



# St Luke's News

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



24th January 2020

Dear Parents

*We have had another of those very busy 'St. Luke's' weeks and this newsletter emphasises this point with just a fraction of what's going on...*

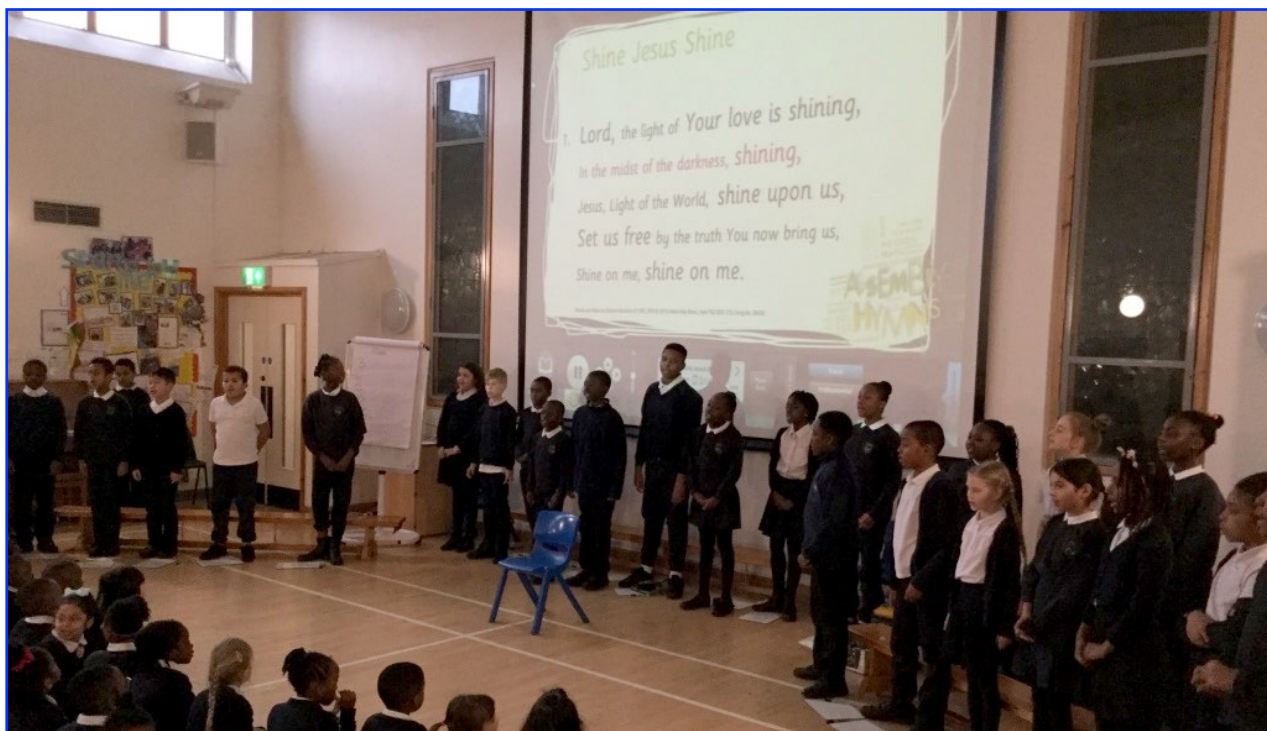
The week started with a science *Buzz Day* aimed at helping the children to understand how to think scientifically and ended with a visit from some very important people from Newham Council to see how we are spending our music grant. This gave us an opportunity to not only discuss what we are doing already but how we could further improve our music offer.

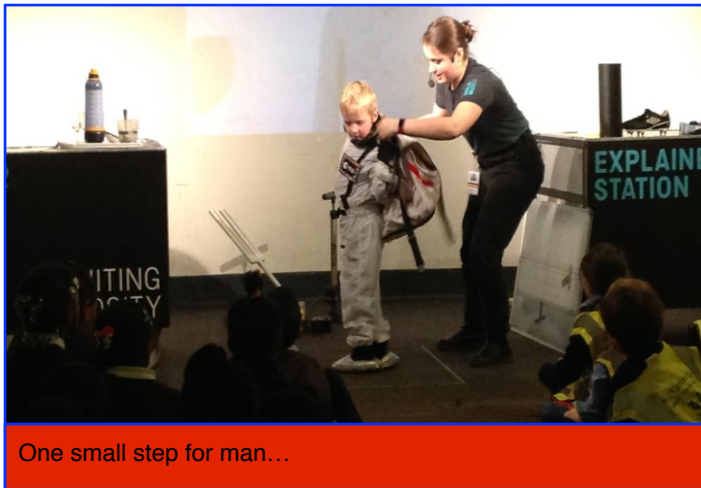
I am sure we have all seen the horrific bushfires affecting parts of Australia. The school is going to hold a *Green & Gold* dress up day next Friday to raise funds for the appeal. The destruction to wildlife, natural habitats and housing is very shocking and any donations you can make will be forwarded to the main appeal centre. It is at times like these that you stop moaning about our bleak weather and realise that things could be an awful lot worse.



## Teaching to Forgive

Year 5 led the Wednesday worship centred around the story of the Unforgiving Servant from Matthew 18:21-35. The Y5s acted out the parable to show us that we need to show forgiveness to each other as the Lord does to us.



