



St Luke's News

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



31st January 2020

Dear Parents

Monday saw five of our Y6 students accompanied by myself attend the Newham Holocaust Memorial service at the Old Town Hall in Stratford. Alongside some readings from schools there were incredibly moving eye-witness testimonies from John Hajdu, a Hungarian Jewish survivor from the Holocaust, Arnesa Buljusic-Kustura, a Muslim survivor of the attempted genocide in Bosnia 25 years ago, and Lady Hannah Lowy Mitchell who was born in this country but whose family from Czechoslovakia (as it was known then) were decimated in the concentration camps of Eastern Europe.

It was difficult to listen to their testimonies without feeling a sense of shame and shock that the world had allowed these atrocities to happen. The lasting message of the service was that to prevent this from ever happening again we must always stand together against racism and fascism whenever we encounter it, a message we continually share with our pupils.

Walk Like Egyptians - the Y3 way!

Thanks to the Y3 class and Miss Peters for showing us what they have learnt about Ancient Egypt in Wednesday's assembly. They also managed to 'light a fire' in our children about the Equator which inspired other classes to find out new information.



Y3 dance the Egyptian way: "All the old paintings on the tombs, they do the sand dance don't you know. If they move too quick (oh hey oh), They're falling down like a domino..."

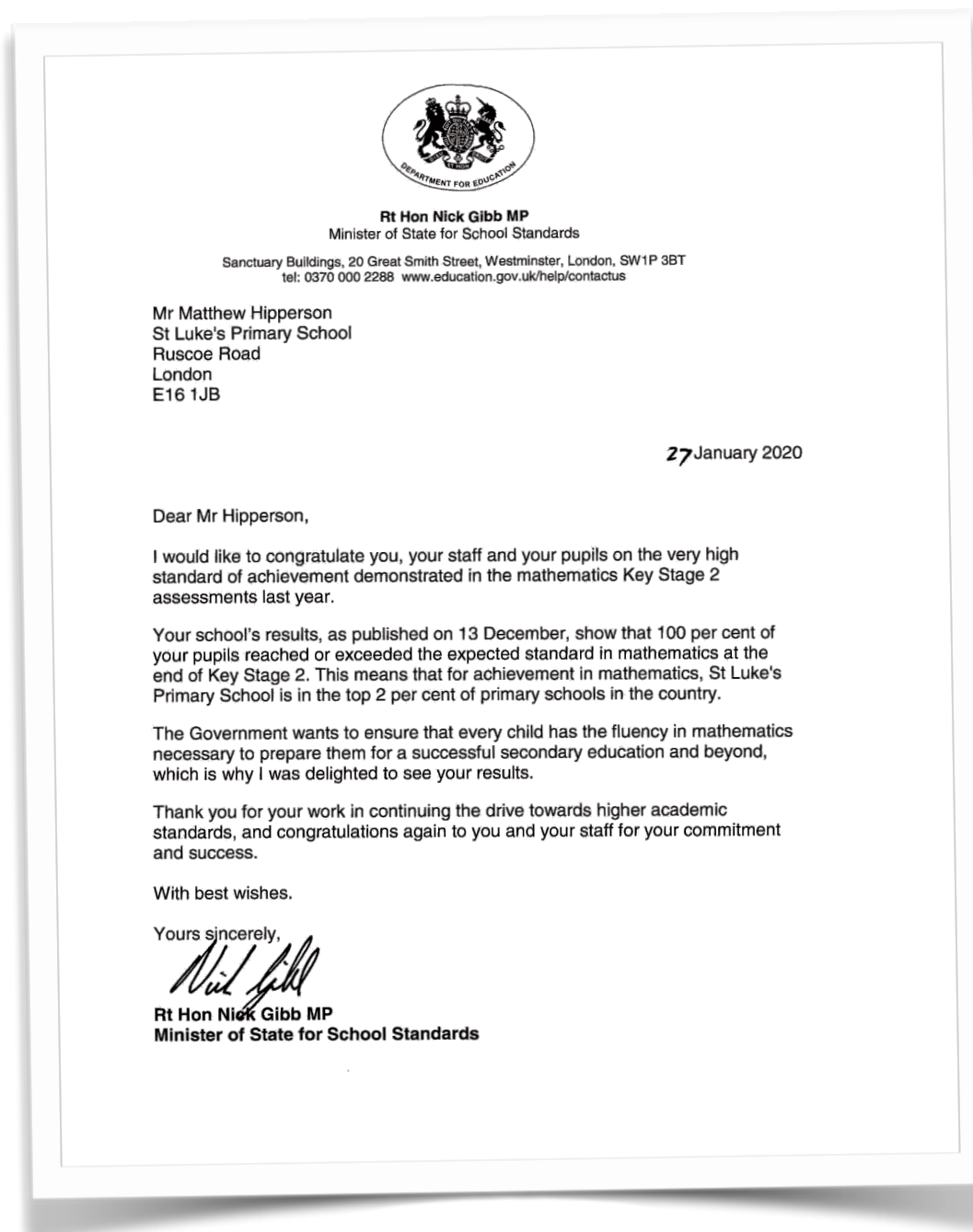
Y4 Public Speaking

The Y4s had their second session of preparation for the Diocese of Chelmsford Public Speaking Competition 2020. The children continue to hone and perfect their beliefs around the theme of *Unity*

and it is proving very challenging for staff to pick the final seven who will travel to Chelmsford for the debate in March.

A Letter from the Government

Praise for St. Luke's from the Department of Education came this week in the form of letter from Nick Gibb MP (see below), Minister of State for School Standards, in response to our best ever scores in Maths since the more stringent testing was introduced in 2016. Well done to all.



Y4 at the Tate Britain

On Friday our Y4 class visited the Tate Britain Museum to find their class photograph which formed part of the Steve McQueen exhibition. McQueen invited every Year 3 pupil in London to have their photograph taken by a team of specially trained Tate photographers. They included children from state primaries, independent schools, faith schools, special schools, pupil referral units and home-educated pupils. McQueen wanted this art work to be, "a portrait of London that will be seen by so many people as part of their daily life in this great city." ([Click here for Steve McQueen @ Tate Modern](#))

A Prime Visit to the Science Museum

Y6 enjoyed a stimulating trip to the Science Museum on Thursday as part of our commitment not to solely focus on SATs! The visit to the *Wonderlab* and a show demonstrating why we use prime numbers to encrypt data were both



