



St Luke's News

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



Friday 21st May, 2021

Dear Parents,

Ruby Bridges – What courage looks like!

On Monday this week we held an assembly and activities to celebrate the example of Ruby Bridges and the way she was able to change the segregated William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana USA in 1960.



I Wanted to Talk about my beloved teacher she would teach me everyday. Making to study while no one is here. she was nice and helpful.

She was the first black child admitted to the school against the protest of many parents and politicians. We tend to think that six year old children can't do much but with her optimism and personality she turned on her first day protected by the Police and Federal Agents and slowly set about changing the schools of Louisiana, at 6! Below are some slides from Zion in Y4 as an example of the diary work the children did.

The example of Ruby and other children such as Malala and Greta Thunberg show us that change doesn't need to wait till you are an adult – if something is wrong we need to challenge it! Please watch this very powerful 10 minute film on Youtube to learn more about her remarkable story: [Ruby's Story](#)



I met new friends they treated me well . we will always play with each other by not judging.

Young Carers

Below is an email from a young woman, Sanyu, who came to the school this week to chat with Y3-6 about the important role some young children play as carers for other family members – by coming to St Luke's Sanyu has helped some children realise what they do and how it is vital that they talk it through for their own mental health.

"Dear Mr Hipperson and Mr Scott

Thank you for having us present to your KS2. All of the staff and students were wonderful and we hope we gave them some insight on young carers and a safe space to ask questions to either myself or Mr Scott. It honestly makes my heart warm that your school is already well aware of young carers and continues to champion them. We hope to assist with future workshops and support to any young person that would need it.

Thank you"

Sanyu Musoke
Founder and Director of YUCAN CIC
www.yucan.org.uk

School Photographer

Reminder for the children to look their best on Tuesday as we have our photographer coming in to take class/group photos as well as Y6 individual photos for their leavers books – so brush your hair everyone!

Once St. Luke's always St. Luke's

Monday saw the funeral of the dearly loved Iris Henessey who was the school cook in the 1980s & 90s. Iris's daughter is our own Mrs Harding (KS1 TA) and some staff including Mandy Ishmail from our kitchen who worked with Iris back in the day, were able to attend the outdoors part of the service. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Harding and her family.



St. Luke's strikes again! Street Tag

Below is a message from Ollie in Y6:

"Walking is a good way to exercise, Street Tag can you get fit, it's an App that scans 'tags' on lampposts in parts of the Canning Town. There's a leaderboard and all schools are competing but so far we are in first place so keep it up everybody!"

Farewell to the Ducks

The ducks have been great for both the children and adults – the ducks actually think Mr. Bonner is their dad because he was the first thing they saw when they hatched! But they have outgrown the school and it is with sadness that we will transfer them to the school farm at Roman Road Primary next Tuesday.



Meanwhile...

Work continues on the new raised beds in KS1 playground – the finished job will be shown next week.



Golden Assemblies



TOP ROW (L-R): NURSERY, RECEPTION, Y1
MIDDLE ROW (L-R): Y2, Y3, Y4
BOTTOM ROW (L-R): Y5 & Y6 BIRTHDAY, Y6



Class champions – Y3

Mathletics and Reading Eggs winners



Mathletics & Reading Eggs Champions Y3

Vistry Story Writing Competition

It was with great pleasure that we invited Lisa from Vistry, the local building company, to announce the winners from our latest writing competition.

We launched the '*Build a story*' competition at the start of the term and we had over 60 entries. Lisa and her team read through each and every one of them. They loved every entry and found it so difficult to find a winner. Lisa and her team said the winning stories were chosen for their creativity, their use of ambitious vocabulary and their sense of fun.

Huge congratulations to our two winning writers, **Imisi and Sefira**. All winners, including the runners up, received fabulous book prizes with the theme of "building".

If you didn't enter this competition, don't worry as we have so many more future competitions planned in partnership with Vistry.

Who will our next competition winner be?



Lisa from Vistry with Winners



Lisa with Runners-up

And last - but by no means least - some EYFS & KS1 Birthdays



Can I remind you that the **St Vincent's Volcano Disaster appeal** deadline is Friday 28th.

There is also still an opportunity for family theatre fun **for free** at Stratford & East Ham this weekend (see flyer).

Following up on our talk with our pupils about children's roles as young carers, please see the flyer at the end of this letter which may give you, or your child, a better understanding of what that entails. Thankyou.

Don't forget to check out event dates & times for your diary.

Have a great weekend

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher

FREE!

THE KNOWING NEWHAM HERO HUNT!

A FREE EVENT FOR AGES 6-11 & THEIR FAMILIES*

WHERE COULD THEY BE?
Join Pākiki Theatre for a fun-filled family show & quest activity to hunt for Newham's hidden heroes.

Book your FREE place at:
www.newhamheritagemonth.eventbrite.co.uk

May 22nd East Ham Library 10am & 2pm
May 23rd Stratford Library 10am & 2pm

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Pākiki Theatre

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***CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT THROUGHOUT EVENT**

Dates for Summer Term 2021 – So far!

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!

28th May Deadline for donations to help the islanders of St. Vincent

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

WHO DO I TELL IF I AM A YOUNG CARER?

SOMETIMES IT FEELS HARD TO SPEAK ABOUT YOUR PROBLEMS BEING A YOUNG CARER



PARENTS, CARERS OR ANY ADULT YOU TRUST

SOMETIMES HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH YOUR LOVED ONES COULD HELP THEM REALISE YOU TAKE ON A LOT. THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND A SUITABLE ADULT TO HELP THEM WITH THE THINGS YOU MAY BE STRUGGLING WITH.

TEACHER, MENTOR OR PASTORAL TUTOR

SPEAKING TO TEACHERS AT SCHOOL CAN ALSO HELP, THEY ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO LISTEN TO ANY CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE FROM BEING A YOUNG CARER. THIS COULD BE AS SIMPLE AS EXPLAINING WHY YOU'VE RUN LATE TO SCHOOL OR WHY YOU'VE NOT HANDED IN YOUR HOMEWORK ON TIME

NEWHAMS YOUNG CARER PROJECT

THEY AIM TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 5 TO 18 WHO ARE CARERS. THEY HELP BY OFFERING SUPPORT." THEY HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH YOUTH CLUBS ALL AROUND NEWHAM THAT HAVE FUN THINGS TO DO.

WWW.CARERSFIRST.ORG.UK/NEWHAM/YOUNG-CARERS

YUCAN

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