



# St Luke's News

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



**Friday 15th October, 2021**

Dear Parents,

*These pictures show some Y4 children reacting to a challenge of how to show Jesus' teachings visually. The school has high expectations of how we behave with one another whether it is pupils, staff or families. The way we behave with each other is the most*



*important lesson we learn in school and our teaching*

*and example comes from the life of Jesus and it helps to make us the best school we can be. Sometimes we do not get things right but as we always talk with the children, it is what you learn from your mistakes and how we then change our behaviour that is so important.*

## **Education 4 Change (E4C)**

Next Wednesday I will be attending E4C's training day on 'Social Justice & Racism' which has been put on for Headteachers. This is the first conference they have been able to organise as part of their task of helping schools to create fairer and more representative education for our children. To achieve equal rights for all in our society - irrespective of gender, race or religion - is not as easy as it might sound and I expect to come back to school on Thursday with some ideas about how we can keep moving forward on this aim.

Below is a link to some events that the London Borough of Newham have organised to celebrate Black History Month.

[Newham Black History Month | October 2021](#)

## **Chelmsford Public Speaking competition**

This week our Y4s have begun their journey towards the Diocese of Chelmsford Public Speaking competition in March. The children will get a couple of sessions in how to speak in a debate and then a team of six of them will be chosen to represent the school at a debate in Chelmsford.



## SPORTS NEWS!!

### Football Success!

Last week saw our Y5/6 boys defeat local rivals St. Helens 5-1. Whilst it was a great result, what was more important was the football that the boys played: not trying to do everything themselves but beginning to realise that you can move the ball around using your team to outwit the opposition. Next week the boys will travel to the West Ham tournament in Beckton to see if they can progress into a national competition. Our girls' team took part this week losing on penalties in the quarter finals but played with real heart – well done!



### Handball Heroes!

On Wednesday 6th October, some of our Year 6's competed in a Handball Competition at Langdon School. They were amazing! Our brilliant team won their group (including beating last year's champions) and they also won their quarter final match too. Unfortunately, they lost their semi-final match to penalties but went on to win the 3rd place play-off 2-0. Congratulations and well done on winning 3rd place. St Luke's is proud of you.



### PE lessons

Well done to all of our amazing St Luke's students for their brilliant effort in their Outdoor PE lessons. Keep up the fantastic work - Ms A is very proud of your progress.



Now that the weather is starting to get colder, black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms, thermals and jumpers are the best clothes to wear for outdoor PE. This is for Y1 to 6. Nursery and Reception's lessons will be indoors.

Everyone (including Nursery & Reception) can wear trainers of any colour for their PE lessons - they are better than plimsolls. Please see the class teacher for the days your child's PE lessons are on.

### StreetTaggers - Update!

St Luke's StreetTaggers, we are smashing our score from Season 1. We have over 11 and a half million points!!! That is incredible!!

Also, our *StreetTags Activity Party Competition* is really starting to heat up! Everyone is working hard to be in the Top 25 and win a place at the party that will take place in December after school. There will be boxercise, a fun quiz and a movie with lots of popcorn! Keep collecting those tags to be in with a chance of winning a place.

If you have any question, please see Ms Adams.



## Night Writing

This week our Y5s had a creepy experience as they stayed in school until 9pm. It gave them the chance to experience the school in a totally different way – in the dark! Johnny from *Otherwise Education* guided the children and their senses through an exploration of the school with the aim of inspiring them as writers. A massive thanks must go to Miss O'Garro, Mrs Tarbuck and Miss McCarthy for giving the children such a wonderful time.

## Parent Meetings – 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November

They are back! We will be holding our first in-person parent/teacher meetings for two years in November. It is incredible to think that some of you have never been to a meeting here and that for the rest of you it was 2019 since your last face to face meeting. Lots of schools are keeping their meetings online but with a few changes we felt that we could get you back in safely. We will not be able to let you wait in the hall like we did two years ago (so we can reduce the risk of any virus transmission), so we will ask you to be on time and come into 'your' classroom from the playground door. There will be no clubs those night as we will need all staff to help out – see you soon!

## Bikeability Y5

Our gallant Y5 *Bikeability* cycle riders completed their course and were awarded their certificates. Bikeability cycle training is a practical training programme, which provides schoolchildren with a life skill and enables them to cycle confidently and competently on today's roads. Well done to them all!



# Golden Assembly Winners



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Y1



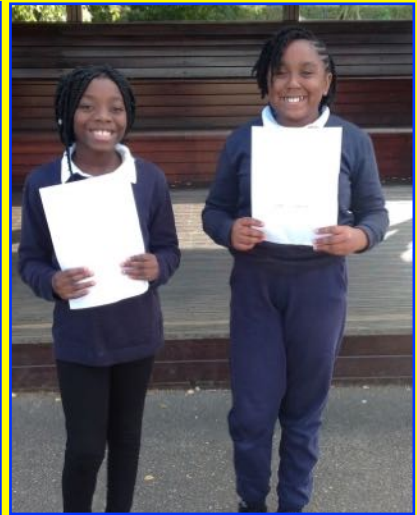
Y2



Y3 & Reading Champion



Y4



Y5



Y6

### Dates for your diary:

19<sup>th</sup> Oct Y4 Ben Franklin House

20<sup>th</sup> Oct. Y6 Trip to the Lion King matinee performance – this has been rearranged to January by the Theatre Company.

20<sup>th</sup> Oct. Jermain Jackman from The Voice talks to Y5/6 children about justice

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> OCT School closed for Half-Term

1<sup>st</sup> Nov. School closed for INSET (Training day)

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. School re-opens for all children

4<sup>th</sup> Nov. French Film afternoon for Y5&6

9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent Meetings after school 3.30-6pm on site

9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sleeping Beauty Pantomime for all children

9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4.30 pm Christmas Carols & snacks around the fire pit in the playground

14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9am EYFS Nativity show for parents

16<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am KS1 Christmas show for parents

17<sup>th</sup> Dec. PM EYFS & KS1 Christmas parties for children

19<sup>th</sup> Dec. AM End of Term achievement assembly

19<sup>th</sup> Dec. PM KS2 Christmas parties for children

20<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am Christingle service led by Rev. Amy

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec. School closes for Christmas at 1pm and re-opens for children on the 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2022**

### And finally...

Please see this flyer we received from Newham with information on an opportunity for young people with SEND to get involved with sport

Have a peaceful weekend.

Matt

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Head Teacher

The flyer is for a 'GR8 Day 2 Play' event. It features a central illustration of three stylized figures (yellow, red, and blue) playing a game of tennis on a blue circular background. A speech bubble from the red figure says 'GR8 DAY 2 PLAY'. The text 'AM' is written in a small red box. The flyer is set against a yellow background with various text elements and logos.

**For SEND young people aged 8 - 25**

**Free**

**Saturday  
23rd October  
12:00 - 18:00**

**Newham  
Leisure Centre  
281 Prince Regent Ln  
E13 8SD**

**GR8 Day 2 Play**

**Ever wondered what sports & leisure activities are on offer for SEND young people in Newham?**

Come and try out some sports taster sessions such as indoor rowing, wheelchair basketball, Boccia, indoor archery, multi-sports & swimming.

There will also be information stalls about other services, opportunities to have your say about important issues that effect SEND young people in the borough, as well as a relaxation and sensory space.

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EMPOWERMENT**

Click on the link for more information about the day and to book places  
<https://tinyurl.com/LBNGr8Day2Play>

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