



# St Luke's News

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



22nd September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Sorry there was no newsletter last week as we had some technical problems but we are back this week with a bumper issue!

It was great to see so many of our families come into school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to our '*Meet the Teacher*' event. It is designed to not only keep you informed of what and why we do things but also to let you begin the effective relationship between school and home that allows our children to thrive. If you were unable to make the meeting the slideshows will be loaded on your Google class pages.

## Trip to Parliament

As part of our Justice Committee's work on democracy and how to improve their world the committee went to the 'Mother' of modern parliaments, ours! They toured the building, went into the Lords' Chamber, saw the speaker of the House, Lindsay Hoyle, walk by and took part in a workshop on how to debate effectively. They will be able to put these skills to effective use in our annual Key Stage 2 debate at 1.30pm on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> December – parents invited. The topic you ask? The committee will set that before half-term.



## Listen to Draw!





Last week saw the Y5s listening to music to influence their drawing. As part of their *Space* topic they listened to some of Gustav Holst's *The Planets Suite* focusing on 'Mars' – this is a piece of music you would recognise but maybe wouldn't necessarily know the composer. The dramatic music led to some inspired drawings that you can check out during the next Parent Meetings which will be during the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>.





## Safeguarding Team at St. Luke's

Right is a slide highlighting the Safeguarding Team at St. Luke's – if you have


anything that concerns you, whether it is about your child/family, someone else, a struggle you are having that we could help with that would stop a problem becoming much worse, please come and chat to one of the team below:



**Safeguarding Team & who to report to if you have concerns:-**

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|  | Designated Safeguarding Lead- Matt Hipperson HT - & Primary rep on the Newham Safeguarding Children's Board (NSCB) |
|  | Deputy Safeguarding Officer- Fiona Norcross DH & SENDCo  |
|  | Family Support Officer- Debbie Phillip- Attendance & Missing in Education  |
|  | Learning Mentor & Pastoral Lead- Sarah Martin  |

Plus our CAMHS Nurse Veronica RiveraGould



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## Church News

The Church Team invites parents and carers to their Latest Alpha Course on Thursdays in the Autumn at 19:00 - 20:30 in the school hall. There'll be dinner provided and a video to have a conversation around. You can register your interest at [www.stlukese16.co.uk/alpha](http://www.stlukese16.co.uk/alpha) . There is no obligation to stay for the whole course, come and see if its for you - we're sure you'll love it!

### What is Alpha?

Great Question! Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, run over 8 weeks. Each talks looks at a different question about faith and is designed to create a conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe and everyone is welcomed.

### What can I expect?

You can expect a welcoming place to join in a conversation with space to share your thoughts, ask questions whilst joining a community of people on a journey of exploration. Oh and there's some food – we love having conversation around some food!

### What Others Say About Alpha:

*'What Alpha offers, and what is attracting thousands of people, is permission, rare in secular culture, to discuss the big questions life and death and their meaning.'* – The Guardian, London

*'What distinguishes Alpha from other initiatives is the easy-going, relaxed feel of the proceedings – that and it's astonishing success.'* – The Times

*'Alpha is an unqualified success!'* – The Daily Telegraph



**Congratulations** to our children, whose work in Geography has again been rewarded with a Silver Quality Mark. Mr. Scott leads our Arts & Humanities team and his passion for Geography in particular ensures it remains a big part of our curriculum.

## Medication and cream to be handed into office

If your child requires any medicine or cream to be administered during the school day **you must inform the school office** and hand it in there. Children are not allowed to have medication on their person or in a bag if the school does not know about it – please help us to keep ALL children safe.



## Google internet Assembly

Last week the Y1-Y6 children watched an assembly about how to stay safe when you are online – the children then built on this in class and all worked together on the School's Acceptable Use Policy for all technology including those who borrow devices to help them access homework when not at school

## WhatsApp Hackers

If you are ever logging onto *WhatsApp* from a laptop or other device, never share any verification/codes. There is a new trend of 'strangers'

requesting the verification code as if they are part of the group but once in they will lock you out of your *WhatsApp* and then use it for their own group and even request money from people within the group pretending to be you!



