



St Luke's News

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



Friday 18th June, 2021

Dear Parents,

This week I was lucky enough to visit Chelmsford Cathedral with some other Headteachers to have some 'thinking' time in the midst of all that is going on in the world at the moment.

The Bishop of Colchester talked of how we are forgetting the things that our soul needs in a constant search for 'product' - as if the world is a factory and we are just on a conveyor belt. He urged us to think of the things that lift our soul to happiness such art, music, books, films - all the things that politicians and even people in charge of education don't seem to value - and as we 'recover', to make sure we don't forget those things that are so important to our well-being. With that in mind, on Friday a member of staff was chatting with a staff member from the English National Ballet about a prospective partnership and one of our governors has put us forward to be part of a Design & Technology project run by the Victoria & Albert museum. We will continue to prioritise projects that both enrich your children and make our school special.



Sports Days & End of Year Events

The latest government advice allows for parents to attend events, preferably outdoors and within your phase/bubble. For us that means we will hold such events as separate bubbles: YN & YR – Y1&2 – Y3&4 – Y5&6. Within those phase groups 30 parents can attend per class. So for example, for the Y5&6 Sports Day, 30 parents from Y5 and 30 parents from Y6 can attend but both groups need to remain separate from each other. Also, this means at Sports Days **only 1 parent** can attend and if you have a child in Y5 and Y6 then one parent can attend the Y5 group and one the Y6 group but they cannot move between the two groups. This is not as normal but is a lot better than last year when we couldn't have any gatherings! Further guidance will be issued as the events get nearer.

Dates:

30th June AM: YN & YR Sports Day

1st July PM: Y1, & Y2 Sports Day

2nd July AM: Y3/4 Sports Day PM Y5/6 Sports Day

School Trips

On Monday the Y5&6s went to visit Hatfield House looking at country life in days past and also contrasting it with their urban lives in blazing sunshine and on Friday the Y4s visited London Zoo in a downpour but that is the English weather for you!



Ducks getting bigger!



As we mentioned a little while ago, as much as we loved having them, we were unable to keep our ducks at St Luke's so Roman Road Primary offered to take them in to their little zoo. Look at how big and healthy they are now! It is lovely to see them in a safe, purpose built space.

The Power of the Spoken Word

St Luke's pupils have been on an emotional journey this week, all through the power of words. Spoken word poet and school governor, Ayomide Sotebo joined Y6 to deliver a workshop on *spoken word poetry* to inspire pupils to write their own unique story through their own lens and to bravely share it with others. Pupils were asked to choose a theme to base their poem around - something that was pertinent to them as an individual. It was wonderful seeing them learning how poetry can recount a journey far better than a traditional narrative. Listening to Mide recite her work was like being invited into her past, present and future. After Ayomide recited her own work she spoke of her own inspirations and motivations to write. Below are some comments and examples of work produced.

Pupils recounted how they felt so many emotions listening to Ayomide:

"Listening to the power of words made me want to write and perform my own...When she was reading her poem I felt like I was inside the poem. It was so real. So emotional." (Eिताutas)

"Listening to a poet recite live and in such a small space was very exciting. I enjoyed writing about my difficulties this past year. I was happy that my words may inspire others, the same way that Mide's words inspired me. That is true power." (Malia)

"Before today, my poems were all a bit flat and I just used to look for a rhyme, but working to a theme made me think deeply. I knew the words that I wrote would make others truly feel it too." (Ornah)

Examples of their new poetry included:

*"Take a step forward
Make a meaningful change
All it takes is one brave brain
And hope that it gives you a push to make a change."*

*"Racism is widespread through the earth
We're still alive, but what's it worth?
Earth is warming faster than a rocket
But world leaders are try'na mock it
The ocean is full of plastic
But no motion to stop it.
I have a dream.
To save the Earth.
That's what we are
That's what we're worth."*

