



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 14th September 2018



Dear Parents,

Schools are always busy places and never more so than at the beginning of the year. We have launched a new approach to the teaching of maths using the 'Singapore' method which is actually based on research done in this country in the 1980's. The approach allows the children more practical exploration before moving towards written calculations - it is important to stress that this is **NOT a dumbing down approach!** Both **Singapore and China use this approach and they sit far above us in the global maths tables.** We are also working with an external advisor regarding our Religious Education provision in readiness for an expected inspection in the Spring term.

Meet the Teacher

Next Tuesday morning, for parents of years 3,4,5&6 and Wednesday morning for parents of Y1&2, there will be a '*meet the teacher*' session from 8.45-9.30 am. This will be a very useful session for you to attend as you will have a short presentation from myself followed by a longer one from your child's teacher aimed at letting you know how you can help your child to achieve their full potential this year. We achieve this when we work together: we explain how we teach and you build upon this by ensuring they undertake vital skills practice at home (especially using the various online programmes we have bought for the children such as *Mathletics* and *Spellodrome*). If you can't make these meetings, please see your teacher for an alternative time when they can share this information with you.

Online Safety training for parents

On Tuesday the 25th September there is a session in the hall aimed at helping you support your child to stay safe when they are online. This is one of the biggest dangers our children face and can be challenging for parents when our children know more about technology than we do a lot of the time. Please come along to hear Amy from Colegrave Primary give us some tips to build our confidence and help to keep our children safe.

Democracy in action

This afternoon pupils heard a talk from local councillor Neil Wilson, supported by our Chair of our governing body Margaret Wright, as they conducted our pupil elections to the Eco, Safety and Health &



Well-Being committees. These elections reflect the long tradition in our country of elected democracy and help our children to realise their responsibilities to protect these values as they grow up.

Please make a note of upcoming dates of importance below. These dates can also be followed on our website at:

<http://www.st-lukes.newham.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2&pid=3&viewid=1>

Have a peaceful weekend

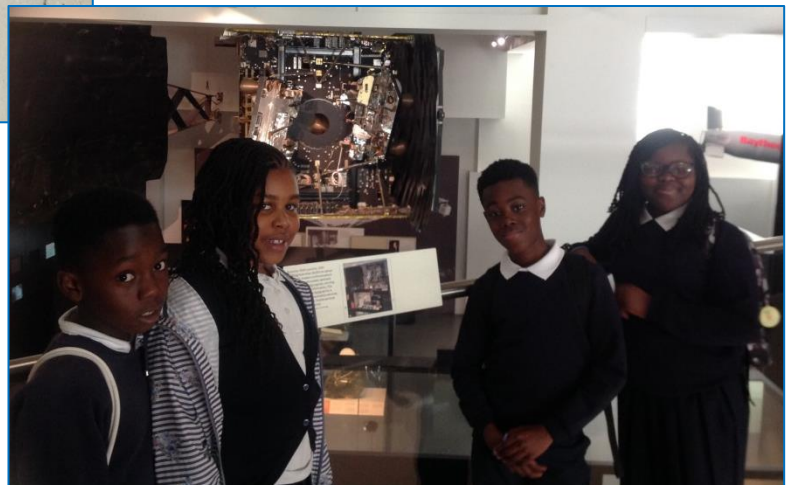
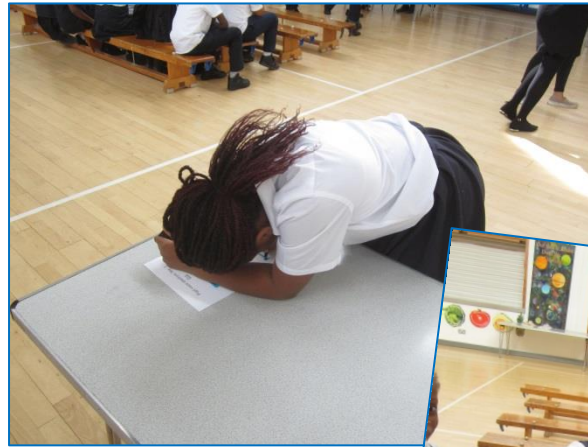
Matt Hipperson

Forthcoming Dates

- Tues 18th Sept..... Key Stage 2 Meet the Teacher 8.45 – 9.30am
- Weds 19th Sept..... Key Stage 1 Meet the Teacher 8.45 – 9.30am
- Thurs. 20th Sept..... Y2& Y3 trip to countryside live at the Lea Valley Park
- Tues 25th Sept..... Online Safety for parents (School Hall) 3.30- 4.30pm
- Fri 28th Sept..... Y2 trip to Florence Nightingale exhibition.
- Week of Mon 1st Oct..... Bikeability course for Y5
- Thurs.5th Oct..... Teaching of Reading evening for YRec, 5.30-6.30
- Wed. 10th Oct..... Y5 class assembly 9am
- Mon. 15th Oct..... Royal Shakespeare Company - Macbeth with Y5 & Y6
- Tues. 16th Oct..... Puzzle challenge day
- Wed. 17th Oct..... Y2 class assembly 9am
- Fri 19th Oct..... School closes for half term. Re-opens on
Tues. 30th Oct (Mon 29th is a teacher training day)**
- Tues. 6th and Wed 7th Nov.....Parent Evenings



Golden Assembly September 14th 2018



Democracy in action; Police Academy; Space Travel; a day at the Museum – All in one week!