## Pupil Premium link

Below is a link to a letter that helps you realise if you are eligible to get some extra funding for your child. In the past pupils who have qualified have been given access to a Chromebook to do homework with as well as being excused from paying for school trips especially expensive

residential trips so I would strongly advise you to check out the link below to see if you could get help!

[https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application for Free School Meals](https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application%20for%20Free%20School%20Meals)

### **St-Luke's Primary School Breakfast Club.**

Our breakfast club runs every school morning from - 7.30am to 8.30am with a £3.00 charge per day and your child gets a drink, cereal and toast in Yr-Y2 or a choice of egg or beans on toast for Y3-6 – why not give it a try!

### **St Luke's New Style AfterSchool Club**

#### **Early Club/Late Club**

**Activities include board games, films, football, multisports, arts and crafts**

**Outside Clubs – Street Dance and Amplified Arts**

**Early Club finishes 4.30pm**

**Late Club finishes 5.30pm**

**Early Club £5.00**

**Late Club £10 (Includes sandwich)**

**Payment is via your wallet on SchoolPing**

### **New to School**



Say hello to our lovely new Reception class who are bringing a lot of life, learning and love to their 'new school' – look out for more gorgeous pictures soon!



## Newham Music Returns

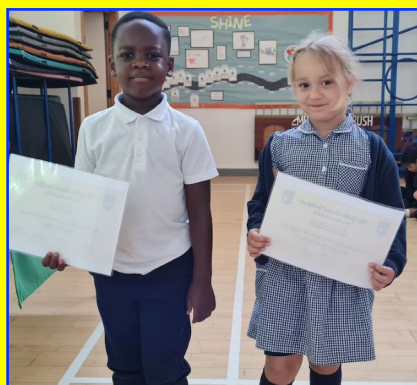
This week saw us welcome back our amazing Newham Music staff who lead us on our journey of music development. One of the team leads a mixed Y3/4 singing lesson outdoors – it is such a lovely way to elevate spirits as well as learning and having fun – thank -you to all the Newham Music staff.



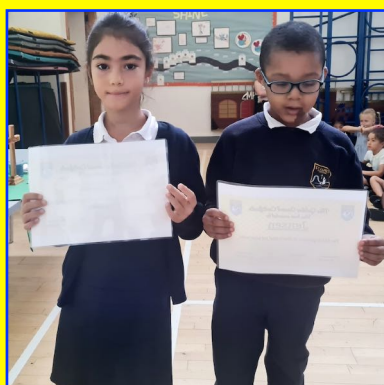
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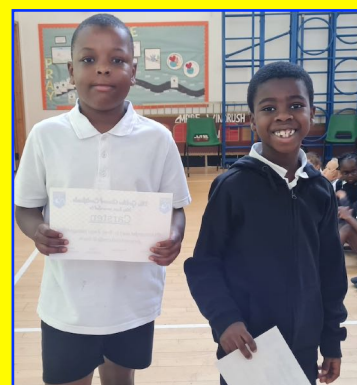
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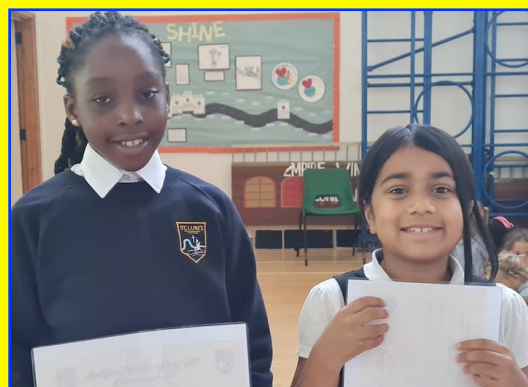
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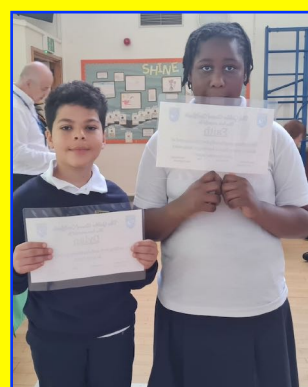
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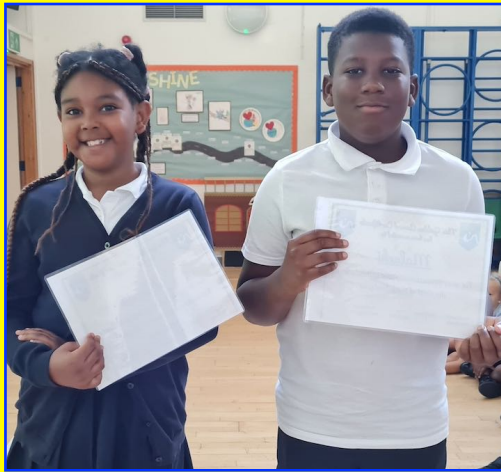
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Headteacher's Award

