



St Luke's News

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with parents to develop the whole child.

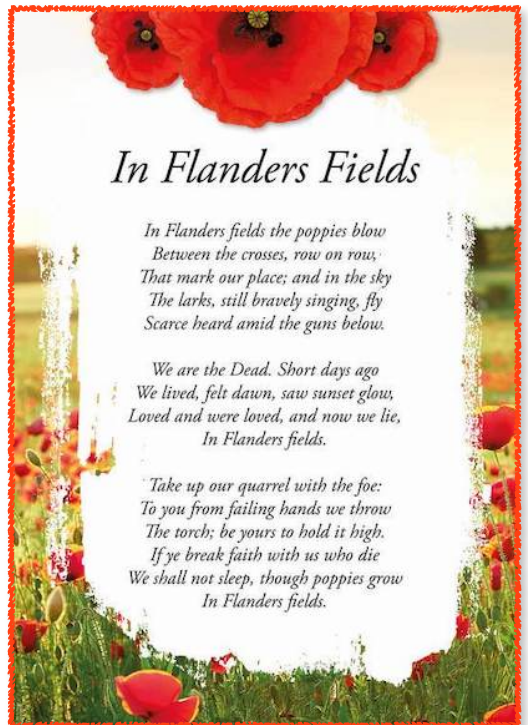


13th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in November is always one of the most important dates in the St. Luke's calendar – Remembrance Week - and it certainly turned into a week to remember!

On Monday and Tuesday the children learnt about the wars of the last 100 years since the Great War began in 1914. To guide them through this sad journey we used a wonderful pictorial presentation made for us by Mr. Durrant during his time here. It was both moving and at times very challenging as we saw images of so many young men filled with laughter and smiles as they marched off in 1914 on what they thought would be a great adventure, and then seeing them with horror etched into every crease of their faces as they began to understand that the last thing they were going to find was fun. We also focused on the pounding Canning Town took during the Blitz of the Second World War, especially the massive loss of life at South Hallsville School (as it was known then). Then on Wednesday Rev. Amy acknowledged all of this suffering and sacrifice whilst redirecting us to hope for - and work towards - peace and justice for all nations and peoples. Finally, the Y6s laid a wreath at the war memorial in the grounds of the old St. Luke's Church. I would like to thank all those who helped make this such a reverent and special week.





Two Minute silence: Y6 lay wreaths at St Luke's Cenotaph

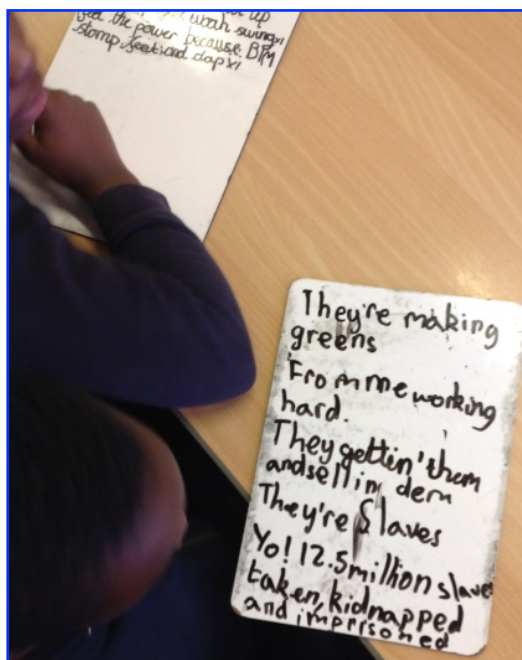
Children in Need and Golden Assemblies

Pyjamas and Onesies were the dress of the day this Friday as we raised money for Children in Need. We set up a bedroom in the hall and pretended we were having night-time story read to the children. It was lovely for us to see the children really relaxed and enjoying stories being read to them. When we have counted all the money raised we will let you know the total next week



Education 4 Change Workshops

In response to the events around *Black Lives Matter*, Newham Head teachers have responded by trying to re-balance their curriculums so they are more representative of the multitude of peoples, stories and views of the world. This ground breaking work is being led by the Heads at Maryland and Dersingham primaries and Kingsford secondary school. Their work is inspiring all the schools to work and look at the world in a different light.



With this in mind this week Y5 had a theatre company workshop on the origins of slavery which lasted the whole day. **Britney** from Y5 summed up what they learnt:

'Our Bigfoot workshop was about slavery and how people were treated differently in the past. We learnt about Harriet Tubman and Toussaint Louverture who were both born into slavery and became two strong leaders, they both campaigned to end slavery. We didn't know that some people were made slaves because of the colour of their skin. After Harriet freed herself from slavery she led missions to free others and in later life campaigned for women to get the vote.'

As previously mentioned, we had a special visit from the UK's leading creative arts education company, *Bigfoot* and the Y2s took part in *The Carnival of Heroes* workshop which was a perfect way to celebrate and appreciate the amazing achievements of heroes in Black African and Afro Caribbean

history. Pupils were able to use the heroes of the past (like Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Mary Seacole) to look to the present and their own futures and explore what being a 'hero' meant. We first played games together, and then asked those with skirts to sit out, which Y2 immediately recognised as unfair and unjust and every pupil stood up for equality. Kayden spoke out quite forcefully, "Why can they not join us? They're our friends. If they can't play then no-one should play!" It was the most perfect summary from the day.



