



St Luke's News

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



Friday 22nd October, 2021

Dear Parents,

This week I attended, along with many other headteachers, some training on the issues of social justice and racism in our society and how we can all work together to combat this evil.

It was an inspirational event which made everyone present analyse the way they think and how prejudices and perceptions develop. By talking openly about such difficult topics you can start to untangle the problems and at the same time I was very proud of my Y5 team of Miss O'Garro, Ms Mbick and Ms Adams who have been working to get our Y5's into conversations with politicians and artists about race and how we should deal with challenging situations. Below are some accounts from the Y5s on this recent work.

Y5 Racism Summit

"Our class got a chance to join a zoom meeting with our deputy mayor, Debbie Weeks-Bernard, and more very inspiring and important people. First we will start off with our astonishing Deputy Mayor, Debbie. In the Zoom meeting, she talked about Black Lives Matter and all the classes got to ask some questions about Black Lives Matter. Unexpectedly, we were the first class to get to ask her a question! Our question was asked by Anaba; "How would you feel if someone said black lives don't matter?". She answered back saying she would feel offended and disappointed. Next we will be talking about Peter Braithwaite! Some people may know him as a star opera singer but he's much more than that. He is a very inspirational person that all of us learnt from! He set us a challenge to create a piece of artwork about Black History Month! He even sang us a song that the white people would sing to the Black people. All I know is that he sang it beautifully! Next we have Olamide Taiwo. She talked about how she was discriminated against and disrespected because of her hair. In secondary school, many teachers didn't take her seriously or saw as a disgrace. Now we all know she should not be made to feel like that, right? Thank you for reading about the Yr 5 summit."

— Jerome Y5

Jermain Jackman Workshop



"On Wednesday the 20th of October, Year 5&6 attended a workshop with Jermain Jackman. If you don't know who he is, he is most widely known for being the first black man to win a television singing competition called The Voice. He read us parts of the book he made about the Windrush generation. He read to us, he wrote about a diary/point of view of his grandmother (Baby G) of when she came to the UK. Once he finished, he asked us questions such as 'What is your goal to achieve in the future?' Some people said they would like to be a singer in the future so he

asked those of us who said that to come up and sing. They were all amazing. He then sang a beautiful song for us and the way he changed pitches oooh it was amazing! As we left he signed our book as an honour to us. Below are some of our responses to what we were talking about."

— Mikhaela Y5

Windrush Diary

I'm a young child.

Mums got to move.

She says I'm approved to go,

I really disapprove.

Dad says he can't come

Mum's gonna be a nurse for the NHS

I can't wait for school

Heard it's fun,

I heard you get lots of time to run but

There's no sun!

See you 2moro

— Sefira Y5

Black Poem

I am black and smart,

And I love it because it's me.

I am black,

And I tell stories about black history icons,

And the ones that inspired others to be the best they can be.

And I'm joyful about it because it's me.

If you feel inspired by this poem or good about it, then turn the 'I' into 'We'!

— Chardonnay Jones, Y5

Y5's After-Dark workshop with Jonny

"Last week, we had a writing workshop with an author who goes by the name Jonny Walker. First, we played word games and explored personification and got to be spies spying on teachers at school including Mr Hipperson -who chased us around with a long stick that looked rather like bamboo.

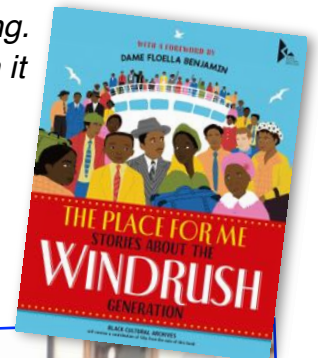
As the sun went down, all the school lights went off and the torches came on so we could roam around the school looking for things we wouldn't see in the daytime. We thought about which senses had been used to explore the school by night and we had a campfire and made s'mores (sweet treats) without chocolate then noticed the cross above the school glowing. We then used all these experiences to help us with our writing.

It was very enjoyable and we learned a lot such as just noticing small, little things that can help us make a big story. I wonder if we can do it again. I loved it!"

Y4 Visit Benjamin Franklin's old house

"On my interesting trip I learnt about a fantastic instrument that Benjamin Franklin created it came from when he saw someone playing with water in glasses and is called 'the glass armonica'. People all over the world loved this instrument because of its unique sound but some were scared of this as they thought the high pitched sound could hypnotise them!

Franklin didn't like their accusations! He also made a





lightning rod after experimenting with a kite in a lightning storm and this ingenious invention has saved many lives. We can tell that Benjamin took a lot of care with his work and his work on the glass armonica helped us to understand about high and low pitches and how these are created - I found the higher pitches very calming! I love all of Franklin's ideas and inventions although some were quite strange like his enjoyment of 'air baths'!"

— Chioma Y4

Travelling Abroad

If you are travelling abroad the school will need to see proof of your PCR day 2 test emailed to ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk so we can admit your child back to school – this is all part of us keeping the school safe for everyone.

Water bottles

The school has some reusable St Luke's water bottles for children which can be bought from the school office.

After School clubs

Clubs will begin again after the Half term and will continue until Friday the 10th December. **There will be no clubs from 13th-21st December.** Also please note that on the days of the Parent Meetings, the 9th & 11th of November, there will be no clubs on those days.

Golden Assemblies



Golden Assembly



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Y1



Y2



Y3



Y4



Y5



Y6

Please see below dates for your diary.

Have a peaceful weekend and a safe half-term week and we will see you again on Tuesday the 2nd Nov.

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher



Dates for your diary: **Please note:** I put the wrong last day of term date down in last week's newsletter. Apologies. This date below is correct and thanks to the parent who pointed out my mistake!

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 Nov. Institute of Imagination workshops for Y1&2

9th & 11th Nov Parent Meetings after school 3.30-6pm NOW REMOTE due to rising Co-vid levels

10th Nov. Y6 visit the Imperial War Museum

11th Nov. Institute of Imagination workshops for Y5&6

15th Nov Girls football tournament run by WHFC

16th Nov. Institute of Imagination workshops for Y3

17th Nov. Institute of Imagination workshops for Y4

23rd Nov. Y5 To Victoria & Albert Museum & Y6 to Young Citizen workshops at Tate & Lyle

24th Nov. Y3 visiting Colne Engaine Primary Colchester

29th Nov. Victorian & Albert Museum staff visiting Y5

9th Dec. Sleeping Beauty Pantomime for all children

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

10th Dec. last day of After School clubs before Christmas

14th Dec. 9am EYFS Nativity show for parents

16th Dec 9am KS1 Christmas show for parents

17th Dec. PM EYFS & KS1 Christmas parties for children

20th Dec. AM End of Term achievement assembly

20th Dec. PM KS2 Christmas parties for children

21st Dec 9am Christingle service led by Rev. Amy

21st Dec. School closes for Christmas at 1pm and re-opens for children on the 6th Jan. 2022