excellent. I was very impressed by the sheer range of scientific questions that are stimulated by a visit to the *Wonderlab* part of the museum and would highly recommend it to parents for a family visit. ([Click here for the Wonderlab @ the Science Museum](#))

Please read this message from Newham Admissions. It's very important to us.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM ADMISSIONS!

Free school meals in primary schools = extra funding for your child's school

Every primary school aged child attending school in Newham still has the opportunity to have a free school lunch even if their parents/carers are not in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits for free school meals. Whether your child is at primary school and receiving a free meal, has lunch at home or you are currently working, **we request that the parents/carers of all primary and secondary aged children in Newham should still register for free school meals, even if you don't think you are currently eligible.**

Once we have the application if at anytime a family is in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits for free school meals we will automatically update our records [and their school will receive additional funding](#) known as Ever6 Pupil Premium. This is up to £1,320 depending on the child's age.

It is important that you check eligibility on 'London Borough of Newham' website & apply for 'Free School Meals' before your child starts Secondary School. Average cost per year in Secondary is £437!

And finally, last but by no means least...

This week's Golden Assembly - congratulations children!



Have a peaceful weekend,

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Spring Term Dates 2020

February 2020:

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

5th Y4 class assembly – Parents welcome & Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics Langdon School

11th Y5/6 Girls West Ham Football Tournament

12th Y2 class assembly

13th Y6 trip to Foreign & Commonwealth office & PM Girls Football Tournament - Beckton

14th Schools ends normal time for Half-Term

24th School re-opens normal time after Half-Term

24th Y5 & 6 working with Young Shakespeare company on Mid-Summer Night's Dream

26th Class group photos for parents to buy

March 2020:

4th Y1 Class Assembly – Parents welcome

6th St. Luke's World Book Day – dress as a favourite character

9th Coffee Morning for parents & 9th-13th Science Week

10th Concert at The Barbican for Y4

11th Y3/4 Mixed Handball Tournament Langdon School

18th Y1 sports tournament @ Elmhurst School

24th & 25th Parent-Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm

25th Y3/4 Girls' sports tournament

31st 2pm Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome

April 2020:

1st 9.30am Repeat performance of Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome

1st Y3/4 boys Sports tournament

2nd West Ham United stadium tour as reward for selected children

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