



St Luke's News

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



26th March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

The Rev Amy came in this week to lead class chats with the children about the complex Easter story

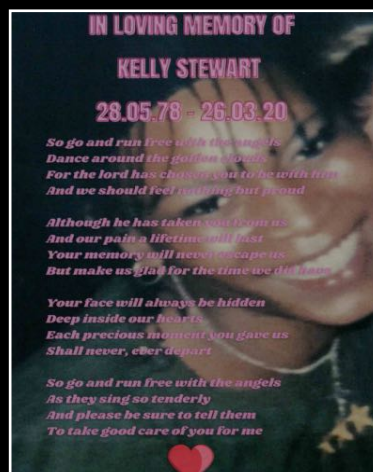
Easter Approaches

She began in the earlier assembly talking about how the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus as their saviour from Roman tyranny but turned on him just as passionately when they realised he wasn't going to do what they wanted him to! Then she moved into discussions with the children over Judas' role in the betrayal of Jesus and the central mystery of his resurrection. Next week the children will receive their palm cross to bring home and Amy will be back on Wednesday to lead our last Lenten assembly.



Heartbreak

Last week we talked about the importance of remembering those who have had injustices carried out against them and this week the homeless charity *Lolas*, that we work with, alerted us to some activities to commemorate the killing of a local woman Kelly Stewart a year ago. Some people knitted hearts and our own Mrs Simpson from the office made 1,000 iced biscuits with Kelly's name on them to remember an innocent woman who found herself on the streets. As a community we remember her and pray to God that the same fate does not befall any others from our community.



Newsflash! St. Luke's has crazy week!

It all started on **Monday & Tuesday** with the visit of *Splats Circus Skills* to the school – this was so popular with the children that we are going to invest in a class set so that the children can continue to master plate spinning and juggling using the *Diablo* (shown below by the Year 1s and 2s).



Extremism with the West Ham Foundation

This week our Y6s took part in their second workshop with the West Ham Foundation examining the dangers of extremism. Below is an account from some children that took part in this week:

'On Thursday 25th March 2021, Year 6 had a second workshop with West Ham to talk about extremism. They talked about extremist behaviour. People who are extreme do not like when people disagree with them. They also leave people out and are often racist. They make flyers or posters around to persuade people bad news. They are normally racist to A LOT of people. Most extremist people are the age of 20 or under! Extremist people think violence is ok. However, violence is never the answer. Most extremists are like this because they are lonely, young, angry or scared. This was fun and interesting because it shows us more information about people in this world.' — Nancy Kpeh

'On Thursday Cormac from West Ham came in today to discuss extremism. The definition of extremism is the holding of radical political or religious views. Cormac went in-depth into extremism talking about what makes an extremist and what they do. One statistic about extremism is that most extremist people are under the age of 20, which is pretty shocking. We looked at posters made by extremists and what they are trying to portray and tell. Some of the signs that cause extremism are increased anger levels, a sudden disrespectful attitude towards others, increased secretiveness (especially on the internet) and unwillingness or inability to discuss their views. This experience was really fun and helped us know more about the world we live in.' — Chinonyerem Ochulo



Cormac from WHU replied:

'Hi, thanks for being so accommodating today. It was great to visit and work with your students again. The Year 6 students are extremely insightful and represent your school brilliantly. I was very impressed! All the best, Cormac Hanrahan - WHU Foundation'

Friday was World Book Day at St. Lukes!



What a week – it has been lovely for the children to learn and have fun without the constant ‘heavy’ pressure of Covid talk around them all the time – the way they are bouncing back is a credit to their families and the staff who are all determined to move on safely!

Important Notices

- Parents please try and arrange non-emergency appointments for the end of the school day/ weekend.
- Reminder we are changing our digital communications system after Easter to **School Ping** and it is vital we have your up to date email and mobile phone numbers so we can give you up to date, detailed information.

Remember school finishes at 1pm on Thursday 1st April and re-opens for children on Tuesday the 20th April as normal with Breakfast and After School club.

And Finally...

This weeks Birthdays & Golden Children



Y1 birthdays and Golden Children



Nursery, Reception & Y3

Have a peaceful weekend
Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher