



# St Luke's News

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



31st April 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

*The last seven days have seen two fatal stabbings and numerous other reports of violence in the borough and this has been unsettling for all of us. On Monday the Y5s and Y6s took part in an assembly with me about how to stay safe 'on the streets' by not accepting gifts from anyone and speaking up about anything that they do not understand. It is so sad to have to think about these things when as children they should just be able to have fun with their learning.*



**W**e pray for peace on our streets and in our community where there are so many wonderful children and families and we will work together to make 'our' world a better place through love and respect.

We talked this week about the importance of family and also the different types of family including our Church, community and school families – it is through strengthening these bonds that we can defeat the sad world we often live in.

## St Luke's Goes Quackers!

This week we have had visitors to the school that have made everyone want to meet them. On Monday we took delivery of 5 duck eggs with an incubator and cage for them to start off their lives. 4 hatched very quickly and 1 egg has remained very still – it is a different breed and hopefully is just taking a bit longer to hatch.



The ducklings have had a very calming influence on children and adults alike and will break a few hearts when they go



to their new home at a farm next week. Please click on link below to see a video of them at play in Reception: [duckling fun](#)



**National Walk to School Week** is coming soon on the 17th to 21st May – look out for ideas next week to encourage those of you who drive to school to walk if at all possible – good for our health and good for the air that we breathe.

## Talking about fresh air...

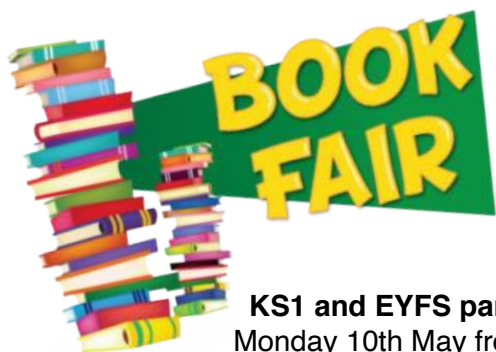
If you ever want to see 60 Y5 & Y6 children working on PE skills, focused and motivated to do the best for their team – then you need to see one of Ms Adams sessions – it will take your breath away!



## Come on You Irons!



The Y6s are involved in a Newham Heritage project with Newham Music to create original songs celebrating the fantastic heritage of the borough. Our job is to create a new song about the Thames Ironworks – the original foundry was on the site of what is now Canning Town underground station – the men at the works started a football team over 100 years ago that became West Ham United. This week the children immersed themselves in the history and the song will emerge from these Friday afternoon sessions and will be recorded for a release!



We have our visiting *book fayre* next week. The book fayre will be open to each class on **Friday 7th May**. Each class will have a timetabled slot to visit the book fayre before parents are invited after school.

**KS2 parents** can visit the book fayre in the KS2 outdoor classroom on Friday 7th May from 3:00-4:00pm

**KS1 and EYFS parents** can visit the book fayre in the KS2 outdoor classroom on Monday 10th May from 3:00-4:00pm

**Please be patient with staff who need to keep in line with Covid restrictions.** Hand sanitiser will be present and reminders will be given to keep 1 metre apart when queuing to visit. We have extended the time the book fayre is open to allow for this.

As an extra precaution we will be **using order forms and not handling money**. Unfortunately this means bank money cannot be used at this time.

### **When purchasing a book, please follow the following guide:**

Please only order from the book selection on the Parent Order Form – these are the only titles available for delivery. Once the Parent Order Form is complete, make payment by Phone Pay or purchase a Gift Voucher from [www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents).

Send your completed Order Form back to your school by the deadline given above.

Your books will be delivered to school within a week of the Virtual Book Fair ending and your school will be in touch to arrange collection if applicable.

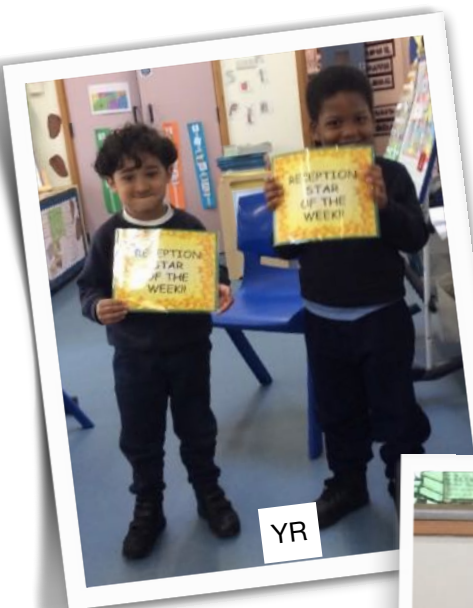


## Families from Abroad - Settled Status deadline June 30<sup>th</sup>

If you have Settled Status, you have the same right to claim benefits as UK citizens - this is called your '*right to reside*'. The deadline to get your Settled Status is Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> June. If you are unsure what to do try this link for some ideas: [Citizens Advice on Settled Status](#)

## Golden Assembly

Instead of having one Golden Assembly - as we used to do - we now have 4 but it is still a chance to celebrate the hard effort and achievements of our children and it was made even more special this week because Margaret Wright, our Chair of Governors, was able to attend. As Camilla from Y1 said, 'We haven't seen you for a long time'. But we are gradually getting back to normal and it was great to have Margaret back in.





Y1 & 2 Mathletics & Reading Eggs Winners



Y3&4 Mathletics & Reading Eggs Winners



## School Closures

The school is closed on **Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May** due to the Bank holiday and on **Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May** due to the Local Election

**And finally....**

### **On top of the World**



After work last week some of the staff decided to get a new view of the world – from on top of the O2 in Greenwich – London is quite beautiful from up there and definitely worth a look!

Please take a moment to read the attached flyer and Newsletter from Newham's Director of Public Health. Some excellent advice in there.

Until next week - have a peaceful, long weekend. See you Tuesday

**Matt Hipperson**

*Head Teacher*



WHAT'S  
YOUR STEP?   
Now is the time to act.

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## Well Newham 50 Steps to a Healthier Borough

Health and Wellbeing Strategy  
2020-2023

People at the Heart  
of Everything We Do

**We are pleased to share with you our first 50 Steps newsletter.**

Also, please do visit our new 50 Steps website – [www.50steps.co.uk](http://www.50steps.co.uk). It'd be fantastic if you could share our website through your network and channels.

[Download the 50 Steps April Newsletter](#)

As mentioned previously, we really rely on the support from organisations and individuals to help us deliver goals within each priority. We are on the look out for more partners who are able to support the steps, so please do have a think about how you or your organisation could get involved.

Together we can make Newham a healthier and happier place.

We look forward to working with you all.

Many thanks,

Jason



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