



St Luke's News

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



17th September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

We are now getting back into a full school rhythm – lessons, lost jumpers, cut knees, etc. and with each week we get more normal - and busier! Next week you have the opportunity to meet your teacher. We also have a visit from the Schools lead of the Diocese of Chelmsford and all of our music lessons run by Newham Music begin again.

It is so nice to see you in the school grounds again and we are hoping that the parent/teacher meetings in November (see dates for your diary section) will be able to be face to face. The children and staff have had a great start to the year - the way they work together, care for each other and have fun together makes me enormously proud of all of them.

Recognising your Generosity

At the end of the newsletter is a copy of a letter from the High Commission for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in response to the collections made by us and four other schools in response to the volcanic eruptions earlier this year. Your generosity has made a difference.

Prayers

We need your continued prayers for two of our mothers who are in hospital fighting covid complications. Please, please remember: we need to stay safe.

Parents are back in school! - Coffee morning next week

It has been great for us to finally return to the end of day procedures we had before the pandemic – thanks for all your co-operation! On **Tuesday** we are running a **coffee morning, 9-10am** for any parents who can spare some time to chat – the kids will get a cake at the end of the day.



Y6 Secondary Transfer Meeting

On Monday 20th September at 5pm there will be a meeting to take the Y6 parents through the secondary school application process. Unless you have done this before and are very confident about it I highly recommend all Y6 families to attend as this is one of the biggest decisions that you will make for your child.

After-School Clubs

After-school clubs return again on Monday 20th September and will run to 5pm so we can get the parts of the school used thoroughly clean before the school is locked up for the night. I'd like to say a massive thanks to Miss Martin for taking this on and running the clubs so well year after year!

YR Breakfast Clubs

From Monday 27th September, YR children can come to Breakfast Club – it is £3 a morning and the child must be dropped off between 7.30 and 7.55 am.



Afghanistan

We are lucky enough to have a lovely Afghani family in our school community whose daughter is one of our Y6s. On speaking with the family this week it was tough to hear about their struggles to get other families members out of Afghanistan to safety and also hear the plight, particularly of young women. We pray that those who want to leave can get out safely and that the world community keeps working on behalf of the women of Afghanistan in particular.

Birthday Treats

Although we all like to celebrate children's birthdays, we are also a school with a healthy school duty. If you would like to bring in small packets of sweets for your child's class, we are more than happy to hand them out. However, we can no longer accept party bags, cakes or chocolates. It is the gesture of giving something that is most important so a small bag of sweets is a perfect gift for your child to give out.

Meet The Teacher dates

Next week we will offer you the chance to meet your child's class teacher virtually and ask them questions. On Monday we will post a presentation on your child's year group section of the Parents' Page on the website for you to look at ahead of the meeting.

The times of the meetings are as below -

Year 1: 4.00pm Monday 20th September

Year 2: 4.00pm Tuesday 21st September

Year 3: 4.00pm Thursday 23rd September

Year 4: 4.30pm Tuesday 21st September

Year 5: 5.00pm Monday 20th September

Year 6: 5.00pm Tuesday 21st September

Links will be sent out Monday morning for these, please be prompt when arriving for these meetings to get all the information you need. YN & YR will conduct their own face to face meetings in their playgrounds – they will let you know in their newsletter.

Message from Rev Amy

'Hi again St Luke's school families. We made it to the end of another week! Do know you are all in my prayers day by day as we navigate this new season together. At St Luke's Church there are lots of exciting developments going on and we are looking for 3 people to join our staff team. Perhaps you or someone you know could be one of the people we are looking for? We are currently advertising for a full time community worker, a full time community evangelist and a part time musical director. For more information visit www.stlukese16.co.uk/vacanices The deadline for applications to be submitted for all 3 jobs is Friday 1st October at 5pm. Do just get in touch with me if you have any questions! Have a blessed weekend.

Rev Amy.

Golden Assembly Stars of the Week & other awards





Y1 Winners



Y2 Winners



Y3



Y4



Y4 - Reading and Maths champs!



Y5



Y6 winners and with the class of the week trophy for all their hard work on their practise SATs this week

DIARY DATES

20th Sept. Meet the Teacher week – online meeting for YR-Y6 parents check Google invite

20th Sept. Individual music lessons begin

20th Sept. After School clubs begin every evening from 3.30-5pm

21st Sept. Macmillan Coffee Morning all parents invited 9-10am in playground

22nd Sept Chelmsford Diocese head of Education Team visiting AM

23rd Sept. EY & KS1 music lessons begin with Newham Music

24th Sept. Y4 school trip to Honey Bee centre in Holland Park

27th Sept. YR children can attend Breakfast Club

27th Sept Breakfast club begins for YR children

27th Sept Visit for KS2 from London bee Keepers

27th Sept. Y3 have video link lesson with a school - Colne Engaine - near Colchester

30th Sept. Y6 school trip to The Wonder Lab at the Science Museum

5th Oct. Basic Skills Inspection - The school's core Maths and literacy provision is externally assessed

13th Oct. Our new Sensory cabin gets fitted out for use

19th Oct Y4 Ben Franklin House

20th Oct. Y6 Trip to the Lion King matinee performance

25th – 29th OCT School closed for Half-Term

1st Nov. School closed for INSET (Training day)

2nd Nov. School re-opens for all children

4th Nov. French Film afternoon for Y5&6

9th & 11th Nov Parent Meetings after school 3.30-6pm on site

19th Nov. Inclusion Quality Mark external inspection

9th Dec. Sleeping Beauty Pantomime for all children

Please take some time to read both the letter from the High Commission for St. Vincent and the Grenadines below and a message from 'Next Gen Newham':

We hope you have a peaceful weekend.

