



# St Luke's News

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



29th September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

*It is my job to 'tie' the week together for the newsletter and I am always pleased with the breadth of learning that the children are engaged in. There is an awful lot of emphasis from politicians on the importance of basic skills and this is right - but it is also really important that they want to 'apply' these skills, so motivating them with a lot of different options for subjects and jobs they may like, hence the many and varied activities in the life of a busy school. I hope you enjoy scrolling through.*



Welcome to our Nursery class



## Year 5 into Space

This week, after studying the perspective artwork of the famous artist Lowry, Year 5 used the same technique to create their own 3D space art work. They used vanishing points and horizon lines to place their guidelines and then used oil pastels to fill the negative and positive space. Year 5 have studied various elements of art including line, space and colour.





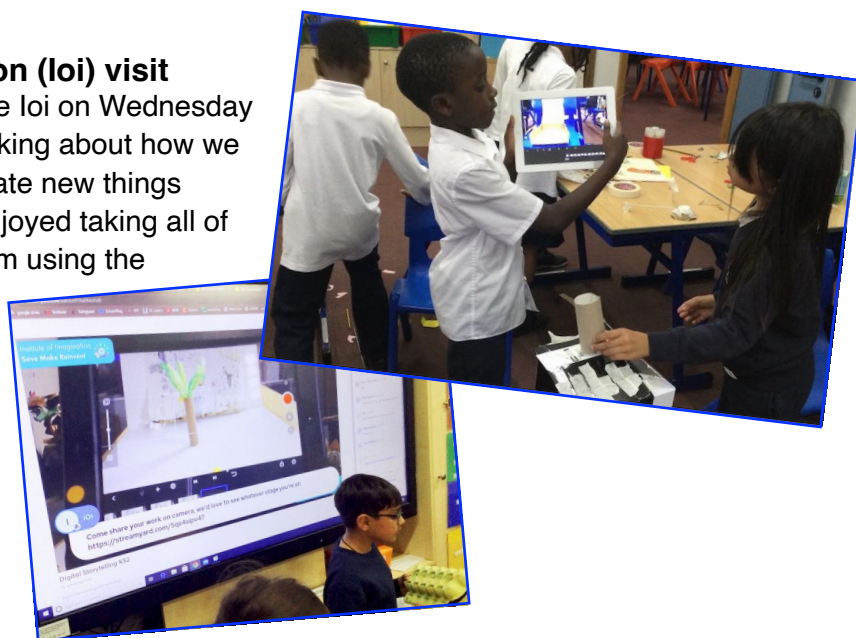
## Year 4 Architecture trip



Year 4 visited the offices of architecture firm *Jestico Whiles* on Thursday and met architects Charlotte and Sandra. They learnt all about their roles and the different types of drawing they use including, plan, section and elevation drawings when designing new buildings. We even got to look around the offices and see models being made and drawings created. We then went on a site visit to the Barbican where we found out that it was begun in 1965 and took 11 years to build and had 3 major architects involved in planning this 'Town within a Town'. Afterwards we visited the Barbican Centre and saw a scale model of the whole development. We are so pleased that the architects are visiting us next week from to help us with our of project designing a sustainable London for the future.

## Year 3 Institute of the Imagination (loi) visit

Year 3 had a virtual workshop with the loi on Wednesday all about '*Save, Make, Reinvent!*' thinking about how we can reuse our waste in a cycle to create new things instead of sending it to landfill. We enjoyed taking all of our junk and making a stop motion film using the iPads to raise awareness of the environment and how we need to recycle to help stop climate change. We had some budding directors and prop makers work really well as a team to create their final masterpieces!





## Y6 get cooking – the children write!



'This term, we have been learning about West Africa (Ghana in particular) and how its geography affects the climate and living things that call it their habitat. We learned that Ghana is just above the equator and the Greenwich Meridian passes through it and the United Kingdom. Despite this, Ghana is in the tropical zone (hot climate with 2 main seasons) whereas the UK is in the temperate zone (4 seasons). As part of our design and technology lessons, we were challenged to



create and cook a vegan dish which is difficult to do in this region of the world. We finally decided on Kelewele - spicy fried ripe plantains. We used the cooking session to inform our writing and completed an instruction text using imperative verbs and adverbs. We got to try the food we made although it was spicy, we loved it. We thought it would be a good idea to recommend this recipe to all spice lovers, vegan and vegetarians alike. Our favourite part was getting to fry food for the first time by ourselves with adult support and of course the tasting.'

– Rachel and Chioma Y6

## Important dates for Reception class:

**TEACHING OF READING EVENING**

WE ARE TEACHING EVERY CHILD TO READ WITH LITTLE WANDLE LETTERS AND SOUNDS

**DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED DUE TO TRAIN STRIKE NEXT WEEK**

JOIN US FOR AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CONCEPT OF PHONICS, AND STRATEGIES ON HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD/REN IN LEARNING PHONICS

**ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER @5:00PM**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SPEAK TO MISS YETER

**APPLICATION PROCESS FOR RECEPTION**

Will I get into my first choice school?

JOIN US FOR A STEP BY STEP GUIDE ON THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR RECEPTION.

**ON TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER @9:00AM**

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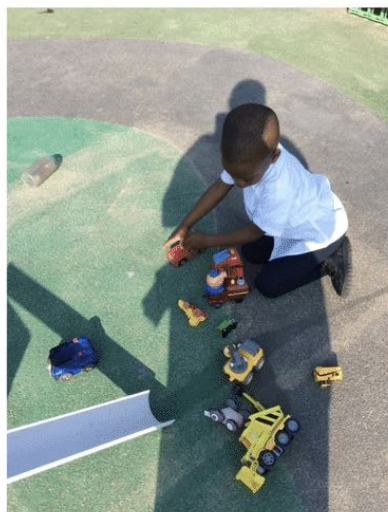
## Parental Help

If any of you are struggling with life at the moment and in need of someone to listen to your situation, please try Newham's Talking Therapies service – click on the link below:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/newham-talking-therapies>

Follow the big arrow to self-refer yourself – unusually for a service like this they promise you will be listened to within two weeks.

## Nursery Life



**NURSERY CHILDREN ARE LEARNING TO BECOME INDEPENDENT. LOOK AT ALL THE DIFFERENT WAYS OUR PUPILS ARE EXPLORING THE PROVISION!**



There was no Golden Assembly this week!

## Upcoming Dates

Click on the link below for all the term dates this year:

[Final academic-calendar-2023-2024 \(st-lukes.newham.sch.uk\)](https://st-lukes.newham.sch.uk)

### October

2<sup>nd</sup> NSPCC Kindness week in school

3<sup>rd</sup> Y4 first session of Diocese of Chelmsford debating course

4<sup>th</sup> SEND Panathlon Sports Competition – KS2

5<sup>th</sup> Teaching of Reading for YR parents 5pm in the hall

5<sup>th</sup> Individual and family photo day – get your hair cut!!!!

9<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs meeting for parents – online

### October continued

10<sup>th</sup> Visit by Trees in Cities to discuss future project

11<sup>th</sup> Y5 online zoom meeting with an astronaut

12<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Girls' football tournament

12<sup>th</sup> Visit by architects to Y4

13<sup>th</sup> EYFS staff share Curiosity Approach they use with 40 other schools in Newham at Newham Learning Conference

17<sup>th</sup> YR Autumn walk to Kier Hardie Park, parents invited

**Oct 23-27<sup>th</sup> School closed for Half-Term Children return on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> October**

### October

31<sup>st</sup> YN meeting to help parents apply for Reception 2024

### November

10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service



**Matt Hipperson**  
**Head Teacher**