





4th March 2022

World Book Day & Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thanks to you for all those characters we welcomed into school on Friday! From princes and princess to Jedi masters and monsters! Pupils and staff fully embraced our World Book Day and there was a real sense of fun in lessons throughout the week.

On Wednesday we welcomed back our friends from the *Bigfoot Drama Company*. We looked at the story of the *Three Little Pigs* through a different lens and questioned our assumptions. Was the wolf really so big and so bad? Our mock court room drama put the wolf on trial and his charisma and charm just may have helped him get away with (piggy) murder! I'd like to say a massive thanks to Mrs Tarbuck for making all the arrangements and overseeing all the events and also to Mrs Simpson, Miss Mcarthy and our amazing leaders in Year 5 who made the book sale our most effective yet! A *Schoolping* message will be sent out early next week to let you know what your children have ordered with instructions on how to pay and when the books will arrive to be sent home. Many thanks for your patience while we wait for payments to come in and for the book order to arrive.



Ukraine

We had an amazing opportunity in school assembly this week to talk about the war in Ukraine. We were so impressed; not just with the children's knowledge, but also with their insight and compassion. They spoke honestly about their concerns and what they felt should be done, culminating in our youngest pupils praying that the Ukrainian people would be strong in their hearts. It was a very moving moment. We finished the assembly by singing *'When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?'* We pray that



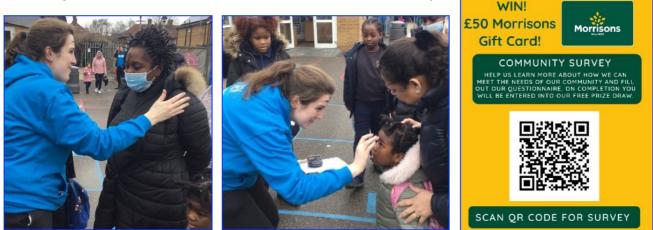
St Luke's Church

the world is able to exert enough pressure to stop the killing and wanton destruction being perpetrated against Ukraine.

Ash Wednesday

Our Lenten season began this week with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday services conducted by St. Luke's Church staff and after the children received ashes in the hall. We also had Rev. Amy come into the playground to administer ashes to parents who wished to be blessed. Our thanks go to the St. Luke's Church team who are leading us on this journey and can I ask a slight favour?

Can you fill out a short survey for them by using the QR code on the right, it will help them in their service to our community.



Nursery News

Nursery had a wonderful time baking pancakes for Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday). Together they learnt how to follow a pictorial recipe. They had so much fun decorating their pancakes with their favourite topping.For World book day pupils decided to spend the whole day celebrating reading! We took part in fun reading activities throughout the day! They had an amazing time retelling stories, creating their own and exploring books. They even made their own 'bed' for bedtime stories.







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Not Sweet!

Be on the lookout for your children mistakenly ending up with fake 'sweets' like these ones as they are

gummies laced with cannabis oil and can be very damaging to young children

Parent meetings & Staying Safe

We are holding our Spring parent/teacher meetings in the last week

of this term, March 28th-31st and we hope to have them on site and face to face for the first time in over two years. Look out for appointments being offered from the teachers. Also, this week there was some sound advice regarding Covid. All staff, pupils and parents should isolate if they test positive or have Covid symptoms to prevent the spread of Covid and disruption to face-to-face education, in line with DfE/UKHSA guidance. Thanks for your co-opersation.

Boy's Football Team

A massive well done to our boys football team for making it to the 2nd round in the *West Ham Premier League Football* competition. After playing 4 matches drawing 2 and winning 2 - our fantastic footballers finished FIRST in their

group and earned themselves a place in the next round.

Twenty schools, some from as far away as Essex, took part and our team was one of eight schools to make it through - that's a great achievement. The next round takes place on Friday 16th March.

Congratulations and good luck in the next round. We are all very proud of you.





Panathlon SuperStars Report by Joel.

On Monday 28th February, 14 St Luke's athletes travelled to Newham Leisure Centre to take part in a Panathlon Multi Skills competition. Our athletes had to compete in 9 different events like javelin, basketball shooting, football skills, long jump, sitting volley ball, tennis and curling. There were 10 schools there and our St Luke's athletes from Years 1-6 worked together to get as many points as they could. At results time our team got 3rd



place! We were all very happy to win medals, a certificate and a trophy.

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



Celebrations & Stars of the Week





YN Stars

YR Stars



Y1Stars



Birthdays



Y2 Stars





Y4 Stars & Y3/4 Birthdays



Y5 Stars



Y6 Stars & Birthdays



Key Dates

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.

Please check out the flyer below for a community workshop on women's health & wellbeing issues

Have a restful weekend

Matt Hipperson Head Teacher

