



St Luke's News

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



17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been both a tough and magical week. On the one hand we have had many staff, parents and pupils off with a variety of illnesses including worrying levels of Covid. This became such a problem the school felt compelled to ask you to let us change the end of term dates and once again you showed that spirit of co-operation with us that is the secret of our success as a school.

Working together to learn, support and keep each other safe means there is a lovely trust between us and unfortunately as the virus rates soar I think our request will be seen as prudent in the end. I would also like to say a huge thank-you on behalf of all the staff, to you the parents for your extraordinary generosity in such expensive times. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

But the other side of our story this week was summed up by the '*Nativity like no other*' from the EYFS on Tuesday (see below), which took the meaning of unscripted performance to new levels as our youngest children danced and sang with all their heart. It might not have been quite how the teachers had planned but what an energy lift it gave to everyone. Please check out the links sent out on the Google Classroom.



Foodbank Donations

The school and church working together to deliver donations from Morrisons and Waitrose (Canary Wharf) to the foodbank at Ascension Church where Hannah was pleased to accept it for a big event this Wednesday for those locally who are struggling.



Who will buy our biscuits! YN baked and sold biscuits and cakes this week to raise money for the development of their mud kitchen in the YN garden. They raised a staggering £110 and are definitely our young business women and men of the future!

The Nursery seem to have taken over this Christmas newsletter. here are some pictures of the awe and wonder they bring to the school and below are some pictures showing the type of activities the children have been able to enjoy. A big thank-you goes out to the staff who were determined the children should experience as much as possible even though we are in such strange times.



Y3 decorating Christmas cups for home



Y4s at their class Christmas party

KS1 Nativity on Thursday – which went exactly to plan and offered a different take on the true story of Christmas and was also lovely.



And the EYFS
Nativity - on script!



Awards, Celebrations, Thanks and Farewells



Sebastien left us for pastures new today and we wish him all the best



Eco recycled decoration prizes



More Eco winners



Ms Aulakh's Christmas story winners



Bronze medal hockey players



Our wonderful cooks are thanked for all their hard work by a 'new' member of the cooking team and the Justice Committee



Y4s were runners up in Architecture in school competition.

Best Boy & Girls for the Autumn Term

Yes that is the lovely Miss Feeney who finished with us today – we will all miss her and wish her safe journey back to Australia and her family – and yes that is an Australian rugby hat sitting on my head – for 1 day only – ever!!!!



YR



Y1



Y2



Y3



Y4



Y6

Ms Adams' Sports News

5&6 Hockey Competition

Congratulations to our fantastic hockey team for coming 3rd in a Langdon SSP competition at St Helens school (see photo in awards section below). You all played well and did our school proud. Well done.



Y3&4 Boys Football squad

3&4 Boys Football Competition

Well done to our fantastic Year 4 boys on coming 3rd in a Boys Football competition at Langdon School. They all played really well and after losing their semi final - was able to overcome their disappointment and win the 3rd place game 2 -0. Congratulations from all of us.

StreetTags Season 2 - Activity Party

Congratulations to all the winners of StreetTags season 2, that ended last month. I hope you enjoyed the party as much as I did. You were amazing in the boxercise and the active games. And I know you enjoyed eating popcorn and watching the movie as well. Well done to NahumY5 for being the top scorer in the leader board and winning top prize. Also, I hope the top 5 enjoyed 'pieing' myself and Mr Hipperson.



Miss Adams gets her punishment

The Awesome Ms Adams!!

This month Ms Adams proved why she is the best PE teacher in the world. In a football match against 10 Year 4 boys, she drew 2-2 and against 11 Year 4 girls, she won 7-2. The girls wanted a re-match and the score in that game was 11-1 to Ms Adams! Ella-R said "*Ms Adams was brilliant, she beat us with her awesome skills. One day I hope to be as good as her.*" Well done to Ms Adams.

To win a place in Season 3's *Great Easter Egg Hunt Activity Party* - you need to be in the top 25 scorers. Stay Active over Christmas and collect those virtual tags. If you would like to join StreetTags, see Ms Adams.

Well done and have an active Christmas.



Have a very safe, restful and joyful Christmas and we will see you back here as normal on **Thursday the 6th January** – the feast of the Epiphany and a fitting time to come back together.

Thank you

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher