



# St Luke's News

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



Friday 14th May, 2021

Dear Parents,

*We are due to take the next step out of lockdown on Monday and then finally leave all restrictions in mid-June however we are starting to see more and more children suffering from the long-term effects of what we have been through.*

Adults and children have felt the physical effects of working through this period but it is the hidden mental pressures that are particularly worrying. So if you are noticing changes in your child's behaviour and are worried, please speak to your class teacher, myself or Miss Norcross as the earlier we work together to sort any problems the better it will be for the children. An example of one of the things we do is to use our outdoor area to do jobs that are less pressured than sit-down lessons, such as Mr. Scott's building work (see towards the end of the newsletter). Activities such as these allow the children to learn to interact with one another again, learn new skills, feel good about themselves and of course, be out in the fresh air.



## **WOW! - Walk to School week is here from 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May**

[Walk to School Week](#) is a five-day walking challenge in which children are rewarded for walking, cycling or scooting every day of the week. This year it's taking place from 17 May to 21 May 2021 - it's the perfect way to celebrate [National Walking Month](#) this May. Organised by Living Streets, this year's challenge will focus on the walking superpowers that benefit individuals, communities and the planet. Staying active and healthy on the school commute is now more important than ever, helping to ensure children arrive in the morning feeling refreshed and ready to learn. Please try and join in next week and beyond – it's good for you and our world.

## **Eid**

Thursday was one of the most important days of the year for the families from our Muslim community – it is always lovely to see how the children want to take part in Ramadan and then the anticipation they have for the Eid celebration – we talked in assembly this week how this period for Muslims is almost like putting Lent together with Christmas Day at the end to create that super reason for a celebration! Right is a picture of our Nursery children celebrating with an Eid part



## **It's official – Ducks are best!**

Duck fever continues to grip St. Luke's as every day sees them grow and become more inquisitive. It is fantastic to see how gentle the children are with them and now both staff and children are asking if we could keep them next year in our own St. Luke's Duck House.

Hmm...Now there is something for me (and the foxes!) to think about!





### **Buzz Fun – how to learn and have fun at the same time!**

*'In year 4 we have been learning about electricity. As part of our learning, Mr Hipperson requested that we make a buzzer toy for Years 1&2. Our toy was made of a base and inside it there was a buzzer which was attached to a battery. This was also connected to some metal wires which made a loop. For*

*the game to work, you needed every component connected to form a closed circuit. To win the game, you'll have to get to the end of the obstacle (the coil) without the buzzer going off. But if the buzzer goes off, you have lost! We got to show this to the children in KS 1 and they absolutely loved it.'*

**Mikhaela, Year 4**





## St. Luke's Never Rests



This week the London Fire brigade shared virtual visits with Y2 & Y5. In Y2 **Samiyah** reported that:

**'If there is a fire you need to close the doors and you get out straight away and call the Fire Brigade.'**

And on that point well done to Ayobami in YR who told his mum of a fence on fire at the back of the garden and she was able to ring the fire brigade quickly so there wasn't much damage.

## Getting their green fingers dirty!

Now that the threat of frosts has passed, it was time to start our outdoor planting. Y2 wasted no time in getting their young seedlings - that they germinated in their classrooms - into the allotments in the eco garden and watering them in.



## St Vincent Appeal



On the 9<sup>th</sup> April this year **the La Soufrière volcano** on the island of St. Vincent in the West Indies erupted for the first time since 1979 causing massive damage. One of Newham's schools, Maryland Primary have launched an appeal to help the children and families of the island. **They are a school that has actively supported our homeless appeals in the past.** They have organised a shipping crate to send with the idea of filling it up with donations. They plan to send spare school equipment but if any parents wish to make

donations of toothpaste & tooth brushes, socks, hair ties, flannels, puzzles and any spare drawing equipment – please can it be put into a box and brought into school and we will transport it to Maryland primary for the onward journey. Any questions please see Miss Phillip and Mrs Simpson.



## Building Together

Mr. Scott and the Y4s have continued their work making new raised plant beds using recycled wood from old cupboards. Aside from learning practical skills of measuring, cutting, sanding and painting, the children are learning to work, think and cooperate with each other.



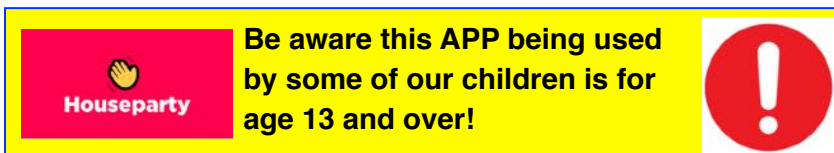


## Golden Assemblies

(Sorry no pics from Y3 this week)



Another warning regarding children's use of online social media



If parent's are interested in logo uniform, two information leaflets can be found below. It is important that when searching for us you use the postcode E16 1JB. Otherwise it is difficult to find us.

Please also check out summer dates and a flyer from Freshwater Theatre Company

Have a safe & happy weekend

Matt Hipperson HT

## **Dates for Summer Term 2021 - So far!**

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

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

25<sup>th</sup> May Tempest Photography in all day for class photos and Y6 leavers photos

25<sup>th</sup> May RHSE meet for parents discussing Sex-Education curriculum - Zoom

28<sup>th</sup> May Keep Britain Tidy - Great Big School Clean Day - Non-Uniform Superhero dress!

28<sup>th</sup> May Deadline for donations to help the islanders of St. Vincent

## **Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June school closed for Half-term**

7<sup>th</sup> June Y4 Times Tables Tests and Y1 Phonic tests go live

7<sup>th</sup> June Essex Cricket Club lead lunchtime KS2 sessions and Y5& 6 lessons PM

11<sup>th</sup> June Young Shakespeare Company working on the story of Hamlet with Y5 & Y6

14<sup>th</sup> June Essex Cricket Club lead lunchtime KS2 sessions and Y3& 4 lessons PM

14<sup>th</sup> June Y5&6 coach trip to Outdoor Countryside Day Hatfield House

17<sup>th</sup> June HT attending Chelmsford Cathedral all day

17<sup>th</sup> June Errol's Garden theatre show and workshop for Y1&2 in hall

28<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July London Maths Week @ St. Luke's

28<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July RHSE week - Sex Education

30<sup>th</sup> June PM YN Sports Day

1<sup>st</sup> July YR, Y1,& Y2 Sports Day

2<sup>nd</sup> July KS2 Sports Day

6<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 visit Ben Kinsella knife crime exhibition

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> End of year funfair for children timetabled during the day

9<sup>th</sup> AM St Luke's music concert parents invited (hopefully!)

13<sup>th</sup> July Y6 end of Year Show for school PM

14<sup>th</sup> July Y6 end of year show for parents

16<sup>th</sup> July Y6 trip to Peter Pan's Adventure Island and camp out overnight in our garden

21<sup>st</sup> July Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am parents invited

**21<sup>st</sup> July School closes for Summer at 1pm**





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May 22<sup>nd</sup> East Ham Library 10am & 2pm  
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