Busy Y2

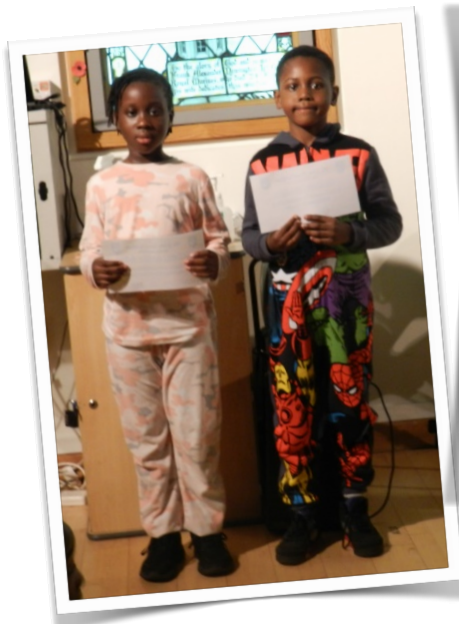
The Y2s have also been working hard to establish a timeline of major historical events.

Y4s Survive!

When you come into school in your pyjamas on a wintry day you'd better know how to protect yourself from the weather! Mr. Scott and the Y4s carried on with learning some 'Bushcraft and Survival' skills in the garden by making dens to provide shelter for themselves



Golden Assembly Stars of the Week



And this week's birthday children



Attendance & Punctuality

This week the London Borough of Newham announced an end to the more relaxed approach to attendance and punctuality that was in place during September and October as children and families gained the confidence to come back to school. This means a return to the possibility of fining those few parents who do not bring their children in regularly but as 98% of our children have been in school during this period I do not expect it to be much of an issue for St. Luke's.

Advanced Warning

Ruscoe Rd will be shut from 7.30pm-5am on the 19th and 20th November. for road repairs.

Many thanks to our Governors and especially Alexander's Mum in Y1 for putting together a comprehensive list of support sites for all of us:

Support services in Newham

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/c19-information-advice/3?documentId=352&categoryId=20143>

Test and trace support payment of £500

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-support-vulnerable-high-risk-people/2?documentId=355&categoryId=20143>

Mental health support for children

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/c19-information-advice/6?documentId=352&categoryId=20143>

Coronavirus information and advice for residents

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/c19-information-advice/5?documentId=352&categoryId=20143>

Avoiding Coronavirus scams

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/c19-information-advice/7?documentId=352&categoryId=20143>

COVID helpline

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-support-vulnerable-high-risk-people?documentId=355&categoryId=20143>

Autumn 2 Dates of interest – please note as of 10th November parents and Governors will not be allowed onsite for events but the school will do its utmost to make digital copies for viewing.

16th Nov. Anti-Bullying week

17th Nov. Flip day – workshops for children on how to preserve their mental health by ‘flipping’ problems

30th Nov. Y2 Phonics test(that was delayed due to Co-vid 19)

3rd Dec. Carols around the firepit – Y5 & 6 children filmed singing carols to be shown on the website, at St. Luke’s Church and the sheltered accommodation at 55 Ruscoe Rd.

8th, 9th & 10th Dec. Rev. Amy in working with classes on the incarnation story

10th Dec. Christmas Dinner for children and Christmas jumper day

11th Dec. Y1 take part in Faith in School’s Christmas journey

15th Dec. KS1 Christmas Party PM

16th Dec. Christingle service in phases AM – Y3/4 Christmas Party PM

17th Dec. Y5/6 Christmas Party PM

18th Dec. Autumn Term ends, school closes for Christmas at 1pm

19th Christmas meal for the homeless run by volunteers

Please take time to read the Covid 19 information leaflet below for parents and carers.

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher



Download the NHS Test & Trace app today to help keep you, your friends, family, and Newham safe.
www.newham.gov.uk/testandtrace

Become a Covid-19 Health Champion to Keep Newham Safe – sign up at
www.newham.gov.uk/covidhealthchampions

COVID-19

Important information for parents and carers



- If your child has symptoms they must stay at home and not go to school.
- If someone in your household has symptoms, your child must stay at home and not go to school.
- If your child has symptoms they must get tested immediately.

What is a symptom of Covid-19?



High temperature



New, continuous cough



Loss of/change in taste or smell

How to get a test



Call 119 or visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

You will be able to access a test at a local testing site or ask for one to be delivered to your home.

Please contact your school if you are unable to get a test.

Test results



If your child has symptoms and a positive result, they must stay at home for 10 days and the rest of your household must self-isolate for 14 days.



If your child has had symptoms but a negative result, and no-one in house has tested positive, they can return to school.



If your child has a negative result but someone in the house has tested positive, your child must self-isolate for 14 days.

Please talk to your child's school to agree a return to school date.

What does self-isolate mean?

If you or your child are asked to self-isolate, this means staying at home and not leaving your home for 10 days (unless a test confirms you do not have COVID-19).



Do not go to work, school or public places.



Do not go on public transport or use taxis.



Have food and medication delivered to you – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home.



Do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care.



Do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one.

Help while self-isolating

If your household is self-isolating and you need help, you can contact the below:

Please call your child's school who can refer you to the foodbank, or call 0330 058 3464 (Mon–Fri 9.30am–4pm)

Find out if you are eligible for a grant so that you can self-isolate
www.lewisham.gov.uk/financial-support-with-self-isolation