



St Luke's News

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



Friday 1st October, 2021

Dear Parents,

A message from our new Bishop, The Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani

Bishop Guli said in a recent sermon: "...if we put our trust in God, we are used both for our strengths and our weaknesses, but that often it is through our vulnerabilities that we make the deepest connections and have the greatest impact. That at any rate has often been my experience." Rather than creating a stronghold, perhaps opening up and building relationships is more likely to be the kind of leadership that enriches others and will have the greatest impact on the children. After all, in many Psalms the expression of frustration, even anger, ends with such a refrain and promise as Psalm 31.24: "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

Bishop Guli's words are very pertinent at the moment. I think this is a time of fragility and vulnerability for many of us – children, families and staff and it is how we support each other through these tough times, that marks out the kind of community we are. It is so important to listen to each other and understand that for some of us, life at the moment can feel overwhelming at times. It is at that point that we as a community need to put an 'arm' around each other and let each other know that it is okay to feel vulnerable and that with the strength of others we can regain our confidence and our children can regain the future they deserve.

Thank-You!

We would like to say a massive thank-you to our local Rotarians represented by Chizaram of Y5's mum (pictured) for donating a combined £700 towards helping struggling families with funds for the summer holidays. This money allowed seven families to offer their children some experiences like going to the Cinema which they would otherwise not have been able to do.

We often try to be as generous as we can to our local community but this act of charity from the Rotary Club of Newham showed that there are many fantastic groups in our area that think about those who may be struggling through no fault of their own.

Friday Clubs

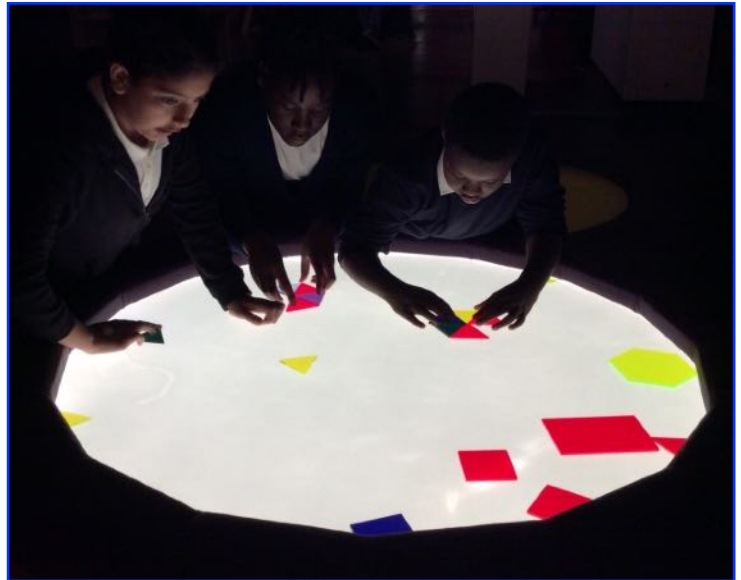
St Luke's Church has informed us that the Church will be re-opening for indoor services on Sunday the 10th October (they have been doing online and then outdoor services since March 2020). This has implications for the school as it brings back the old level of cleaning and movement of equipment from the hall every Friday night. Because of this **all Friday night clubs will end at 4.30pm** from now on and we will either refund some money or carry it over to the next payment time.

Harvest Festival donations

Thank you so much to all our wonderful families for your harvest donations this week. On Tuesday Rev. Amy and James from St. Luke's Church came to lead a worship service to explain the importance of the Harvest festival and next Tuesday we will be taking the food to the Ascension Church Foodbank for distribution to families and individuals who are struggling at the moment – pictures to follow.



Y6 at the *Wonderlab*!



The Y6s visited the *Wonderlab* at the Science Museum this week as part of their work around science investigation skills. This has always been a successful trip with our children because of its high quality and it is so good to be able to get the children out of school again on visits that help to unlock young minds.



MEDICAL & DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Please can you try and arrange appointments for children before or after school, if not, please provide appointment letter for child's absence records to the school office.
Please provide hospital letter for hospital appointments, in advance, if possible.

Music Lessons

Well done to all our music students who are now in the 2nd week of their piano, violin and saxophone lessons this term. Your music tutors were impressed with your hard work, how keen you were to learn and your lovely manners. Keep up the great work. In December we will be having our *Winter Music Showcase* - details to come.



Parents - there are still a few place left in violin lessons. See Ms Adams for how to register with Newham Music.

Y4 architects at Hackney Bridge

The Y4s visited the Hackney Bridge (see pics below) area of the Olympic Park as part of an *Architecture in Schools* project and visited and examined a range of building guided by the actual architect who designed them. This is part of several collaborations the school is undertaking with outside providers and we have just agreed for our Y5s to join the Victoria & Albert Museum on a design project which we were asked to join because of our work last year with the Institute of the Imagination – more details to follow.



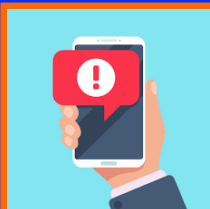
StreetTaggers News

Well done St Luke's StreetTaggers, we now have over 9.5 millions points!!! That is fantastic!!

Keep it up because the Top 25 St Luke's Highest Scorers will win a place in *The StreetTags Activity Party* that will take place in December after school. There will be boxercise, a fun quiz and a movie with lots of popcorn!

If you would like to enter or would like to sign up to StreetTags, see Ms Adams to fill in an entry form. If you are already on StreetTags, I will need to know your user name for you to enter the competition.

Stay active!

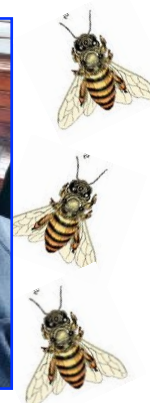


Mobile use for school meetings -Beware!

Please be aware that if you try to use your phone to join any school meetings such as 'Meet the Teacher' on Google Meets you may incur an expensive phone charge - we don't appear to be able to remove the phone facility and one parent has already had a bill for over £30, so please try and use alternative devices to log on with.

The Buzzing of the Bees

After last weeks visit to the bee hives at Holland Park the bees came to St. Luke's this Monday as all the KS2 classes got to spend quality time with a bee keeper who took them through the life and struggles of a bees both drones and Queens. The mobile hive was completely sealed and allowed the children to see the inner workings of a bee hive up close!



Golden Assembly



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Y1



Y2 – Reading champs!



Y3



Y4 class of the week again!



Y5



Y6

Dates for your diary:

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

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher