



St Luke's News

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



11th February 2022

One of the best things about being a head teacher is seeing our fantastic children grow into young adults and beyond.

The hard work that is put in between pupil, staff and parents makes for really strong connections for most of our pupils and we always love seeing them return for a visit. This fantastic tradition saw Angelica, Joshua and Dominic visit us yesterday from Bishop Challoner Secondary School and yes,



Joshua is taller than all the teachers! Mr Scott is setting up an Alumni section on the website so that former pupils can come back and pass on their knowledge and wisdom to our younger children.



The children become the teachers!

There was a complete reversal in school on Friday as the children became the teachers and the teachers became the pupils. This was a fun idea from our new *Justice Committee* (below with the green badges) and led to some very smart looking teachers and old pupils!

Calling all adult scientists!

The week of March 14th-18th is British Science Week and we're asking if you, or anyone you know, has a science related job or qualification and would be interested in working with us during that week? It could involve setting the children a scientific challenge or simply talking about how you got involved in working in science and answering some questions from the children. It could be done remotely or in school depending on what suits you best.

If you would like to help or know someone who would be interested please email Mr Brown at y6@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk Many thanks.



Church News

Introducing the Church Staff Team of (L to R) James (Youth Pastor), Jing, Nana (both Community Pastors) and Rev. Amy who take the Tuesday Assemblies as well as helping out at different times in the week giving the children another set of friendly faces to chat to.

Standing Tall

At the end of the Y6 SATs in May we have booked a special visitor to talk with our children – he may ‘talk down’ to them but that is because he is Paul Sturgess, former Haarlem Globetrotter and the world’s tallest basketball player at 7Ft. 7 Inches! Paul will talk about his career and some of the fortunate things he’s been able to do since embracing his differences. He will then talk about some themed topics such as; living a healthy lifestyle, anti bullying, embracing our own differences and discovering our talents. So look out for the newsletter on the 13th May!



Moving on

Since October we have had a science and maths graduate, Denzel Eggerue working two days a week with some of our Y6 mathematicians. We are delighted and also a little sad to say he has been employed by a company that will let him follow his dreams and so he finished with us this week. He wanted to share a message with the school community below:

“I never in a million years saw myself working in a school, because growing up I always said I'd never be a teacher, after seeing the difficulties myself and my friends put our teachers through as children. However, working at St. Luke's has made me realise teachers are the pillars of society, and being able to teach at this school has been a privilege. We all have at least one teacher that we could never forget because of the impact they made on our lives, and I hope that I've been able to impart a similar effect on at least one of the children that I've been lucky enough to work with. You have all been a massive part of my amazing time at this school, I can't thank you enough for making me feel so welcome and I will never forget my time here.”

Denzel

Chinese New Year in the Nursery

This week, the children in Nursery have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children designed their own paper lanterns and made paper chain dragons. At the end of the week they decided to have a Chinese New Year party where they tried some different foods and even

ate using chopsticks. The children have been very enthusiastic to share their experiences with one another.



Mighty Oaks!

Our Y4s had their second session of public speaking practise this week as they prepared for the inter-school debate at the University of Anglia Ruskin in May. Sarah, from the university worked with them on their presentation skills and we definitely have some convincing speakers developing. There will be more news of the event in May.

Olympic swimming

Below are some pictures of our Y6s taking part in intensive swimming lessons at the Olympic Park swimming pool made famous in 2012. These children missed a lot of swimming lessons due to the lockdowns of 2020 and 2021 and we booked this course to try and overcome that lost time. It has been such a success that the school is looking to switch all our lessons to this pool, below is a comment from one of our Y6 children:





"I felt nervous beforehand because I thought the water might be deep and I might drown. The teachers were friendly and my swimming teacher got into the water to help us learn. Now I feel more confident and would be able to keep myself safe in the water."