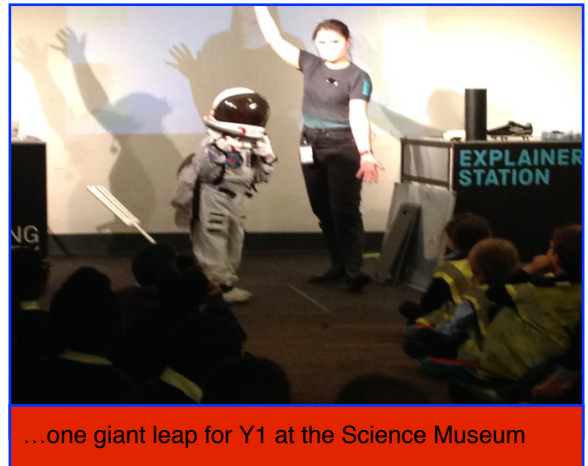


One small step for man...

the equipment an astronaut needs to wear to conduct a 'space walk' to fix the International Space station. Next week the Y6s are going to the Science Museum as part of their evolution topic.

### Blast Off to Space

Y1 had a great day at the Science Museum investigating journeys into space as part of their science topic. They also learned about



...one giant leap for Y1 at the Science Museum

### Holocaust Remembrance

On Thursday we held our commemorative service of remembrance for the Holocaust. This is one of the most important gatherings of the year and is aimed at letting the children know about one of the



most terrifying and horrific aspects of mankind's history as well as the importance of vigilance to make sure we never let a similar event happen again. It was preceded by a workshop on Wednesday for Y5 & 6 children hosted by Dilia Swart who's Great Great Grandmother had died in Sobibor concentration camp. On Monday I will take five Y6 representatives of our school to a borough wide service of remembrance at East Ham Town hall.

### Cooking up a bit of History

As part of their on-going topic on the Great Fire of London, Y2 baked bread and made their own cheese in the style of the 1660s and finished it all off by eating their produce. Photos show the cheese making process and below you'll find an example of a journalistic report of the fire that the Y2s have been working on from Chioma.



Y2 make the big cheese - Samuel Pepys style!



# The London Gazette

Written by Chioma Nduka

There was a massive fire that started

in Thomas Farrinors Bakery on Sunday 2nd September 1666. The fire spread rapidly across London because it was very windy and all of the houses were squashed together.

And it had been a very hot summer and all of the ground was dried up. The houses weren't made with very good material.



They were made from straw, wood and pitch. Many people were pulling down houses and getting water from the river Thames.

So when the fire ended there was not much left in the river. But

There were also lots of people using gun powder, squirts but no fire fighters fight.

And 3 people saw what happened. Samuel Pepys, John Morgan and King Charles II. There was also <sup>the</sup> Thomas blud.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Spare clothing

If your child comes home with spare/replacement clothing from the school (socks, pants, track suit, etc) can you **please** return them to the school washed and ready to be used for another child.

### Inconsiderate Parking

If you drive your child to school please do not use visitor parking bays or block residents' driveways. Remember, if our parents are causing problems - as happened this week - local residents may request traffic wardens to patrol the area at drop-off time. Let's work with our neighbours and see this doesn't happen.

## This week's Golden Assembly



## And finally...

Saturday sees the beginning of Chinese New Year – the children will learn about the story of the twelve animals next week. People born in the Year of the Rat are traditionally considered to be imaginative, generous, successful, popular, and curious. So, if any of you are due to have a baby, you know what you are looking out for!



Have a prosperous weekend

*Matt Hipperson*

*Head Teacher*

## Spring Term Dates 2020

### January 2020:

**25<sup>th</sup> Chinese New Year – Year of the Rat**

**27<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Memorial Event East Ham Townhall**

**29<sup>th</sup> Y3 class assembly – Parents welcome**

**29<sup>th</sup> Y4 Public speaking training for competition in March**

**30<sup>th</sup> Y6 Trip to Science Museum**

**31<sup>st</sup> Y4 trip to Tate Modern to see their photo in Steve McQueen exhibition**

## **February 2020:**

**3rd New Vicar licensing service in hall 7pm – Parents welcome**

**5<sup>th</sup> Y4 class assembly – Parents welcome**

**5<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics Langdon**

**11<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Girls West Ham Football Tournament**

**12<sup>th</sup> Y2 class assembly**

**13<sup>th</sup> Y6 trip to Foreign & Commonwealth office**

**13<sup>th</sup> Girls Football Tourno Beckton**

**14<sup>th</sup> Schools ends normal time for Half-Term**

**24<sup>th</sup> School re-opens normal time after Half-Term**

**24<sup>th</sup> Y5 & 6 working with Young Shakespeare company on Mid-Summer Night's Dream**

**26<sup>th</sup> Class group photos for parents to buy**

## **March 2020:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Y1 Class Assembly – Parents welcome**

**6<sup>th</sup> St. Luke's World Book Day – dress as a favourite character**

**9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Science Week**

**9<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning for parents**

**10<sup>th</sup> Concert at The Barbican for Y4**

**11<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Mixed Handball Tournament Langdon School**

**18<sup>th</sup> Y1 sports tournament @ Elmhurst School**

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Girls' sports tournament**

**31<sup>st</sup> 2pm Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome**

## **April 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Repeat performance of Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome**

**1<sup>st</sup> Y3/4 boys Sports tournament**

**2<sup>nd</sup> West Ham United stadium tour as reward for selected children**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April School closes @ 1pm for Easter holidays-  
re-opens for children Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April @ normal time**