

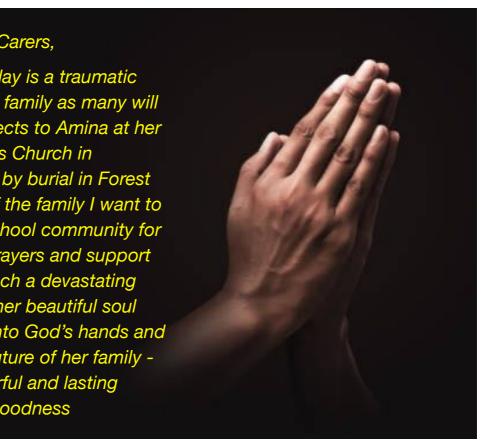




# 28th January 2022

# 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!





<u>Not Flesh</u> 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**









Y1





Y3 Stars & Reading Champs



Y4



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

School closes at normal time on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. and re-opens at normal time on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.

Have a peaceful and relaxing weekend

Matt Hipperson Head Teacher