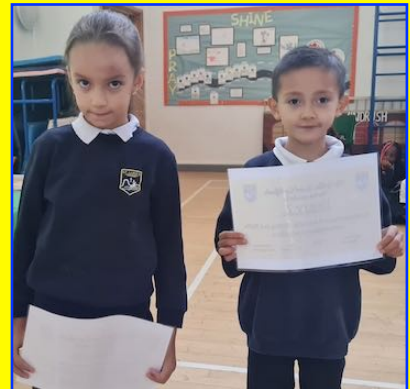
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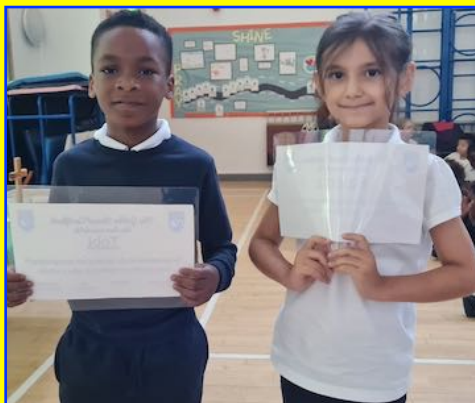
Birthday Boys



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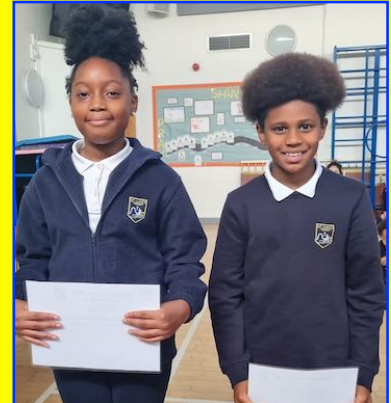
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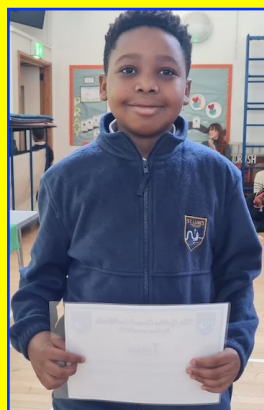
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Y6



Headteacher's Award



Please make sure to check out the school term diary dates below.

Have a good weekend



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



One of our Y6s starred at the Hackney Carnival a few weeks ago!

Click on the link below for all the term dates this year:

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

#### September

- 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Sept Institute of the Imagination working with Ys 1,3&4
- 26<sup>th</sup> Platform Cricket working with Y4s every Monday this half-term
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept Y4 visiting Architects in their office
- 28<sup>th</sup> Young Carers Meeting at St. Luke's

#### October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> NSPCC Kindness week in school
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Y4 first session of Diocese of Chelmsford debating course
- 4<sup>th</sup> SEND Panathlon Sports Competition – KS2
- 5<sup>th</sup> Teaching of Reading for YR parents 5pm in the hall
- 5<sup>th</sup> Individual and family photo day – get your hair cut!!!!
- 9<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs meeting for parents – online

#### October continued

- 10<sup>th</sup> Visit by Trees in Cities to discuss future project
- 11<sup>th</sup> Y5 online zoom meeting with an astronaut
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Girls' football tournament
- 12<sup>th</sup> Visit by architects to Y4
- 13<sup>th</sup> EYFS staff share Curiosity Approach they use with 40 other schools in Newham at Newham Learning Conference
- 17<sup>th</sup> YR Autumn walk to Kier Hardie Park, parents invited

**Oct 23-27<sup>th</sup> - School closed for Half-Term**  
**Children return on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**