



St Luke's News

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



22nd April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a happy Easter weekend and there has been an explosion of colour, sunshine and general warmth which has made the school opening for the Summer Term all the more enjoyable.



Summer Term is always packed with special events for the children (see the end of this newsletter) and maybe none more so than the SATs for our wonderful Y6 children. This week they have had a practise run as they did four days of tests in the same order they will do them in two weeks time. I can't state strongly enough just how pleased we are with the effort they and the staff, led by Mr Brown, have put in and whatever happens we can all be proud of them, especially when you consider how much school time they missed due to the pandemic.

New Blood for St. Luke's

The national allocations for next year's Reception class were announced this week and I am pleased to say that once again our Reception class will be full again in September. This is all the more impressive when you realise that over 60% of the primary schools in Newham will have large vacancy lists when it comes to the start of school in September. The effort put in by the office staff to handle the admissions and make 30Hour provision so appealing to parents of young children coupled with the leadership of Miss Rowe and the hard work and creativity of the Nursery staff have transformed our Nursery (which is crucial to filling Reception) from a declining unit six years ago with only 12 children into a flourishing class with the largest waiting list in the school, Well-done all!

Church News

St Luke's Church are excited to be launching an *Alpha* course starting Thursday 28th April at St Luke's School at 19:00, for 11 weeks. *Alpha* is a place of good food, great conversation and talks that make you think. The first session explores the question 'Is there more to life than this?'. Could this be a journey you and/or a friend join us on? You can register your interest on the following link: <https://www.stlukes16.co.uk/alpha/>

Sports & Music Update from Ms Adams

On Wednesday 20th April, our Y1 and 2 handball team went to Langdon School to participate in a Mixed Handball Competition. We had two teams: Team A and Team B and we also had two Sport Coaches from Y5. Our A Team did very well in the group stages. They won or drew most of their games and our B Team were just as brilliant. After playing several games in the blazing heat, our A-Team came 2nd and our B-Team came 3rd. That was a fantastic result!! Well-done to our Y1&2 handball teams and our Year 5 coaches for coaching our B-Team to 3rd place. St Luke's is proud of you.





Last term was a very exciting time for several of our talented St Luke's Musicians...

On Monday 28th March, our Newham Grooves Musicians performed in their 1st concert to a live audience at Hallsville School. Our 4 violin or saxophone students were part of a large ensemble group that also included children from Hallsville School. It was a great experience for our children and an excellent concert.

There was also a concert on Saturday 26th March at the River Church, Canning Town. Three of our Saturday Ensemble Musicians took part in the Newham Music Spring Concert. They performed '*I'm feeling Good*' - one on the saxophone, one of the drums and one singing the vocals. It was a brilliant experience and performance for our three wonderful musicians. It was also wonderful to see two of our ex-St Luke's students there too. One was hosting the concert as part of her Newham Music Ambassador role and the other played '*Meditation from Thais*' on the violin - it was an outstanding performance. Well done to everyone, we are all very proud of you.



Beckton Bikezone

Beckton Bikezone is a pop-up cycling programme Newham are running that is free to residents of the borough. The programme offers a variety of cycle classes for all ages and abilities such as Cycle Skills Classes, Group Rides, Dr Bike and bike maintenance. It is based adjacent to *Will Thorne Pavilion*, Stansfeld Rd, London, E6 5LT. The programme is being delivered by Cycle Confident from April through to June and is funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund. For more information and to book please visit: <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/newham>

Celebrations & Stars of the Week



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YR



Y1 - Infant Class of the Week



Y2



Decorated Athletes...and coaches!



(more) Decorated Athletes...and coaches!



Y3



Y4



Y5



Y6



Y4 Maths Champs & Y3 Reading Champs

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Summer Term Dates

April

27th Y3 to visit Colne Engaine Primary School near Colchester

27th Y4 Tennis Comp. @ Langdon School

28th YN trip to Mudchute Farm

May

2nd SCHOOL CLOSED – Bank Holiday

4th Education 4 Change visit to meet our Justice Committee

5th Y4 Public Speaking Competition at UEA Chelmsford

5th Nursery Closed - Local Election – rest of school stays open

5th Year 1&2 Football tournament

9th Y6 EGPS & Spelling SAT test AM

10th Y6 Reading SAT test AM

11th Y6 Arithmetic & Reasoning paper 1 SATs tests AM

11th Y1/2 Handball Competition

12th Y6 Reasoning paper 2 SAT test AM

17th Class Photos

18th Y5/6 Boys Handball Tournament & Y6 Commonwealth Games event

23-27th KS1 SATs all week

25th Y5/6 Handball competition for girls

27th Whole school celebration of Queen's Platinum Jubilee including street party in the playground

30th May – 3rd June School Closed for Half-Term

June – Fundraising month for Standbyme

6th Coding week led by Y6

6-10 Phonics tests for Y1&2

13th-17th Y3,4& =5 practice SATs and Y4 Multiplication tests

14th Y3 relationships workshop and Y5/6 Quads sports tournament

15th Y5&6 mixed Tennis Tournament @ Langdon Primary

17th St. Luke's Talent Competition

20th-22nd Y6 Residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Camp in Upminster

22nd Windrush Day Assembly

24th Y2,3&4 Digital storytelling workshops in school

28th Colne Engaine Primary Y3 visit St. Luke's

29th Y1/2 mixed handball @ Dersingham Primary

July

1st International Celebration for all 4-6pm

5th Y6 SATs Results!

6th Y5/6 ABC Team Festival @ Langdon Primary

7th Y6 to visit Ben Kinsella Workshop

8th Y6 to visit Adventure Island, Southend

11th AM EYFS Sports Day & PM KS1 Sports Day

12th AM Y3/4 Sports Day & PM Y5/6 Sports Day

13th Y3/4 mixed ABC sports tournament

18th Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

20th Y5/6 Girls Netball tournament

21st Y6 Leavers Assembly AM

22nd School closes for the Summer at 1pm