



St Luke's News

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



6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to begin this week by thanking all parents for responding so positively to my request for you to wear masks at pick-up and drop-off. It is a change in response to the escalating situation and one that helps us to stay as safe as possible.

The way that the staff and families have worked together has once again filled me with pride and is the reason we have not had to send any children home at any stage since we entered this strange world in March this year – you have all been magnificent. We have to remain focused on the details of spacing and wearing of masks in order to keep the children in school learning and laughing with each other. I strongly believe this is the best thing we can do for their mental health – just being as normal as possible. I think as adults we understand that what is stressing us is the absence of normality so the fact that the children can come in and still have the amazing experiences that are detailed below is a light in the current darkness.

Year 2 virtual visit with the National Army Museum

In readiness for next week's Remembrance Services, which will see our children once again lay a wreath at the memorial in St. Luke's Church, our Y2 children took part in a virtual session around the history and symbolism of the Poppy to us.



The meaning of Remembrance: Y2's online lessons from the National Army Museum



St Luke's welcomes a new pupil!
Finley Dominic Rowe Williams arrived on 27th Oct weighing 6lbs 15 ounces and what a picture they make!



London Mayoral Candidate visits St. Luke's

Candidate for the Mayor of London Sean Bailey addressed our Y5s & Y6s virtually on Wednesday afternoon. He talked about how to get your point a view across and to overcome prejudice and took questions from the children aimed at helping them in our KS2 debate that is taking place on Friday the 20th November entitled: *'Does the injustice against one group matter more than the injustice against another.'* We will record this so parents can watch after the event. And in a nice addition to this item Josh in Y5's Dad told me how 'pumped' Josh was by the opportunity to hear a politician speak, that he was telling his Dad about it on the tube home and the Dad realised that everyone in the carriage was listening to Josh's impassioned retelling of the event.

Writers! We need your help!

Lots of elderly residents are feeling very lonely during this unsettling time and they love to receive letters from young people. We need you to show your love and kindness to our local community. Your task is to write letters and draw pictures to residents in local care homes.

You all have such great gifts and talents. Just imagine the difference you can make! You could be the person to put a smile on their face and brighten their day. If you would like more information, please see the link <https://communityseniorletters.com/>

Please can all your drawings and letters be handed to Mrs Tarbuck by 23rd November at the latest! But the earlier the better!

Huge thanks in advance for being so kind and thoughtful to others! Our pupils at St Luke's always go above and beyond to show our school values in action.

Help for children with speech and language difficulties

Please find the link below to a Speech, Language and Communication survey. It is for parents and carers of children with speech, language and communication needs in Newham. This survey has been developed to gather parental views in order to better understand what is working well and what requires further attention. The findings from this survey will be shared with parents and others via the local offer website. This survey forms part of the work taking place to inform the commissioning of speech and language therapy services. This work has included listening event with parents, schools and other partner agencies. The survey will close on Sunday 29th November. <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159957945014>

Relationships Health and sex Education (RHSE)

This is to notify parents that on Tuesday the 24th Nov. at 5pm there will be a Zoom meeting for anyone interested in the changes to the RHSE curriculum for this year. The meeting will discuss the overall changes and will be attended by some of our Governors as well so that parents can have their full say and governors can take account of their opinions. A meeting link will be sent out on Mon. 23rd November.

'How To..' Tutorials on website

For us adults struggling to access some of the online home education programmes, Mr Scott has kindly set up a series of small tutorial videos in the *Parent Page* section of our website that demonstrate how to login to *Google Meets*, *Google Classroom*, *Mathletics*, *Reading Eggs* and *Discovery*. Please have an explore - and big thanks to Mr. Scott for sorting it out. <https://tinyurl.com/y4dedgdv>

Notice for those looking to enrol their child into Reception in September 2021

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL - St Luke's NURSERY PARENTS: If your child was born between 1st Sep 2016-31st Aug 2017, you need to apply for a School Reception place. If you want your child to attend St Luke's Primary School, you need to complete a *Pan London Common Application Form* online (CAF) (London Borough of Newham – eAdmissions) and a '**blue**' Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for St Luke's. You need to make an application for up to x6 Primary Schools. You will be given an application pack by Miss Phillip. If you do not receive one, please pick one up from the school office. It is important you give yourself enough time for the application process. A checklist is provided with the pack which also informs you of deadlines (**It is important that you stick to these dates**). Please join the **Nursery to Reception class 'Zoom Meeting' on 11th Nov 2020 @ 5.00pm**. A link will be sent to your e-mail address

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The Lord's Prayer

The children have been learning an active version of the Lord's Prayer this week. See if they will give it a go for you at home this week – below is a picture of the y2s in full flow!



See below pictures from this week's Golden assemblies. Also please take a look at the two important flyers from Newham attached at the end of the letter.

Have a peaceful and restful weekend

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher



Newham Council Childcare Survey

A colorful poster for the Newham Council Childcare Survey. The top left has a green circle with text about the online survey. The top right features the Newham London logo. The center has a large 'Attention Parents' title. Below this, a photo of a child in a blue hooded jacket is shown. To the right of the photo, text asks if parents have children aged 0-14 and encourages them to complete a survey. Further down, another photo shows two children playing with a green toy. To the right of this photo, text explains the survey's purpose, the prize draw, the closing date (30 November 2020), and the information that can be requested. A 'FREE prize draw' badge is in the bottom right corner.

To take part simply complete our online survey at www.newham.gov.uk/childcaresurvey

Newham London

Attention Parents

Do you have children aged 0-14 years? Help us to help you!

We want to know about **your childcare needs** so that we can plan services that will work for you and your family. We welcome your views and invite you to please complete a short survey, the details of which will be kept strictly confidential.

Everyone that completes the survey will be entered into a free prize draw to be in with a chance of winning £100 of shopping vouchers.

The closing date for entries is **5pm on 30 November 2020**. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

When completing the survey you can also request information on:

- free 15 hours for two-year olds
- free 30 hours for working parents with three and four-year olds
- help with childcare costs
- childcare providers for children aged 0-14 in your area.

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Help the council to help you! Take the survey now!

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OPEN CONVERSATION

WE WANT TO HEAR **YOUR** EXPERIENCES
AS A PARENT FROM THE BLACK, ASIAN
AND MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITY
LIVING IN NEWHAM.

These events are an opportunity for parents to communicate with us openly and transparently in a safe non-judgemental environment about their experiences of racism and inequality in Newham.

The group events will last for 1hr30 and will be held virtually via Zoom. We are offering gift vouchers to parents who attend to show our appreciation.

We are also offering 1:1 conversations via phone or WhatsApp, if parents prefer this method of communication.

If you are a parent in Newham and would like to attend an event, please send your name and contact details to **Strengthening.Families@newham.gov.uk** or phone **020 3373 7047** and we will be in touch to talk about your options and requirements for the group events, or arranging 1:1 conversations.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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The best place
for Children and
Young People

