



St Luke's News

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



6th October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

New beginnings at St. Luke's! Here is the final version of our new St. Luke's School Vision and Values logo – much thought and hard work has gone into this, with ideas from children, staff, governors and pupils ably chaired by Miss Norcross but I also wanted to single out Ms Ayomide Sotubo our new Co- Vice Chair of the governing body for her lovely design work! We will officially launch the new Vision & Values when the Bishop of Barking Lynne Cullens visits us for a celebration service on Monday the 11th of December at 9am – parents invited.



But the news doesn't end there...

This week also saw the election of a new Chair of the Full Governing Board and I am delighted to announce that Rev. Amy Stott has taken on this role, replacing Ms Margaret Wright who had given the school over 15 years service as Chair. We thank Margaret for all her hard work for the school and hope to be able to hold a 'thank-you' service in the near future.

Rev. Amy has written some words from herself to you all below:

Dear Parents,

It's a real privilege to be the new chair of the St Luke's Governors. I've been working at St Luke's church since 2011, first as the youth pastor for 7 years and after ordination in the Church of England I returned in Feb 2020 as the Vicar/ Senior Pastor. I'm passionate about seeing St Luke's be a place where all can thrive and where the good news of Jesus underpins all we do as church, school and community.

St Luke's is a unique place. We are a special community together. I'm looking forward to seeing what we continue to build together and ensuring that our children continue to develop and thrive in every area of their life. Please do say hello and get to know myself and the others governors more. We're here to serve and to continue ensuring that St Luke's is the best it can be!

We are all in this together!

There will be more individual messages from other members of the Governing Board over the coming newsletters.

In the meantime...

Amy has been busily involved with other school activities...



Amy with 3 of the St. Luke's Church Youth Team escorted our Y3s as they carried much needed food to the River Christian Food Bank and helping the Y3s with an RE lesson



Support the Movement for Equality!

We are bringing 'Show Racism the Red Card' to St Luke's, and so it is time to wear RED with pride! On 'Wear Red Day', we unite against racism and discrimination in all its forms.

Why wear Red?

It is a symbol of our commitment to a world where diversity is celebrated and where unity prevails. We, the Justice Committee, invite everyone to join us and #WearRed to send a powerful message: *Racism has no place, anywhere!*

Join us on Friday 20th October 2023, and wear your RED proudly!
Together, we can Show Racism the Red Card!

#WearRedDay

Y3 Cooking up a crumble!

Thanks to Mr. Scott and Miss Aulakh for guiding the Y3s through all the different aspects of making a crumble, which included just enough sugar to make the cooking apples from the garden taste just right – it was delicious!



BBC 500 Words Story-Writing Competition

Calling all authors and writers! The BBC have a fantastic children's writing competition, which is back for the first time since 2020.

The idea is simple: you must use your creativity and imagination to write a fictional story that others would love to read! *The only rule is that the word count has to be 500 words or less.*

The competition has two age categories; 5 to 7 and 8 to 11 years-old and is open **now** & closes on Friday 10th

November at 8pm (children must be of the relevant age by the closing date).

50 Finalists will be invited to Buckingham Palace at the end of February, where the winners will be announced and shown in a special 500 Word programme on BBC 1 on World Book Day, Thursday 7th March 2024.

So I hope you will take part – and, to help you on your way, here's some story-writing hints and tips:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/dan-freedman/zcr97v4>

Please write your name and class on your entry and hand to Mrs Tarbuck by 31st October. You can work on it now or take the half term to perfect it!

When we come back after half term, we will invite some of you to read your writing in a special school assembly.

Enjoy!



SchoolPing Update

In the month of October SchoolPing will be updating the app. To ensure a seamless transition, they are requesting that all parents complete the email verification process before the scheduled product update in October. **Do this by going to 'Admin', click the drop down for option 1 and selecting 'Export Account Info' and checking column 1.** This process is quick and straightforward. Here are the steps you need to follow:

1. Sign out of SchoolPing:

- Click on the menu located in the top left corner of the app.
- Select 'Settings' from the dropdown menu.
- Click on 'Sign out of SchoolPing'.

2. Log back into your account:

- Use your username and password to log back into your SchoolPing app.

3. Verify your email address:

- A prompt will appear guiding you to verify your email address.
- A verification link will be sent to the email associated with your account.

