



St Luke's News

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



13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! Our Y6s responded magnificently to the challenge of being the first cohort for three years to take their SATs and the first in all history to do so after a pandemic.

They have lost a lot of teaching time over the last couple of years but worked tirelessly to try and make this lost time up – they absolutely did their best and we should all be proud of every one of them and the rewards began immediately (as they were the only stars of this week) with a Silent Disco and a visit from a very special person – see below!



Tall Stories

On Friday we had an amazing visit from the tallest professional basketballer in the world – Paul Sturges (check out the Guinness Book of Records) who played in the NBA for the Dallas Mavericks and for the famous celebrity team, the Harlem Globetrotters. As good as Paul's basketball skills are (he is one of only 3 men in basketball who can stand on the ground and dunk the ball in a full-size hoop without having to jump!) it was his humbling words of wisdom about the beauty of our differences and the power of believing in yourself, that made the biggest impression on all of us.

Firstly, the pictures do not help you fully realise just how tall Paul is in the flesh and he spoke about wherever he goes people stare and gasp – not the most pleasant thing to happen when you are just going to the shops. Like all of us Paul is unique and the world is a better place for that! But Paul is also a champion of knowing that the most important thing in life is being comfortable in your own skin and in your own unique talents and in our crazy, deluded world where we are continually pressurised into trying to look differently or trying to be someone we aren't, his message was so important and delivered with such humour and humility that he became one of our best guests of all time – thank-you Paul!





Handball Heroes

On Wednesday, our Y1 & Y2 handball team and 3 coaches from Y5 travelled to St Edwards school to participate in a handball tournament. Both our teams did very well in the group stages, managing to qualify for the knockout stages. Our B team played very well but were knocked out in the quarter finals by the team that eventually won. Our A team won their quarter final match after a nail biting penalty shoot out. Sadly, they lost their semi-final match but were able to overcome that defeat and go on to win the 3rd place play-off game, 3-1. Both our teams and our 3 coaches were amazing and did us proud. *Well done*





Quacking News!

The ducks have arrived again and this time they are based in the Nursery. This year we only had 5 eggs delivered as we were conscious to make sure that the Ducklings would have safe 'homes' to go to where they could grow and live (there have been reports of some companies collecting them and not looking after them properly). We have an old bath filled with clean water for them to have a paddle in next week – watch out for the pictures in the newsletter next week.

Art in Y5

The children in Y5 have studied the work of a variety of artists including Frieda Kahlo, Vincent Van Gogh and Pablo Picasso to help them develop their own 'style' of self-portraiture and the results are beautiful and so full of life.

Class Portraits

On Tuesday next week the children will be having their class photos taken and you will be given the opportunity to buy one if you so wish.

Staying Safe in the Sun



As the weather hots up here are some important tips to follow to keep everyone safe:

The sun is most powerful between early April and October, and during the hours of 11am and 3pm

Even when it is cloudy or it doesn't feel very hot, harmful rays can still burn skin, so it's important to

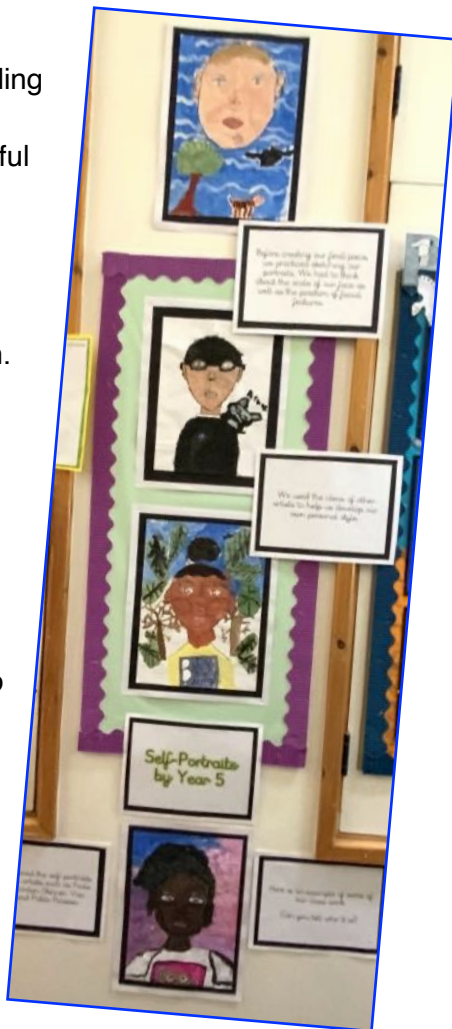
always apply sun cream just in case

Always apply sun cream before getting dressed, 20-30 minutes before going outside in the sun. Don't forget to reapply every two hours on hot and sunny days!

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher



Summer Term Dates

May

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
4th Y6 to visit Ben Kinsella Workshop
5th Y6 SATs Results are released!
6th Y5/6 ABC Team Festival @ Langdon Primary
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
22nd school closes for the Summer Holidays at 1pm