



St Luke's News

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



9th October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

We are determined to give your children the education they deserve, even in these difficult times when it is easy to say 'we can't do that because...'

There were two examples of that this week: the first on Wednesday when only a handful of Newham schools managed to stay open (five that I know of - and we were one of them!) after a water main ruptured during the night causing a huge problem with the supply to East London. Many schools in the region closed but we came on site and seeing that the water supply had resumed were able to open the school on time mainly because the staff - thankfully - had ignored all the panic messages and had come in as normal and did what they do best and worked with the children. As one of the Governors said later, that's the St. Luke's spirit!

The second instance came on the same day – we booked an actor to come in and do a socially distanced session on resilience for KS2 children – to explain it better, below is an excellent summation written by Sefira in Y4:

"Our session with Adrian from Bigfoot was about Resilience and how to use it to help us. It was inspiring and life changing in a good way. We learnt about working together and observing the problem, solving the problem and then adapting to face the challenges."

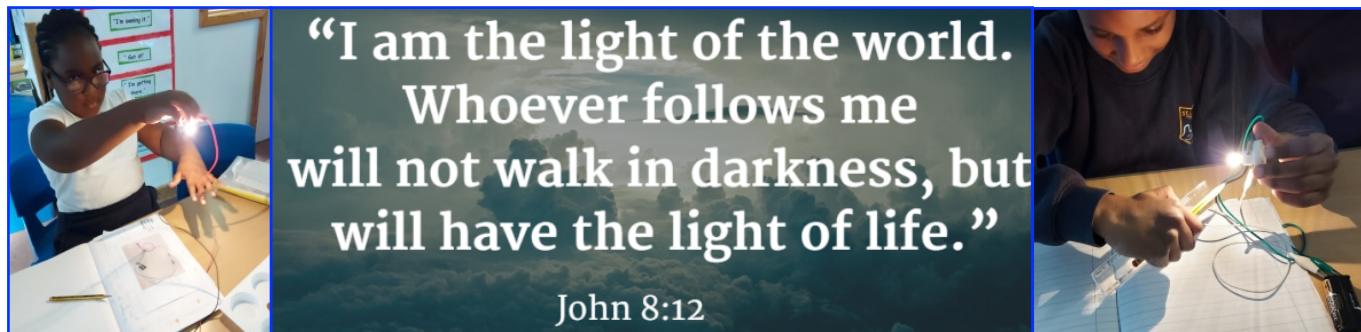
We can teach others to do the same by helping them understand what resilience means and how they can become strong. Resilience can also mean the ability to spring back into a good state so that means we can teach others to get back into a positive state and also to ask others to help them. It is good that we get to make mistakes because we will learn from them. We can apply this in our everyday life by helping others and getting through things together because another thing that resilience means is the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties and tough times."

The school could have refrained from booking this in the current situation but as well as managing the physical impact we need to also manage the mental impact it has had on children, staff and parents. So we decided to be brave and keep opening ourselves up to learning opportunities. Another part of resilience is helping others to withstand bad times and thanks again for all the food donations you gave us – below is a picture of the school councillors delivering it to the foodbank at The River Christian centre where it will be distributed to those most in need. Saturday the 10th Oct. is World Mental Health day and I hope we can all do something that we enjoy.

Lighting up the Lesson



In assembly this week we looked in depth at the quote from scripture below (John 8:12) and talked about how Jesus used words and phrases to convey simple messages in a time when the only media was the spoken word. This led into complicated discussions about how we can be a 'light' in the life of our school, family and community. It also led our Y2 class to literally investigate light and shadows and also led to some night time storytelling. This web of work earned the Year 2s the title of class of the week – congratulations.



New ways of working in Y1 are bearing fruit... and er, vegetables!

This academic year we have embarked on a new way of working in Y1. We are taking a 'longer' view of their learning path and giving them more of the hands on learning they missed from YR because of lockdown and this has meant that the children are 'eating' up their learning



opportunities. If we had gone too formal too soon we would see progress but not the kind we expect to see by the end of the year. It is already so successful that we have decided to make this 'transition' phase a permanent feature in Y1 for the future. Change can be difficult for staff so I would like to say a huge thank you to all the KS1 staff (and especially Mrs Tarbuck) for ensuring the pupils get what they need to thrive. What we're doing is done in only the best schools because it can be more challenging for the staff but it provides the very best for our children



If you go down to the woods today...

The Y4s are spending Friday afternoons in the 'wild' practising skills to keep them alive if they



ever find themselves lost in the great wilderness...round here! Today they were learning how to whittle twigs - for hunting purposes!

Police Alert - Be Aware!

Some of you may have seen the news yesterday which highlighted a number of school-aged children from Camden taken to hospital having eaten some of the popular 'Nerds' sweets that had been laced with THC (an element associated with cannabis). Police in Camden have shared the photograph of a packet with local schools. The website FRANK (<https://www.talktofrank.com>) has easily accessible information about these type of dangers which is accessible for parents and children.



Date for Diary – for those children with parent permission,s- Flu vaccines YR-Y6 will commence Wednesday November 5th

And finally...

See our Golden Assembly Heroes below - and I hope you have a happy weekend with some well-being time for all of you

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher

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Y1



Y2 & Class of the Week trophy



Y3



Y4



Y5



Y6