4. Click on the verification link:

- Access your email inbox and click on the provided verification link.

5. Enter your password:

- Input your password when prompted.

6. Click 'Verify Email':

- Confirm the verification process by clicking 'Verify Email'.

If you encounter any issues or have questions regarding the verification process, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Golden Assembly



Y1



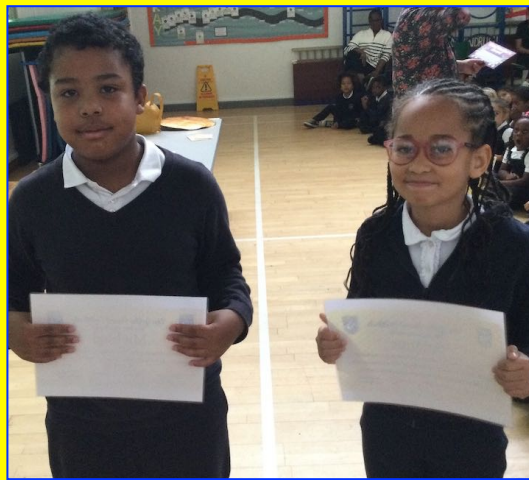
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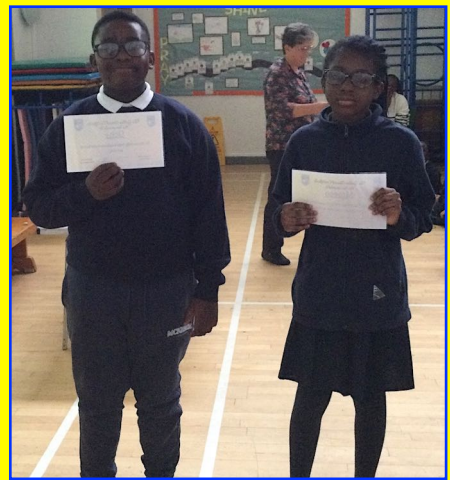
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Y5



more Y5



Y6



Special Head Teacher Award

For helping a child new to this country to settle in whilst also having 'Biblical' knowledge of the Bible



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

9th Y6 SATs meeting for parents – **online**

10th Visit by Trees in Cities to discuss future project

11th Y5 online zoom meeting with an astronaut

12th Y5/6 Girls' football tournament

12th Visit by architects to Y4

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

17th YR Autumn walk to Kier Hardie Park, parents invited

Oct 23-27th School closed for Half-Term Children return on Tuesday the 31st October

October

31st YN meeting to help parents apply for Reception 2024

November

10th Remembrance Service

13th – 24th Afternoons - Y6 Swimming lessons at the Olympic Swimming Pool

20th-24th Parent Meetings week

December

11th Bishop Lynne visits St. Luke's 9am Parents invited

Please check out the Young Carers flyers below.

Have a peaceful weekend



Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher

ARE YOU A **YOUNG CARER** AGED 8-18?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS A **YOUNG CARER**?



A Young Carer is a child who helps to look after someone in your family because of:

Disability **Mental illness**

Long term physical illness

Drug or alcohol misuse

Young Carers Support Service can help a Young Carer by:

- Providing access to a range of activities
- Helping them meet other young carers
- Offering Young Carers an opportunity to voice their views/needs to understand how caring impacts them

Please come along to our drop-in session held every Monday 4-7pm at: East Ham Library, 328 Barking Rd, London E6 2RT. No appointment needed or leave your contact details and we will get in touch with you:
Phone: 020 3954 3143 | Email: info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk



Please turn over to find out more about what Young Carers do

WHAT DO YOUNG CARERS DO?

A Young Carer will usually carry out tasks because of someone else's illness or disability. These are tasks often carried out by an adult. A Young Carer may do one or more of the following types of care;

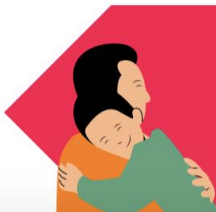


PHYSICAL/PERSONAL

Helping someone out of bed, helping with their dressing, feeding, personal grooming, toileting, giving medication on time, interpreting

DOMESTIC

Cooking, cleaning, washing clothes, washing up, ironing, shopping, paying bills, looking after siblings alone, taking them to school, collecting prescriptions



EMOTIONAL

Talking to someone who is distressed, keeping them motivated, safe, spending time with them, keeping them company, making them feel wanted/needed