



St Luke's News

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



6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, for the first time in three years, all Y6 children will sit the KS2 SATs tests in Reading, Grammar and Mathematics.

Mr. Brown and the Y6 team have been working hard with the children to put them in the best possible situation to succeed and this has required a really careful effort because of the sheer amount of face to face teaching that was lost over the last two years.

It is worth remembering in the midst of all this effort that they only measure a small part of the overall picture – it doesn't measure ability in sports, arts, music, kindness, their ability to help others or the laughter in their hearts.

All we want for them next week is to do their best and then enjoy their last bit of time in the school as they get ready for the move to secondary school. **Early to bed and into school on time** would be great and we will give them breakfast and confidence before the tests. Then next Friday they do not need to wear school uniform as they will have a party and a 'silent disco' to celebrate.

Public Speakers

Throughout this school year, our Y4's have been taking part in the *Mighty Oak Public Speaking* workshops. On Thursday, seven of our pupils who had been given the roles of chair, speaker, questioner, manager, captain, word master and poetry reader, represented St Luke's at Anglia Ruskin University (Chelmsford) in a public speaking competition. All pupils argued their points clearly and passionately giving multiple reasons why '*PE should be taught every day*'. Miss Adams would have been proud!

After the competition, the winners were announced. Out of 84 pupils in 12 different schools, it was St Luke's who took the prize for the best questioner (Chioma) and the most creative poet (Benita).

The secret of successful speaking:



Stay relaxed



Speak well



Pick up medal!



"I enjoyed the experience of going to a real university campus and speaking in a lecture theatre with a real audience." (Chioma)

The judges commented on the pupil's authenticity and passion. Every school went home with a copy of Benita's poem and a framed copy was presented to the judges.

"It was an amazing opportunity to do something extraordinary and challenge pupils to go out of their comfort zones. Pupils had mixed emotions of nerves and excitement but they used these to drive themselves forward and in true St Luke's style, to be the best they can be! I am so proud of Ava, Benita, Chioma, Imisi, Janelle, Krista and Malachi represented our school."

Mrs Tarbuck



Mrs Aulakh and our Finance Officer Mr. Hakim put a bid into the National Lottery for funds to host a community celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (70 years on the throne) and we have been awarded money to go towards the event. The Queen's Tea Party will be on Friday the 27th May from 11-2pm and we are going to invite members from our wider community and all of our parents to attend so watch out for the invites your children will bring home next week.

We have visitors coming!

Monday sees us take delivery of some duck eggs in an incubator which we will host as they hatch and keep for a couple of weeks as they start to grow. This will give the children an insight into the wonders of nature and then relocate them safely to grow to full size.



Celebrations & Stars of the Week



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YR



Y1



Y2 Infant Class of the week



Y4 – Junior Class of the week



Y5



Y6

Y3 - Back to the Stone Age!

The Y3s were absent from the Golden assembly on Friday because they were on a trip back in time to the Stone Age. They visited the Thames Water site on the Lea Bridge Rd. and worked on history timelines and cave drawings as well as learning how these earliest of humans would have lit fires for warmth and light and foraged for food in the natural environment. Thanks to Miss Koenig and Mr. Scott for organising this.



Have

a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Summer Term Dates

May

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

14th 5pm New to Reception in Sept. 2022 meeting

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