



# St Luke's News

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



12th November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

## Remembrance

*On Thursday St. Luke's celebrated one of the most special assemblies to commemorate Remembrance Day. The school has a long tradition of marking this most solemn date when we remember those both military personnel and civilians who have lost their lives due to war over the last 107 years.*

Mr Durrant left the school a truly stunning pictorial account of this period in world history and this year we have been able to add to it. Mr. Bonner supplied the two pictures below which show men of West Ham who responded to the call volunteers to join the West Ham Battalion (the Hammers) of the Essex Regiment, who were said to shout 'Up the Hammers' as they attacked.



And last summer Mr. Paul Sarjantson sent me some photos he had been researching that brings the idea of war and suffering home to us here in Canning Town. In the first picture you can see a German bomber above Canning Town on the first day of the Blitz – the green cross marks our



school and in the other photograph of the bombed out streets, the number 3 marks the location of our school. In the bottom right hand corner you can see two Anderson air raid shelters (which would have once been in someone's back garden!). We talked with the children about how in September 1940 Canning Town and Silvertown were just about the most dangerous places in the world to live in!

We finished by telling the story of two women, Moina Michael and Anna Guerin, who are the reason why the poppy is the image not only of remembrance but also of the wish for peace in our world. Afterwards, a group of children went to over to the Cenotaph at St Luke's church to lay our wreaths.



Aftermath: little was left of Canning Town



**Remembrance:** The history of the Poppy and why we wear it



**To the Fallen:** laying our poppy wreaths at the Cenotaph

## Justice Committee

Peace is one of the objectives of those trying to achieve social change in our world right now and pictured is our newly convened **Justice Committee** captured in the chapel with our inspiration for change. Jesus was a revolutionary and the children talked about changes big and small that they want to promote. Amongst the ideas that they want to lead on are:



- Making the behaviour system reward consistent excellent behaviour and a time out strategy for those children struggling to do the right thing
- Supporting those struggling with their learning
- Equality for all
- Holding a careers fair
- Developing the class worry boxes
- Fundraising & messages on our own bit of the website

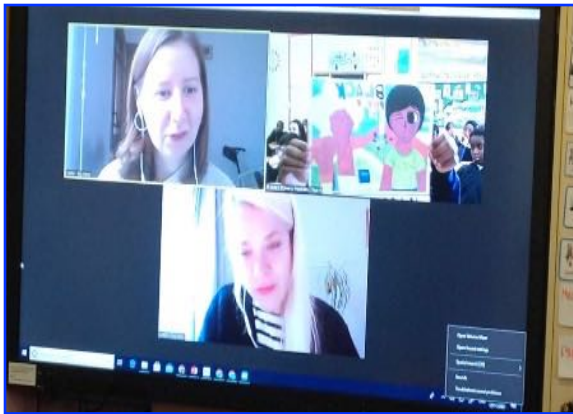
They also agreed a new set of rules for how they will work including understanding it's ok to disagree and to be excited for the challenge ahead. More news will follow in coming weeks.

## Game Changing

Y5 were invited to an exclusive celebration event following the *Game Changers Racial Justice Youth Summit* with the Deputy Mayor, Peter Braithwaite and Olamide. We had the opportunity to share our *Game Changers* challenge work exclusively with *Big Ideas* and *Team London* representatives. We were able to showcase our artwork, poems, and talked confidently about all the awesome work we do at St. Luke's to create awareness about social justice and the environment. Be inspired, inspire others and get our school noticed was at the forefront of our agenda as we also shared our latest *Education 4 Change* display pictures and our newest collection of BAME books. (Y5)

During this digital session, the fantastic work Year 5 have done during Black History Month was recognised and we will now be working in partnership with BIG IDEAS as an ongoing commitment.





