



St Luke's Newsletter

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



Friday 25th January 2019



Dear Parents,

As I mentioned in our previous newsletter, we will be receiving a SIAMs (church schools) inspection anytime between now and the end of the Summer term, so I've been meeting with lots of heads of other church schools this week (I will put some information about this on the website very soon). It was really encouraging for me to reflect on just how important their 'faith' is to most of our children and for those of no particular faith, how our children own the school values which they demonstrate so keenly.

School Council Planning

The School Council met with me this week to decide on how we can best use the Monet Garden (the quiet, fenced-off area at the bottom corner of the KS2 playground) and have now set me the challenge of creating a similar space in KS1! Unfortunately this meant I missed the Y3 assembly on Wednesday which focused on their growing knowledge around volcanoes and the variety of ways to solve maths problems.

Holocaust Memorial Service

Seven of our children attended the London Borough of Newham's **Holocaust Memorial** service at East Ham Town Hall this morning. One of our children played in the youth orchestra and three spoke to the hundreds gathered there about the work they have been undertaking. Our children spoke from the heart and you can be enormously proud of their compassion.



Inspirational Visits this week

Y2 had a visit on Monday afternoon from Freshwater Theatre where they were able to bring The Great Fire of London to life. The Y5's went to the British Film Institute to watch a French film as part of their French language development and the Y6's went to Stratford Circus to see a production of William Shakespeare's *A Winter's Tale*.

Football Tournament

Our Y5/6 Girls' football team took part in a West Ham Foundation tournament on Thursday, losing only 1 game to a school from another borough. This meant they qualified for the East London finals with a chance to go to the regional final and play on a premiership ground – Go Girls! Our Y3/4 hand-ballers had a good experience this week competing in a borough tournament and will be stronger for the experience in coming years.

SEND Orchestra

Next Friday, 1st February, the LBN music team are holding a coffee morning in school (9-10am) for any parents of children on the SEND register about the opportunity to join an orchestra that is being set up in the borough - free of charge - just for them. We will send invites out by text to those eligible families. Music helps all children to learn but can be especially useful in this context.

Reading Training for Y5&6 Parents

Next Tuesday at 9am, and then again at 5pm, Mrs Tarbuck will be leading a session for Y5&6 parents to empower them to help their children develop their reading skills. You will be aware that the Y6 SATs reading test is now much harder than it used to be and schools have had to adapt the way they teach reading to enable the children to reach this higher level. Parents, please try to make either the morning or the evening session – I know this can be difficult in a busy world but this will help you to help your child do their best this coming May.

Phonics for EY & KS1

Thanks to all our YR & Y1 parents who attended the phonics for writing sessions in the hall on Monday and Tuesday morning. Once again it demonstrated just how committed our parents are to working in partnership with the school for the best of our children – thank-you.



Science

Next half-term will have a science focus for all year groups and this week the staff were planning and booking 'hooks' for the children throughout the half-term. It will begin on the first day back, Feb 25th, with an explosive visit from the Silly Science Company – details to follow.

And finally...Well-done to today's Golden Children!



Have a peaceful weekend!

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Please make sure you check out our dates for your diary (below)

Spring Term Dates

January

- 29th - Reading for Y6 SATS exams - Y5/6 parents invited 9am & 5pm
- 31st - Young Carers assembly 9.40 AM
- 31st - Y5/6 Shakespeare event at Stratford Circus
- 31st Athletics final at Kingsford School

February

- 4th - Y6 mock SATs week
- 5th Boccia competition PM
- 8th - Parent workshop around healthy eating for the family
- 13th Spiritual artwork for KS2 with Steve Kersys
- 13th - Y5 Citizens day Tate & Lyle
- 13th - No clubs due to staff training
- 14th Y3/4 girls football tournament
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18th-22nd SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF-TERM (WiFi being upgraded)

February

- 25th - Whole school Science Engagement Day
- 27th Y5/6 Table Tennis competition Langdon School
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March

- 5th - Y4&5 visiting Chelmsford Cathedral
- Eco Drama Day for EYFS & KS1
- 13th-15th Book Fayre at school
- 15th - St. Luke's World Book Day celebrations
- 25th - Hamlet (Young Shakespeare Co.) with Y5&6 all day
- 26th & 27th Parent Evenings 3.30-6pm
- 29th 'Wear a Hat' day for brain cancer research

April

- 3rd - Y3/4 Easter production for parents - 2 PM
- 4th - School closes for Easter