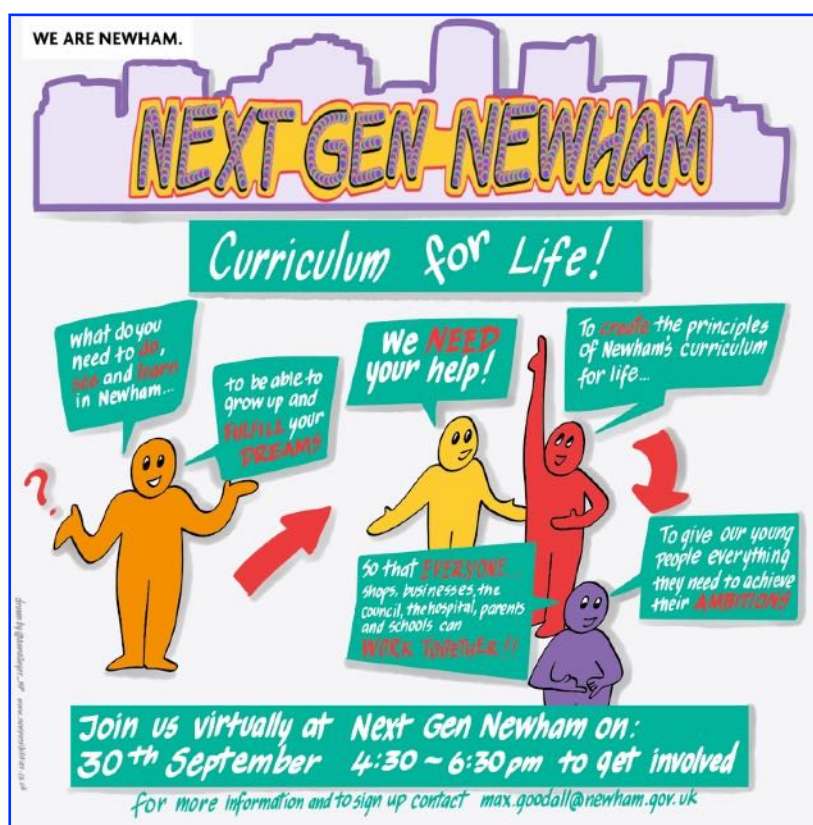
Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Next Gen Newham is a group made up of young people and parents, as well as leaders from across Newham (Council, NHS, Police etc). The group meets to think about what's working, what's not working and to make decisions about where to focus to make things better for young people in our borough.

To help understand what's going on in Newham, we're looking at data, reading research but most importantly talking to young people.

The next session is on 30 September from 4.30 - 6.30pm. It will take place virtually on Zoom. You can join using this link: <https://basis-co-uk.zoom.us/j/91013814982>





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8th September, 2021

Mrs Lorna Jackson,
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Dear Mrs Jackson,

Recently I saw an article in *NewhamVoices*, Issue 8, August 2021, about the humanitarian initiative spearheaded by your school to alleviate the plight of people – especially children – in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, following the explosive eruptions of La Soufriere Volcano in April this year.

I was very touched by the compassion and support displayed by you, your Staff, pupils and their parents in undertaking such an initiative, in collaboration with St Luke's Primary, Ellen Wilkinson Primary, St James' Junior, and Dersingham Primary Schools.

On behalf of the school children and their parents/guardians who will benefit from all the supplies that were shipped to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; on behalf of NEMO (National Emergency Management Organization), the teachers, headteachers, the Ministry of Education, and the Prime Minister, Dr. Honourable Ralph E. Gonsalves, in particular; on my own behalf and that of my Staff at the High Commission, I wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to everyone for their effort in making the initiative such a success.

Additionally, please convey special thanks to the Chair of the Board of Governors, Mr Graham Plant, and to Mr Charles Challenger, of Challenger Shipping, for their role in this humanitarian venture.

With the consent of all respective Headteachers, and Coronavirus pandemic permitting, I should like to visit all the Schools involved to thank each one personally.

In the meantime, I wish you, the other Headteachers, all the pupils, staff and parents, a happy and successful academic year and also protection from the Coronavirus and its variants.

With much appreciation,



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Mr Matt Hipperson - Headteacher,
St Luke's CEVA Primary School, Forest Gate

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Ellen Wilkinson Primary School, Beckton

Mrs Rose Boland-Bourne - Headteacher,
St James' CofE Junior School, Forest Gate

Mr Lando Du Plooy - Headteacher,
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