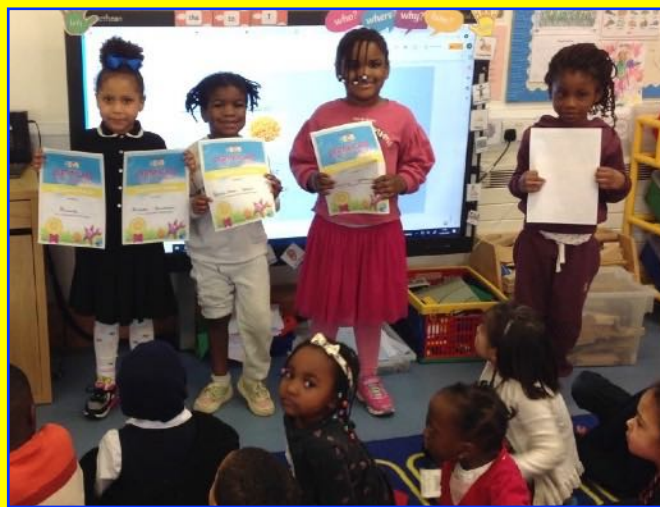
Marwa Y6

Wedding Bells in Y4

The Y4s have been learning about the importance and meaning of marriage vows and the symbolism of rings in the service. To bring this to life Rev. Amy came in and conducted a 'mock' ceremony – tremendous admiration goes out to Natalie and Nana for playing their parts so well.



Celebrations & Stars of the Week



YR are the class of the week in the lower school – congratulations!



Y1 & Y2 teachers of the week – I mean pupils!

Birthday boys



Y3,4&5 Stars



Y3&4 Birthdays



Y3 KS2 Class of the week

Times Tables Rockstar winners



KS1 winners



Y3,4&5 winners



Y6 Stars of the week, birthdays and Timetable Rockstars winners



The Justice Committee (minus Y6) with their new badges

Key Dates

14th – 18th Feb. 2022 School closed for Half-Term

Feb.22nd Safer Community Workshop for 11 Y6 children

Feb. 23rd Safer Internet day workshops for Y3-6

Feb 23rd Y3 & Y6 Cricket sessions

Feb. 24th Eco Committee assembly

Feb 25th Y4 cricket session

Feb 25th PM It's No Joke theatre performance for Y6

Feb 28th. Book Fayre week

Mar. 1st Safer Community Workshop for 11 Y6 children

Mar.2nd Wolf on Trial – Bigfoot Theatre workshops Y1-6

Mar 4th World Book Day Non-Uniform day

Mar. 7th Y5 visit Rokeby Secondary School AM

Mar. 9th Y3/4 Handball Tournament

Mar. 15th Y5 to Stratford Theatre for 'Marvin's Binoculars'

Mar. 16th Under 10s Football Tournament in Dagenham

Mar. 18th Red Nose Day Fundraiser

More dates TBC

**1st April School closes for Easter at 1pm and re-opens for children
on Tuesday the 19th of April 2022 with Breakfast Club – After
School clubs begin 25th April.**

Please see the Newham flyer below and check out what's going on in the community.

Have a peaceful break

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher



WE ARE CUSTOM HOUSE & CANNING TOWN



CUSTOM HOUSE & CANNING TOWN COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

Join us at your local Community Assembly to hear about projects happening in your neighbourhood. These assemblies give you and your neighbours direct influence on projects that will help improve the place where you live, work or learn and to help shape its development and growth. This is your chance to hear about how residents have been involved in improving their local area, find out how you can get involved in your local working group, and help shape the next cycle of assemblies where another £100,000 will be available in your neighbourhood.

WE ARE NEWHAM.

UPCOMING SESSION

Thursday 3 March 2022, 6-7.30pm

The assembly will be held via Zoom. A British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter will be available for anyone who requires BSL. To join us at your local assembly please register by visiting the Community Assemblies section on the Newham co-create platform at www.newhamco-create.co.uk

Or contact your Community Neighbourhood Team at

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