



St Luke's News

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



7th May 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Thankfully a bit of calm seems to have returned to Canning Town after the tragic events of the last few weeks and St. Luke's continues to move back to the 'normal' school that we have all been waiting for. As part of this process I have included a provisional list of Summer Term events at the end of this newsletter - please check them out and as lockdown eases we aim to add to this list as long as we feel the safety of pupils and staff is ensured.

RHSE

An important date on that list is Tuesday 5th May at 5pm because we will be holding a follow up meeting with parents to discuss our Sex Education part of the RHSE curriculum. I will send out the link on *Schoolping* on Monday 24th May. Please look out for it as we'd love to have you attend the discussion.

Creativity & Joy



Here are some of our Y6s 'working' on the Newham Heritage project I mentioned in last week's newsletter. Judging by the picks our children did what they always do bring joy and energy to the creative process and we can't wait to hear the song they are writing and performing for the project.

Urgent!



Dear parents, please carefully monitor any social media usage by your child. Last week I uncovered some very unpleasant language on a WhatsApp class chat. It has been closed down. I had to show some parents shocking language that was being typed and although the children involved didn't fully understand the sentiments of what they were saying we had to get them to realise what it looks like to anyone investigating an allegation and like us it can be downloaded and printed out for safeguarding records that are kept till you are 18. The minimum age for having a WhatsApp account is 16 **not** 11.

EID

Next Wednesday to Thursday will see our friends in faith in the Muslim community celebrate Eid-al-Fitr which is a celebration that marks the end of the Holy month and the Ramadan fasting period. It is a time of great reverence and joy and we wish all our friends in our school and wider community, Eid Mubarak!

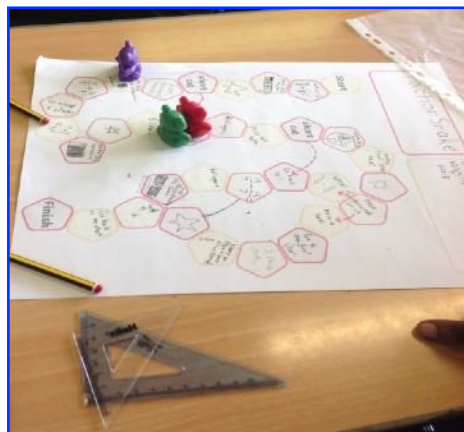
Newham Music

Saturday sees the beginning of Saturday Music School sessions from Newham Music. They have invited a smaller group of musicians in for this first few weeks and will review any further expansions as soon as soon as possible. So if you used to attend the Orchestras for free (offer only for our children) look out for a notice from Newham Music.

Games Makers

In Y5 this week they have been learning about fractions. Inspired by two different games, Miss Peters had pupils make their own maths board games. Hannah and Arijus report:

"First, we wrote down our fraction questions on our whiteboards. We had a choice to pick between 3 different formats. Our group chose the Monopoly format and we gave 5 small chance cards to Amarchi N and 5 big chance cards to Hannah. Arijus was drawing



the jail, parking and some questions. We had hard questions and easy questions (like identifying a fraction for the easy ones and for the hard ones it was finding the difference between fractions). We also put some advantages and some disadvantages on the board. After we finished making our games we got the chance to play them in class. While we were playing, we noticed some flaws. We could have improved the format and some of our questions were too difficult. However the work process and gaming was very enjoyable."



Duckling Update

Great news! Big thanks to Mrs Simpson for helping us to keep our ducks for the whole month of May. They were due to be collected and taken to a farm on Friday but thanks to Mrs Simpson we are going to keep them until half-term and then give them to the Roman Road Primary School farm in East Ham. This means we will be able to see them grow and develop and they are certainly developing – their bodies have grown immensely over the last week but their wings remain very small and their colouring is yet to alter. So exciting times ahead as we observe the changes and a big thank you to the staff looking after them during weekends.



Book Fayre



Friday saw the first part of our book fayre (see below), whereby our children browsed through and selected a book they would want to buy. Next Monday from 2.30pm-3.30pm we will put the boxes in the playground so parents can browse. Any books purchased can be paid for using the *Schoolping* app – special thanks to Mrs Tarbuck for organising the event.



And finally....

Ongoing works!



In the best traditions of St. Luke's our Y6s have been learning practical skills in making raised beds for planting out of disused heavy doors – thanks to Mr. Scott for keeping up the work of Mr D. and others



Please take note of upcoming dates below - and flyer attached for Newham's Parents' Webinars

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Dates for Summer Term 2021 – So far!

10th May Essex Cricket Club lead lunchtime KS2 sessions and Y5& 6 lessons PM

11th May TFL safe travel workshop for Y6 PM – remotely

12th May – Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families!

12th May Y5 AM trip to Trinity Buoy Wharf – class will walk to venue

13th May Y2 & Y5 London Fire Brigade safety sessions – remotely

17th May Essex Cricket Club lead lunchtime KS2 sessions and Y5& 6 lessons PM

24th May Essex Cricket Club lead lunchtime KS2 sessions and Y5& 6 lessons PM

25th May Tempest Photography in all day for class photos and Y6 leavers photos

25th May RHSE meet for parents discussing Sex-Education curriculum - Zoom

28th May Keep Britain Tidy – Great Big School Clean Day – Non-Uniform Superhero dress!

Mon 31st May- Fri 4th June school closed for Half-term

7th June Y4 Times Tables Tests and Y1 Phonic tests go live

7th June Essex Cricket Club lead lunchtime KS2 sessions and Y5& 6 lessons PM
 11th June Young Shakespeare Company working on the story of Hamlet with Y5 & Y6
 14th June Essex Cricket Club lead lunchtime KS2 sessions and Y3& 4 lessons PM
 14th June Y5&6 coach trip to Outdoor Countryside Day Hatfield House
 17th June HT attending Chelmsford Cathedral all day
 17th June Errol's Garden theatre show and workshop for Y1&2 in hall
 28th June – 2nd July London Maths Week @ St. Luke's
 28th June – 2nd July RHSE week – Sex Education
 30th June PM YN Sports Day
 1st July YR, Y1,& Y2 Sports Day
 2nd July KS2 Sports Day
 6th July – Y6 visit Ben Kinsella knife crime exhibition
 8th & 9th End of year funfair for children timetabled during the day
 9th AM St Luke's music concert parents invited (hopefully!)
 13th July Y6 end of Year Show for school PM
 14th July Y6 end of year show for parents
 16th July Y6 trip to Peter Pan's Adventure Island and camp out overnight in our garden
 21st July Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am parents invited
21st July School closes for Summer at 1pm

PARENTS' WEBINARS



Are you are a Parent/Carer living or working in Newham?

Newham's Early Help Partnership invites you to attend our weekly themed Parents' Webinars every Thursday afternoon, 4.30pm-5.30pm via Microsoft Teams.

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Link to Join

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://bit.ly/3sKR7vq>

Schedule

What is Early Help? 6th May 2021

Strengthening parents relationships 13th May 2021

Dealing with loss and bereavement 20th May 2021

The importance of fathers and significant males in a child's life 3rd June 2021

Raising black children in today's society 10th June 2021

Supporting your child with their gender and sexual identity 17th June 2021

Understanding anxiety and self-harming behaviour 24th June 2021

Youth Empowerment Programme 1st July 2021

Employment and benefits support 8th July 2021

Pathfinder Project: Holistic support to address over-representation of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic children and young people in the justice system 15th July 2021

Supporting children and young people with health conditions 22nd July 2021

Check out our previous family support webinars:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfBuvuA_uMZXL55U9HlxG0QpjwEJ98zQ