



# St Luke's News

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



25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Like the 'Good Old Days', next week sees our first face to face parent meetings since October 2019! What an unbelievably tough two and a half years we have all had but next week is a small step back to normality.*

For your meetings we would like you to **go around the outside of the building to your classroom door** that you collect your children from, where you will find some seats for you to wait at with your child's books. You will be called in for the face to face meeting and then can go out back into the playground to leave. **We are doing this to minimise any spread of infection**, which is still here as I proved last week and now Mr. Bonner our hard working caretaker has tested positive. Please try and be prompt for your appointment so you do not keep other parents waiting. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

## After-School Clubs

There are no clubs next week as it is the last week of term but you will be sent information about clubs for the Summer term. They will start in the second week back, from Monday 25th April but one change will be there will no longer be clubs on a Friday afternoon. The children are often exhausted by Friday and the school wants to use the time to provide some exercise classes as a reward for the staff who have given up so much during the last two years of struggle.

## Our Lenten Journey continues...



This week we have been talking about the crucifixion and why God would allow this to happen to his son. We discussed how God doesn't think as we do and how this led to forgiveness and the need for Jesus in our world today. This led onto conversations about caring for others and ultimately, as Hanna from Y4 put it, '*to put others before yourself*'. This most important time for Christians that provides the central structure of our faith can be very complicated but also very simple when you get to the truth.



## The Institute of Imagination pick St. Luke's to show off their work!

We've arrived!

On Thursday, Nabil and Richeal, Y4 went to the Excel Centre (with Mr Brown and Mrs Tarbuck) to deliver a presentation on behalf of St Luke's to an audience at the *Institute of Imagination* at the



BETT Technology Fair (<https://www.bettshow.com>). This is Nabil and Richeal's (3rd person) account:

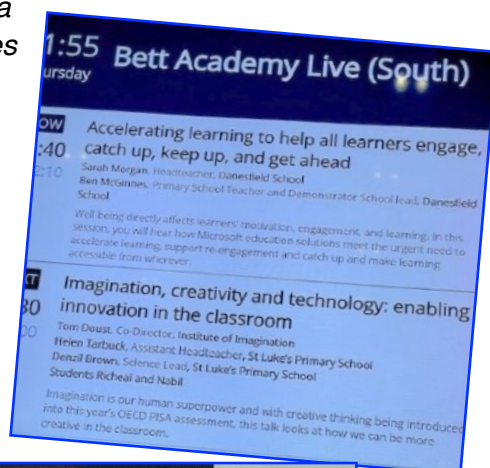
*"Once there, they had a little tour and they were given bags of goodies and Nabil got to experience a real magic trick in person. The magician told Nabil to pick a card. After, he needed to pick another card and hold the first card with his thumb and then the magician slid the second card and they swapped! Nabil was speechless."*

*After all this they were ready to rehearse. They met the IOI's co-director, Tom, and practised a*

*little more before the big event and the adults had their microphones fitted just before the presentation began. The arena was full. It was standing room only and as some people came in they were asked to sit on the floor or gestured to stand around in the corners to watch!*

*As Nabil and Richeal spoke many people sat up in shock to hear what they were saying. They spoke with purpose and humour to an international audience. They spoke with confidence and pride in their school. The day was an amazing experience and many people recognised Richeal and Nabil afterwards. It was as if they were famous!"*

By Nabil and Richeal



Practice...



...and delivery!

## StreetTags Party in the Park

On Saturday 19th March, some of our keenest StreetTaggers went to Central Park in East Ham to meet the creators of the popular exercise app called StreetTags. They had selfies taken with the ST team, a walk around the park collecting tags worth 6000 points and then a run around in the playground.

They had a lovely time and are working hard to be in the top 25 in Season 4.

*Well done to our St Luke's StreetTaggers and thank you to all the parent for bringing them.*







Then on Friday 25th March, the top 25 winners of StreetTags Season 3 had the first part of their Easter Egg Hunt Activity Party.

In the beautiful sunshine they played games, competed in races like *Egg & Spoon* and *Relays*, won prizes and the top scorers got the cream-pie poor Ms Adams after beating her challenge of scoring over 250,000 points in season 3!!!

We had a fantastic time and next week they will have part 2, where they will have an Easter Egg hunt and more cream pies!!! Get ready Mr Scott!!

*Stay safe & stay active!*

- Ms Adams



### This week saw some amazing Peer Teaching Lessons in PE...

We had Y6 teaching years 3 & 4 cricket, tennis and rounders skills.

Y5 taught Reception and Nursery ball skills. Y4 taught Years 1 & 2 handball skills & games and our amazing Y2's taught our little Nursery class football skills.

Our older students were great teachers and role models and the younger ones loved it. Well done to everyone. You were brilliant!



### Nursery Improvements

The Nursery staff have been working all year to create an outstanding indoor environment for the children and now they have shifted their focus to their outdoor area. Ms Yeter and the team have been sanding and painting and scouring the local shops for things to improve the experience for children. This week they took to raising some fun by selling biscuits and Easter cards – they have worked brilliantly together and have even convinced some of the older children to come and work for free – where is Lord Sugar when you need him! (See below).





**Remember School closes for the Easter holidays next Friday at 1pm.**  
Have a joyful weekend

*Matt Hipperson*  
Head Teacher