



St Luke's News

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



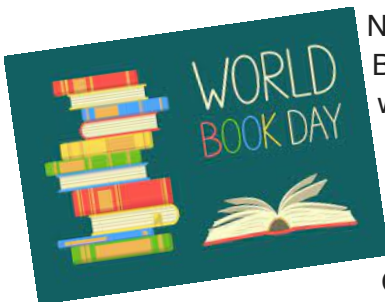
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school leads us to the beginning of the Lenten season next week, a period where we, as Christians, really reflect on what it is that marks out our beliefs as well as thinking about how we could be better, closer to the example Jesus gave us. As part of the beginning of Lent the St. Luke's Church team are going to come in and give 'ashes' to those who would like to receive them, including parents and carers. They will be in the main KS2 playground from 3.00-3.15pm on Wednesday the 2nd of March to mark any family members who so wish.



World Book Day celebrations – message from Mrs Tarbuck



Next week we head into March and that can only mean one thing: World Book Day! Next week we have a fun packed week of drama, book talks, writing competitions and the obligatory **World Book Day dressing up**.

It all begins on Wednesday, when pupils will be exploring stereotypes through the story of The Three Little Pigs and putting the wolf on trial to see the story through a slightly different lens.

On Thursday, after school, parents are invited to visit our book sale from 3:00-4:00pm. All parents and carers have received a text on *Schoolping* so please check your phones. The form attached allows you to choose an amount your child can spend on the Friday book sale in school. Once chosen, a 'ping' will inform parents and carers how much to pay online and once the payment has been made, the pupils can take their chosen book home.

Then on Friday, we have our **World Book Day dress up!** Get creative with your favourite characters but remember to use what you have. There is no expectation to buy anything new!

And finally, we have our *Reading Eggs* competition. Please encourage your child to visit the **Story Factory** in Reading Eggs (*Eggspress* students will need to enter through Reading Eggs) and create their own storybooks, using an easy step-by-step guide, based on a 'Wet and Wild' theme. We have had a huge push on creative writing this term and we have a school full of talented authors! Let's get their ideas into a real online book by clicking on the link and following the above steps. <https://readingeggs.co.uk/> Winners of the writing competition will be celebrated in a follow up prize giving assembly.

Making a difference!

Huge congrats to Ms Mbick and her family who travelled to Rwanda last week to help over a thousand people in Uganda alongside a mobile optometrist team, providing eye care and specialist support and donating glasses brought from this country. Noelie writes:

"26 of us went out on a mission trip to Kigali, Rwanda, during the half term. We saw over 1160 people, gave 519 pairs of glasses out and 722 bottles of eye drops in 3 days. It was hugely successful and such a humble and life transforming experience. Thank you all so much for your donations."



I'd like to say a thank-you to Noelie and her family for reminding us that we can all make a difference in our world when we have the determination!



Helping Hand

[Boots](#) are working in partnership with [The Hygiene Bank](#) to help close the hygiene poverty gap. They are providing free dental products to customers with children who need it most. All you have to do is 'Ask for Jesse' and a member of the Boots team will discreetly provide essential free dental products for children aged between 3 to 5 years of age, plus an added bonus of further health promotion materials.



Church News

St Luke's Church are conducting a Community Survey to better understand the needs of those living in Canning Town. By completing this survey you will also be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Morrison's Gift Voucher. Importantly the survey also asks a key question about a Summer Holiday Club which the church is looking at launching in the near future. Please consider supporting the work of St Luke's Church by completing the survey via this link:

<https://stlukescanningtown.churchsuite.com/forms/ncpwdx2p>

Y6 – It's No Joke!

On Friday afternoon the Comedy School theatre group presented 'It's No Joke' to our Y6s. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt from it. Below Abdul Malik and Amarachi explain what it was about:



"They were sending a message about the consequences of holding a knife – they used humour to get their point across. They explained how long you can go to jail for if you get caught and I didn't know that if you witness something but don't tell about it (Joint Enterprise) you get into trouble." – Abdul Malik

"When I saw what the characters were doing I asked the actors after the show if they were part of a gang to protect themselves from rivals?" – Amarachi Benson

KS2 Safety Online

Internet Safety Day workshops this week, led by Adrian from Bigfoot Theatre worked on how to stay safe online and to be sure of what you should expect from your friends.



Friction in Y3



As part of their science work the Y3s have been investigating friction by analysing how different surfaces affect the speed and ease of movement. Judith from Y3 reflected that 'Friction is a force that slows down, speeds up or stops a moving object'.

Eco Assembly



Thursday saw the Eco Committee deliver an assembly on zero waste and recycling and next month the Justice Committee will be hosting an assembly to outline their plans to make the school a more Just place!

From Chizaram Ochulo Y6

"Our assembly was fun. Some of us were nervous (including me), but we went through it perfectly. We threw rubbish all over the floor then made students pick it up to show that it is OUR job to pick up rubbish when we see it. What goes in a compost bin is FINISHED fruit and vegetables. Don't dump a full piece of fruit in the compost bin. You're wasting the precious fruit. Try to eat it. We helped them to learn what goes in a recycle bin, plastic bin and compost bin."

Celebrations & Stars of the Week



YN Stars



Y1 Stars & also class of the week



Y2 Stars and reading Champs



Y3 Stars



**Y4 Stars, Class of the week
& Maths champions!**



Y5 Stars



Y6 Stars

Key Dates

Week beginning 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

March 14th-18th Mid-Year tests for Y3-6

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

Mar. 16th Under 10s Football Tournament in Dagenham

Mar. 18th Red Nose Day Fundraiser

Mar 28th – April 1st Science Week

Mar 28th – 31st Parent/Teacher meetings onsite and in person!

**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.**

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher