



St Luke's News

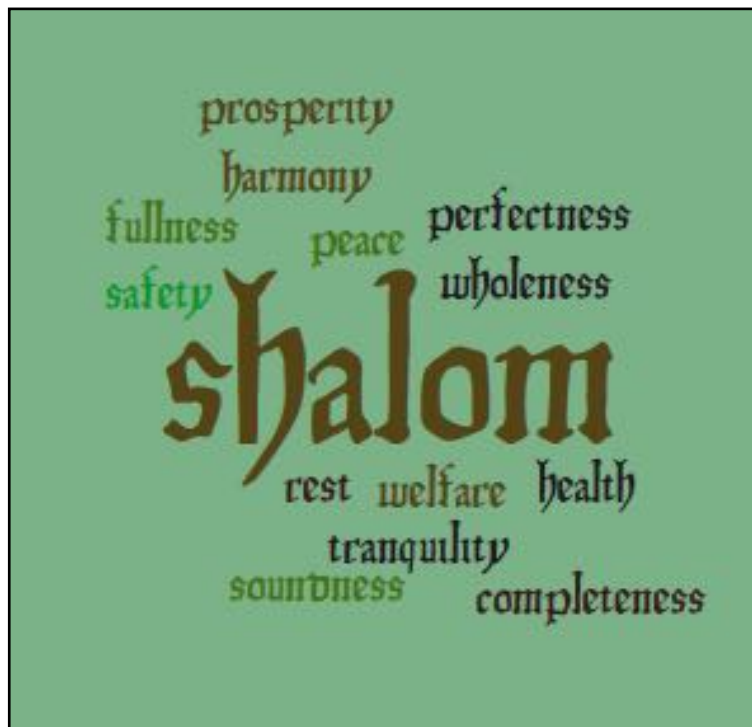
A Christian school that serves a diverse community and works in partnership with parents to develop the whole child.



10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

*In assemblies this week we discussed the meaning of Peace and the Biblical concept of shalom as part of the second week of Advent. We talked about the common meaning of the word as in the ending of a war and the more complex meaning about completeness of fixing things. This led to a chat about what we needed to fix in our lives and how we could achieve that. Next week we are looking at **Love** and in readiness below is a poem written this week by one of our children:*



***Love is about kindness and having great thoughts,
It helps you to learn when you are sad.
But if you don't use love you are going to be bad.***

***Love is great
It makes you feel like you don't want to hate.
Love is what makes you smile
And if you could make a dress of love
Then you would have some style!
Doves are fabulous animals that live above
and they are like a sign of love.***



— Jerome Mugisha Y5

Omicrom & Delta precautions

As feared, the first primary school in Newham has had to **totally** close due to the amount of staff and pupils testing for both the Delta and Omicrom covid variants. Because of this we have had to reintroduce some safety measures that have been previously relaxed. We have returned to our 2 x 'Phase/Bubble' strategy (EY & KS1 are one bubble and the other is Y3-6). Unfortunately we have had to go back to separate lunch areas to reduce staff mixing just at a time of year when people want to be chatting about their plans for the holiday. It does feel that we are back to where we were a year ago and we have to pray that we emerge from this latest phase with as little damage to our community as possible.

Our Awesome workshop with the Victoria & Albert Museum

'On Tuesday, 23rd November, our class went to the Architectural Museum to learn how we build and use models made as guides for architectural models made in real life.'

When we were there we saw models made out of different materials such as paper, jelly mould, (one of the class's favourites) and cardboard. I thought that the paper model would be extremely hard to make as paper is a light weight product meaning it is hard to balance.

We then went outside to do some sketching as a birds-eye view in a park. We carried on the workshop in our classes creating our own city using scales and measurements. When we were in the model room we saw how different items required different skills and materials. When building our cities we added lights and learnt how to use batteries which made it really cool.'

By Sefira and Mikhaela Y5

Architecture in Schools Awards: "When you look at buildings now they all look the same but the architects taught us it was okay to think differently about housing in the future." — Chioma



St. Luke's Music Show

Friday morning saw our young musicians from Y2 to Y6 put on a show for the school. There were pianists, violinists, saxophonists and drummers galore and it was fantastic to see how the basic skills blossom into recognisable melodies with practise. We also had one of our former pupils, Willow, who is now in Y9 at St. Angela's



play a wonderful version of *The Pink Panther* to really show our young musicians the path they are on. Huge thanks must go to Ms Adams who has been valiantly trying to stage this event through several lockdowns. If your child has discovered a desire to play an instrument please speak with Ms Adams.





***Oh no it isn't..
Oh yes it is!
- It's Pantomime time!!***



Sleeping Beauty turned up with a mischievous Panda on Thursday to entertain Key Stage 2 children. They had a fabulous time and the actors were amazed at how confident our children were at joining in. We will host a show at Easter for YN-Y2 but couldn't fit them in this time due covid restrictions.

Newham Libraries Winter Reading Challenge

At the end of the newsletter please take a look at the poster for the ***Winter Reading Challenge*** happening in all libraries across Newham. Children need to go into their local library and borrow three books to take part. They will receive a reading record where they can record and rate their books and will receive a sticker for each book read. When they read and return their three books either one at a time or all in one go they will receive a certificate.

Please also check below the last key dates of the term

Until next week, have a safe and peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Key Dates

13th Dec Y5 visit to English National Ballet HQ AM

13th & 14th Dec. Party food donations for Kids parties and our homeless appeal (see newsletter) welcomed

14th Dec. 9.30am EYFS Nativity show recorded for parents

14th Dec. Nursery cake sale in aid of their Mud Kitchen

15th Dec. Choir singing carols to be recorded to be shown at 55 Ruscoe Rd. PM

16th Dec 9.30 am KS1 Christmas show recorded for parents

16th Dec Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

16th Dec. Y1&2 silent disco in hall PM

17th Dec. PM EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Christmas parties for children in their rooms

17th Dec. Y3&4 silent disco in hall PM

19th Dec. 6pm Choir singing at St. Luke's Church Carol Service

20th Dec AM End of Term achievement assemblies

20th Dec. Y5&6 silent disco in hall PM

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

21st Dec. School closes for Christmas at 1pm and re-opens for children on the 6th Jan. 2022 with Breakfast Club – After School clubs begin 10th Jan.



WE ARE READING.



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Join the Wild World Heroes for the Winter Reading Challenge

6 December 2021 - 30 January 2022

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of Everything We Do