



# St Luke's News

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



23rd April 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

*Our first week back after Easter - and the first of the summer term - saw the staff and children looking at, and remembering, the life and death of two prominent figures.*

We started by remembering the life of HRH Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh, who passed away during the holidays. We concentrated on the support he had given to the Queen and the legacy of some of his work, especially the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme which many of the children will be able to access when they go to secondary school. Although it is a very sad time for his family, he was able to lead a fabulously interesting life, including being exiled, helping the Navy to succeed during the war, marrying the most famous woman in the world and in later years, fighting for the survival of our natural world – all of which meant we didn't need to be too sad because he had a long life to be celebrated.



## Stephen Lawrence

Then on Thursday we remembered another life lost but this time it was a life brutally taken away at just 18 in a cowardly racist attack in South East London in 1993. The children watched testimonials from his mum Doreen and brother Stewart about the life and character of Stephen and especially his ambition to make 'something' of himself (architect) and this really made a link with our children's ambitions. It is tough to hear about a life that is cut short especially one so short. Afterwards the children had an opportunity to discuss their feelings and below is a small sample from Y3:

*'I feel so annoyed and frustrated because they just stabbed Stephen to death because of his skin colour! Everyone should be TREATED EQUALLY!' (Natalie)*

*'It makes me upset because he didn't even do anything, he was just waiting for his bus to go home.' (Haaris)*

*'I feel sad because everyone should be treated the same – we are still humans and killing someone is not right, he was innocent! They should be arrested for not treating everyone equally.' (Eliora)*





We finished on Friday by discussing how Stephen's memory is driving us to make a better world step by step – good deed by good deed - just as Jesus has taught us and as we look to continue our work to build a curriculum that embraces everyone, we believe the children can be the crucial change makers!



## Reverend Amy – Now it is official!



On Monday evening a service was held by the Church to officially induct and install Amy as the official Reverend for the parish of St. Luke's which has Royal patronage from the Queen - Amy's appointment was signed off by Her Majesty in her role as head of The Church of England. Even though there were only 30 witnesses (including Bishop Peter, Father Dave from Ascension and

Rev Fraser) there was a real sense of God's blessing in the hall and a very real sense that it is the will of God that we have Amy serving in our area. The future - however challenging - will be much better for having Rev Amy here!



## Election Closure

The school will be closed on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> May because it is being used as a Polling Station for the Mayoral/Council elections. Usually for these elections they would use just the Nursery but because of the co-vid 19 pandemic they want to have the largest possible space with good ventilation – apologies!

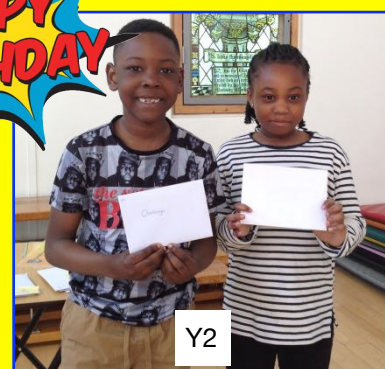
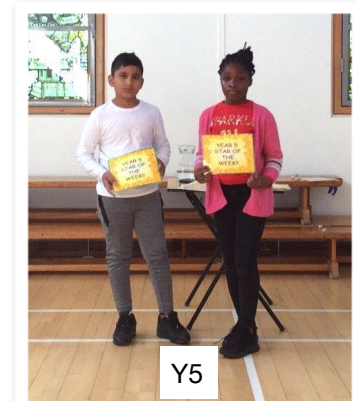
## Back to normal

The physical life is so important for our children and on Thursday and Friday the Y4s completed their *Bikeability* riding skills course and Y5 tested themselves in relay races. Next Monday we start a summer programme of cricket teaching from Essex County Cricket Club.





## Golden Assembly and Birthdays



We are working on giving you a list of events for the Summer Term for next weeks' newsletter. Remember if you have something you need to let me know you can use the email below to directly message me:

[ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk](mailto:ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk)

Please also check out the flyer below

Have a sunny and safe weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

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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.**

We are holding a virtual open conversation event with LBN Chief Executive Althea Loderick and Senior Leaders as part of our efforts to understand how to tackle racism and inequalities in Newham.

**Monday 26th April 2021, 1.30 -2.30pm**

Use this link to book for the **Zoom** session

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-conversation-event-with-newham-parents-tickets-148900307829>

If you would like to find more about open conversation events or having difficulty with booking form, please email:  
[strengthening.families@newham.gov.uk](mailto:strengthening.families@newham.gov.uk)

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

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