



St Luke's News

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



28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This coming Monday is a traumatic one for our school family as many will pay their last respects to Amina at her funeral at St Mark's Church in Beckton, followed by burial in Forest Gate. On behalf of the family I want to thank the entire school community for your generosity, prayers and support for the family at such a devastating time. We pray for her beautiful soul and commend it into God's hands and also pray for the future of her family - they are the powerful and lasting testament to her goodness



Covid-19 Update

Even though on Thursday the government removed Plan B restrictions to control the spread of the Omicron strain, we have decided it is more prudent for us to carry on doing what we have been doing until half-term (in two weeks time) as there are still multiple cases in the whole school body.

Rokeby Transition Project



On Monday morning Bhavesh, a teacher from Rokeby Secondary school, came to visit our Y5s & 6s to start a mini project around transition to secondary school that will see us visit them next. I would like to say a big thank-you to Ms O'Garro and Mrs Tarbuck who have both spent the last two Saturday mornings at Rokeby working with Bhavesh and others on the project.





Chinese New Year - The Year of the Dragon

On Wednesday 2nd February, the school will celebrate Chinese New Year with a special assembly, a menu of Chinese food and activities around the story of the animals and how the Chinese Calendar works.

Newham Holocaust Memorial Service, Stratford

On Thursday five of our Y6 children read their poetry at the *Holocaust Memorial Day* commemorations at the old town hall in Stratford. They heard from Hedi Argent, a child who grew up in Vienna before the war and suffered abuse at the hands of children and teachers in her school for the crime of being 'Jewish' but was ultimately able to escape to London with her family before the outbreak of war. We also heard from Eric Murangwa Eugene from Rwanda who was marked for execution in the genocide of the Tutsi tribe by the Hutus in Rwanda in 1994. He was saved because he was a footballer and his executioner 'thought he was a good player'. After Hedi spoke, our children read the poetry that they had been working on and it left the hall in utter silence with the power of it and the way it was delivered. Below are the poems that the children worked on with Mrs Tarbuck. Also a big thank-you goes to Mr. Brown in Y6 for all the hard work he has put in to build up the self-confidence of our children – they were magnificent!



Not Flesh

They think I can't see
The 6 million...gone
They think I can't see
The freedom... we have lost

*Because to them,
I am less than human,
Just flesh*

They think I can't hear
What they are conspiring
They think I can't hear
The fear...we are crying

*Because to them
I am less than human
Just flesh*

But one day
This day
You see me
You hear me
One day
Is this day

By Shreya

The 6 Million

6 million people
Gone
6 million people
Whose lives could have led to a better future
But no...no... no...
The freedom they lost
The peace they sought
The comfort they craved
The fear they tried to escape
But they were brought back
They tried to look for the light
But all they faced was darkness

They cut clothes
They shaved heads
They stole from families
Our differences are what makes us powerful
Makes us strong
Our differences should not divide us
But unite us
Never again
Should a nation be divided by difference
Even as they died
Their memory lives on
And now it's up to you
To step into the past
To fix it
Be brave enough to change it
Together
This will not happen
Again
Today is a new day.

By Chizaram



Lost and Alone

Separated
Lost
And lonely
People's hearts filled with despair
The hatred felt by the hated
People looked
Looked for freedom
People craved
Craved some comfort
None....was.....found
Faced with darkness
Souls were taken
Gone...
Gone but not forgotten
United not divided
From the darkness
Comes the light
Together our future is bright

By Eniola

They Took Me

*We looked for light
but darkness pulled us in
We looked for freedom
but we were imprisoned
We looked for hope
but nothing was left
They took my rights
And turned them into wrongs
We were divided
Not united
We sought love
But were faced with hate*

*Today is the day
We step into the past
To learn from the losses
To fix our future today
This day
And make sure this never happens again*

By Jalil and Nahum

Design & Technology in Y6 - report by Arijus

In D&T (design and technology) we have been making structures and been learning how to make strong bases and how this leads to strong structures. For the beginning we made a square out of fasteners, four strips of card and a compass. Since it wasn't secure we got another strip across the square on a diagonal line. It made two right-angles in the same square. The triangles are stronger because they have 3 points



and that lessens the weight of the shape.

What worked well in my structure was the base, it was perfect and balanced, it was also secure at the bottom and we had the two right-angled triangle bases.

If I were to make it again i make the base smaller and start building up sooner. In my opinion the D&T lesson was really good. I learnt that the base has to be secure so you can carry on building.



Newham Athletics Finals at Kingsford

Report by our Sports Reporter Shreya



On Monday 24th January, 26 Athletes from Year 4,5 and 6 went to Kingsford Community School to compete in an indoor Athletics competition. Only 5 schools out of 24 schools qualified for this competition so getting there was a great achievement for our team. This competition was to find which school would represent Newham in the London Borough Youth Games. Our athletes had a brilliant mindset and performed at their best. They took part in javelin, chest throw, long jump, triple jump and races.

We came 4th which is a brilliant achievement for the smallest school in Newham!

Well done to our all our athletes. St Luke's is proud of you.

Celebrations & Stars of the Week



YR



Y1



Y2



Y3 Stars & Reading Champs



Y4



Y5



Y6 Stars & Class of the Week

The School is closed for Half-Term during the week of 14th-18th February.

**School closes at normal time on Friday 11th Feb. and re-opens at normal time on
Monday the 21st Feb.**

Have a peaceful and relaxing weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher