



St Luke's News

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



28th February, 2020

Dear Parents



We have had an energetic and reflective start to this half-term and the season of Lent. The children were set challenges to find out what the word 'Shrove' means and also what is burnt to create the ashes for Ash

Wednesday. We also talked about whether we wanted to give or take something up and on Thursday Rev. Amy gave us a great idea about what to give up - worrying! I think that is the best idea I have heard in years as it allows you to concentrate on the things and the people that matter the most.

Book Worms meet the Book Stars



During the half term holiday last week a group of our children were taken along to the BT Sports Studio in the Olympic park to meet Gary Lineker and Micheal Owen. St. Luke's is currently taking part in the **Premier League Reading Stars programme**, developed in partnership with the Premier League and delivered in the school by coaches from **West Ham United Foundation**. They were able to meet Gary and Michael as well as having a look around BT Sport's London studio. Both Gary Lineker and Michael

Owen have been long-listed for 'Autobiography of the Year' in the Telegraph Sports Book Awards 2020 with their respective books *Behind Closed Doors* (Century) and *Reboot: My Life, My Time* (Reach Sport). At the event the pupils quizzed the pair about their careers in football and broadcasting, what it was like to write an autobiography, and what their favourite books are and each were given copies to take home and read. Massive thanks to Mr. Scott and Mr. Brown who gave up their time to allow the children to have this fantastic opportunity.

(For more on the story, go to the news bulletin on our [Home Page](#) on St Luke's website)



Wordsmiths United: Pupils with Lineker and Owen at National Literacy Trust's/Telegraph Sports Book Awards.

And connected to this, the National Literacy Trust are hosting a fun-run in the Olympic park and to say thank you for St Luke's support, they are offering staff and students - and their families - 10% off registration with the code SCHOOL2020. Anyone who is interested can sign up here.<<https://literacytrust.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/wheres-wally-fun-run-2020/>>



Book Fair/World book Week

On Monday afternoon there is an opportunity for parents to pick your child up early from 2.45pm and go to the hall to buy some books for your child at our Book Fair and next Friday, 6th March, is a non-uniform day where we encourage everyone – adults and children – to dress up as their favourite book character. Donations will be gratefully received and all money will go to buying new reading books for the children.

Early Years News

The brief moment of sleet on Thursday morning was enjoyed by Reception children as they attempted to catch soggy snowflakes on their tongues! And this week saw the old story



room in Nursery finish the transition into a sensory play area for our youngest children. I would like to say a massive thank-you to Miss Rowe and Miss Yeter for giving up so much of their own time to make a difference to our children.



Tongues Ready: Reception taste the weather

We can't avoid hearing of news of the Corona Virus, so keep up to date and check our advice and Q&As for Parents & Schools on your *Parents Page* on the school's website:

[Corona Virus Advice to Schools Parents](#)

And finally... This week's Golden Families!



Have a happy and safe weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Spring Term Dates 2020

March 2020:

4th Members of School Council & Eco Committee attending Mayor of London WE celebration @ Wembley Arena

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**