





## 21st January 2022

#### Dear Parents & Carers,

We are another week into the Spring Term and we are definitely seeing a return to our normal routines. There are far fewer people suffering from Covid and the government has relaxed the wearing of masks in communal areas of all schools from next Thursday the 27th January. We will do as we have done throughout the pandemic and allow people to continue to wear masks if that helps to reduce their anxiety but hopefully this more positive trend continues.

### Working with Faith in Schools

As part of our bigger mission to prepare our children for their next stage of teenage life the school is working with Faith in Schools and St. Luke's Church to help our children spread the message of how to stay safe as a teenager in Canning Town. Eleven of our Y6 children are taking part in 6 developmental sessions with Rich Barton and Rev Amy alongside school staff to culminate in an assembly which we will video for others to watch. Sinai, one of our participants, shares what they learnt:



"On the 18th January we stayed in school after the normal day ended to meet a guy called Rich. He



works with lots of schools on how to stay safe and now he did it with us! We are the first primary school he has worked with in Newham on this (Hallsville and Calverton are next) and he talked about knife crime and how we can be safe. We also talked about what we should do when somebody offers us a knife and at the very end we took part in some roleplay acting out a story. I enjoyed the roleplay and when we talked about our most embarrassing school moments! We also chose one thing or person we would take to a desert island. One thing I found challenging was how we were talking about sad things that could happen in knife crime and bullying."

– Sinai Y6

## **NSPCC Number Day 4th Feb**

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in the UK for NSPCC Number Day on Friday 4th February. It's all done online via <u>play.ttrockstars.com</u> For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The **Times Tables Rock Stars** platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7:30AM BST and 7:30PM BST on Friday 4th February.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Friday 4th <u>But once the player goes beyond 60</u> <u>minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no</u> <u>longer earn points towards the competition.</u> On the day the children can dress-up as your Avatar Rockstar – don't buy anything new just get creative with what you've got! (See right)

#### Get your old glasses out!

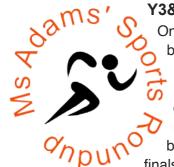
Our very own Miss Mbick and her lovely boys are continuing their mission links to help the people of Rwanda to get the eye care they need. If you have an old pair of glasses you do not use anymore please bring them into the office and the Mbicks will 'see' they are put to good use helping the eyesight of some Rwandans. Please see the flyer below for her full message.

### **Eco/Forest Schools**

This week our Forest Skills group concentrated on making sure there was food available to help the animals that have not left for warmer countries or hibernated to survive.







#### Y3&4 Boys Handball Champions!!

On Wednesday 19th January, 11 of our year 3&4 boys travelled to Langdon School to take part on a Boys Handball competition. From the start, our boys were truly brilliant and dominated every game. By the time the semi-finals came round, other schools were commenting on how brilliant our boys were playing. And in the finals we comfortably won 3 - 0.

Well done to our brilliant 3&4 boys. St Luke's is proud of you.









#### More Nursery PE Lesson News!!

After being Ms Adams' PE 'class of the week' last week, Nursery wanted to show off their developing catching and throwing skills and in this weeks PE lessons they named all the colours, equipment and counted up to 10! If that wasn't amazing enough, they then worked with their partner practising throwing and catching beanbags. By Friday they put those skills to the test by competing in a mini competition. They showed off their fantastic team work, their aiming, throwing, and running skills - all whilst following the rules of the Bean Bag aiming game. After a fierce 25 minute battle, the Yellow team were victorious!!

Well done to our littlest St Luke's sports stars







# **Celebrations & Stars of the Week**





YN

YR, Y1 & Y2



Y3

Y3s & 4s



Y3&4 Boys' Handball victors



Y5

Y6



Y4 - Class of the Week

Have a peaceful and relaxing weekend

Matt Hipperson Head Teacher