### Feedback from the Game Changing team:

*"What a brilliant morning! Thank you so much for having us digitally in your class, it was an absolute pleasure to hear directly from the students about the work they had done, Hollie and I were extremely impressed by the group and how thoughtful their work was. We would be delighted to offer your class some funding to continue their fantastic work on social action as part of the Game Changers project. It would be brilliant if they could have a think of some project ideas and how they could*

*spend the money! I will be able to let you know the exact amount we can offer you next week - I will be in touch!*

*Best wishes and many thanks again for your help organising the digital session"*

*Lottie*

*Game Changers*

### St. Luke's very own Tardis



If you have been round into the KS1 playground you may have noticed a strange green building has appeared 'out of nowhere' but now we can give you the first shot of the inside sensory environment. The Inclusion team under Miss Norcross have fought hard to get a special space for our children – previously we have had to go to neighbouring schools and use their sensory facilities so it is lovely to see our children experiencing this very different environment.

### They want to bug you!

As winter approaches our eco-conscious Y4 & 5s got busy and on Friday afternoon set to work making minibeast 'hotels' for St Luke's smallest residents to hide away until spring.





## Y6 visit to the Imperial War Museum



### StreetTag Champions

We have been crowned the Newham StreetTag Champions - Season 2!!!

We got 15,144,370 points, that's more than double what we scored in Season 1!

Well done to everyone who took part - we are the most active school in Newham. I will let the students who have won a place in *The StreetTags Activity Party* know next week. Don't worry - I took a screenshot of everyone's final score before it all reset on Wednesday.

**Now we are in Season 3** - The top 25 will win a place in the *Great Easter Egg Hunt Activity Party* to take place in March.

**Good Luck**

**Stay active**

**Stay safe.**

If you would like to sign up to StreetTags, see Ms Adams.

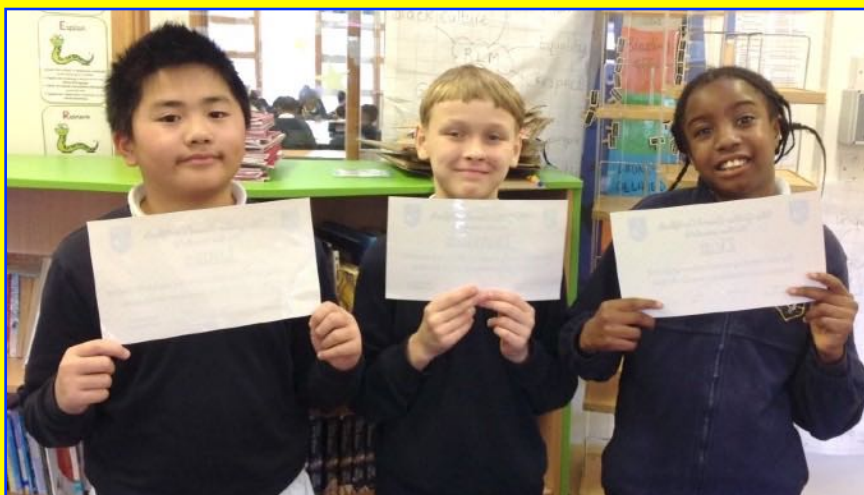




## Golden Assembly Celebration Time



**Y3,4 & 6 - Stars of the Week backed up by our reading and maths stars**



**Y5**



**Y6 are the champion readers**



**KS1**



**Stars KS1 reading & maths stars**

Have a safe and happy weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

#### PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT & TRIPS

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov. Institute of Imagination workshops for Y3**

**17<sup>th</sup> Nov. Institute of Imagination workshops for Y4**

**19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Y5 Rivers visit to Lea Valley Centre**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Y5 To Victoria & Albert Museum & Y6 to Young Citizen workshops at Tate & Lyle**

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov. Victorian & Albert Museum staff visiting Y5**

**30<sup>th</sup> Nov. . Y3 visiting Colne Engaine Primary Colchester**

**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**

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec. last day of After School clubs before Christmas**

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

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Choir singing carols at 55 Ruscoe Rd. 2pm**

**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. 6pm Choir singing at St. Luke's Church Carol Service**

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

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

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec AM End of Term achievement assembly**

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec. School closes for Christmas at 1pm and re-opens for children on the**

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2022**