Station, we could also go and work at the Police Station, the Paramedic Office and the Fire Station. There were lots of jobs but we only had a 4 hour stay so we couldn't do everything! Kidzania is something that should be recommended more across Newham schools. I believe this because it gave us real experiences.







*What I enjoyed the most was the Spy Agency because we were allowed to go undercover. Another one of my favourites was being a Police Officer because as we did our job we did with other jobs and we had unexpected events that affected everyone even the adults, showing how one small thing can have a ripple effect on everyone and affect them in a good or bad way. To do the jobs I strongly believe that we need to have teamwork and moral support for one another. Because without these two things a team cannot coexist and therefore the management will fall apart and affect everyone in it.*



**Y4 visit to Rise Climbing E16**  
Last week the Y4s continued our regular visits to the

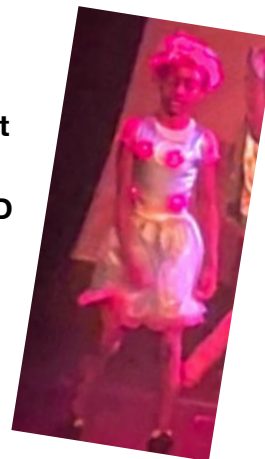
Rise Climbing Centre just around the corner from the school. They developed their climbing skills and the confidence to go 'high' – not sure I could get up there!!!





## Dancing Queen

Well done to one of our talented Year 4s who took part in a dance show at the Milfield Arts Centre last week. She was amazing and made her family (St Luke's) proud. Her next performances are at The Hackney Empire AND at The St Luke Summer Showcase on Monday 17th July at 9.15am.



## Summer Festival Games

On Tuesday 27th June, 53 of St Luke's talented Sports Boys & Girls, travelled to Newham Leisure Centre to participate in the NewhamSSP Summer Festival Games. There were 5 different sports events taking place. Sadly, the handball event was cancelled but golf, archery, athletics and boccia went ahead as planned. In golf & archery, St Luke's came 2nd and in Boccia we came 1st! We didn't win a trophy in athletics but one of our **Year 6 girls was the top scorer out of 60 girls!!** It was an amazing day and as always, our children represented St Luke's with good sportsmanship and behaviour. Well done to everyone, St Luke's is proud of you.



## *Champions All*

**Top:** Line up of all our brilliant contestants  
**Centre (L-R)** Athletics top scorer, Archery, Boccia winners  
**Front:** Golf team

***Great sportsmanship!***





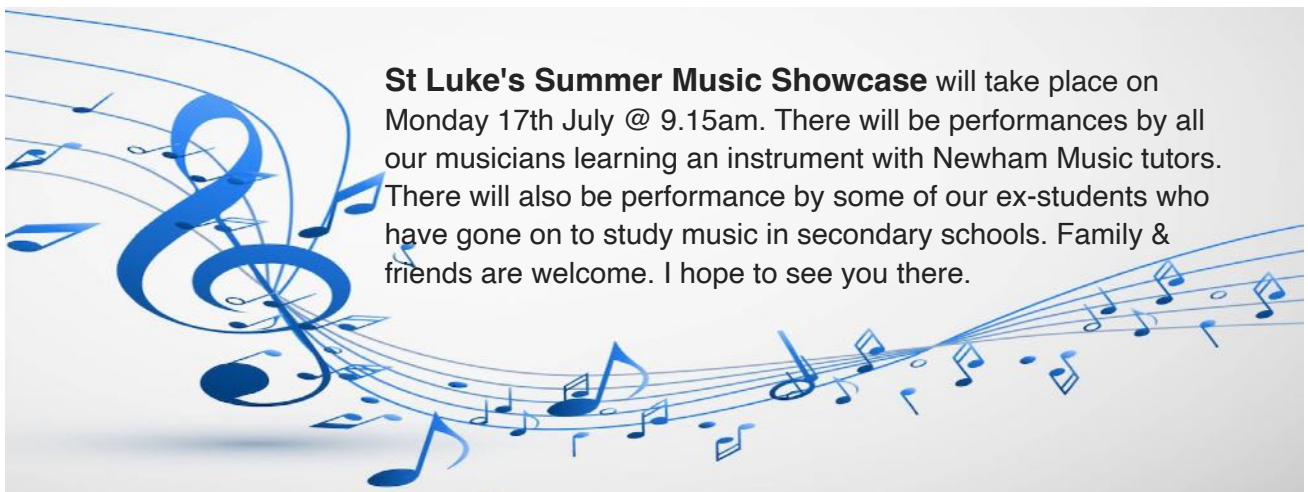
## EY & KS1 Sports Day



After two exciting days of sports, St Luke's 2023 Sports Day has come to an end. A massive well done to all our children for their effort, especially to our youngest competitors, Nursery, who were brilliant and showed off their amazing skills. Thank you to our Year 6s for running the event and for all the parents who came and supported the children on the day. **CONGRATULATIONS to EYFS & KS1 - Red Team Perseverance and KS2 - Yellow Team Respect** for being this years Sports Day winners.



*And finally...*



**St Luke's Summer Music Showcase** will take place on Monday 17th July @ 9.15am. There will be performances by all our musicians learning an instrument with Newham Music tutors. There will also be performance by some of our ex-students who have gone on to study music in secondary schools. Family & friends are welcome. I hope to see you there.



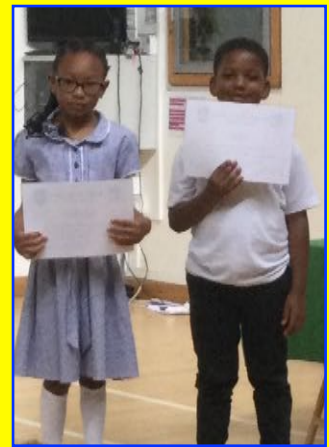
## *Golden Assembly*



**YR**



**Y1**



**Y2**



**Y3**



**Y4**



**Y5**



**Y6**



**Birthdays**

## ABC Sports Festival



Please check out Newham's *Family Hub Network Launch* flyer at the end of this letter and also make a note of the final month's events dates.

**Matt Hipperson**  
**Head Teacher**

*Have a great week and see you all on Monday.*

### **Upcoming Dates**

July 3rd-5th Y6 Residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre

July 5<sup>th</sup> Strike Day

July 3rd- 14<sup>th</sup> – every morning Y4 Swimming Lessons @ Olympic Pool

July 7<sup>th</sup> Strike Day

July 11<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs results published

July 13<sup>th</sup> end of Year Reports going out to parents

July 14<sup>th</sup> PM St. Luke's Carnival Parents Welcome

July 17<sup>th</sup> AM End of Year Music Concert

July 19<sup>th</sup> AM Y6 leavers service

July 20<sup>th</sup> End of Year Awards

July 20<sup>th</sup> School closes for Summer Holidays at 1pm



# FAMILY HUBS NETWORK LAUNCH WEEK



Join us for a series of **FREE** Family Hub Launch events for Newham families and parents-to-be

**Monday 24 to 29 July 2023**

Events will be taking place at the following locations:

- **Altmore Children's Centre**, Altmore Avenue, East Ham, E6 2BX
- **Family Hub @ East Ham Library**, 328 Barking Road, E6 2RT
- **Plaistow Children's Centre**, Plaistow Primary School, Junction Road, E13 9DQ

Activities include arts and crafts, magical stay and play, youth activities, smoothie making, henna/mehndi, face painting, bouncy castle and much more!

To book onto our Family Hub Network launch events, scan the QR code.



**WE ARE NEWHAM.**