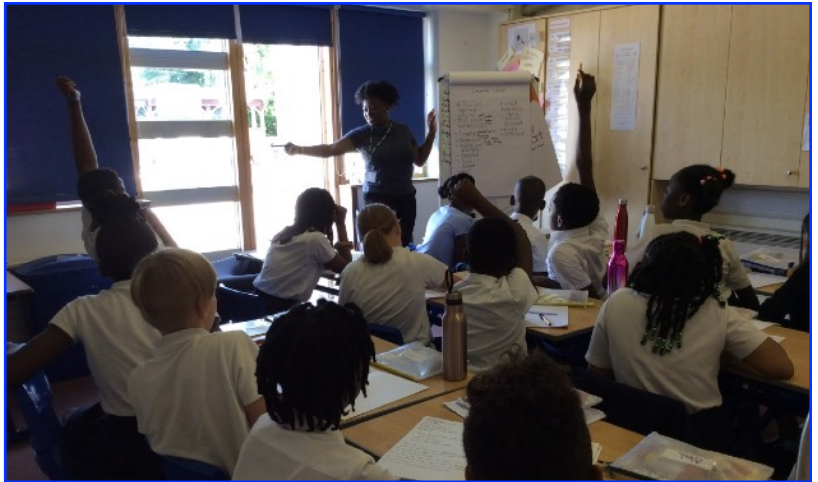
*"This was a risk. An emergency.
Help me. Someone stop it.
I can't push it away."*

*It's weighing me down.
The feeling of worry consumes me.
I long for freedom to fill my lungs."*

*"Last year, everything changes.
A pandemic struck.
People died.
People cried.
Covid 19 wrecked us"*

St Luke's are so grateful to Ayomide and pupils said thank you, especially for "sharing techniques and encouraging us not to be shy about our emotions."

"Mide was so inspirational. I can't believe I used to think that poetry was boring."



Y6 Social Action

Year 6 have kindly sponsored the charity Mind! The West Ham Foundation has helped us, so a big thank you to them as well. On the 25th June the whole school plans to do a sponsored run (led by Y6) to raise money to recognise Mental Health problems because mental health is a serious problem in the UK. Each class will do 15 minutes of running so your child **MUST** bring a water bottle to participate in this event. Parents and carers can donate and all donations will be very much appreciated.

JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Year-6-St-Luke-s-Canning-Town>

Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Harvest comes early for YR as they got out and picked what they had grown - and the theatre returned to St Luke's with a fantastic performance of *Errol's Garden* for the Early Years and Key Stage 1 children – see below



Keep up with the news!

There is so much going on at the moment the best way to keep up with the latest news is to download our instagram site onto your phone. If you don't have an Instagram account you will need to set up an account by downloading the APP and then scan this QR code and it will take you to the school account which is @stlukessche16



Golden Assemblies and Certificates



Please double check dates for events below (changes frequently happen!)

Have a safe weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Dates for Summer Term 2021

22nd June Windrush Assembly

22nd June EYFS trip to Discover Story Centre

24th June Met Police community officers visiting Y5&6

24th June new to Reception meeting for parents 5pm

25th June Music students going to the Trinity Laban concert

28th June – 2nd July London Maths Week @ St. Luke's

28th June – 2nd July RHSE week – Sex Education

30th June AM YN & YR Sports Day

1st July Sex-Ed. Curriculum documents available for parents to look at in playground 9am

1st July PM Y1,& Y2 Sports Day

2nd July Bee workshop

2nd July AM Y3/4 Sports Day PM Y5/6 Sports Day

5th-9th Sex Education week

7th July Y6 Rowing Day

8th July LBN Y6 transition day

9th End of year funfair for children timetabled during the day

9th AM St Luke's music concert parents of musicians invited - outdoor event

9th Y3 school trip to Trinity Buoy Wharf

13th July YN Picnic & Graduation

13th July Y6 end of Year Show for school PM

14th July YN Carnival

14th July Y6 end of year show for parents outdoors weather permitting

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 – outdoors weather permitting

21st July School closes for Summer at 1pm