



# St Luke's News

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



20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

*This week we have been talking a lot about humility and the importance of people in positions of leadership demonstrating this. In our school, leadership is provided not only by the staff but also by our wonderful children. This includes our Y6s, our sportsmen and women and those who volunteer to work with our younger children.*

When you look around our world you see lots of people shouting, spreading rumours and saying things that are obviously untrue. But for every person like that there are so many more who know the truth, who know who can help them in difficult times and give them advice when they are struggling. I am immensely proud of our staff and children who follow the example of Jesus – who don't shout about how good they are or how they haven't been treated well but who demonstrate the love and care for others, every day, that marks them out as good people.



## Jubilee Tea Party



Our tea party is fast approaching and Mrs Aulakh is firing on all cylinders to prepare what looks like a most memorable day. The whole day will be an off-timetable celebration for the children, with the day dedicated to learning through fun and celebrating everything royal - and there will be bouncy castles!

We will welcome visitors from 12-2pm to join in our celebrations. Thank you for RSVPing in good time so we have plenty of everything to go around. Remember, it is a non-uniform day on Friday 27th May. Please wear red, white and blue (tiaras and crowns optional)!

## Bug-ingham Palace - A Royal Competition

In celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, the eco committee would like to announce a special competition. Can you design and build your very own bug hotel? Use the ideas below and you can research for more ideas online. Entries need to be in by Thursday 26th May. The winners will be announced on Friday 27th May during the Jubilee celebrations.

The winning bug hotel will aptly be named 'Bugingham Palace!' Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and fun!



## Rokeby visit

On Monday, our chair of governors Margaret Wright, escorted Y5 to Rokeby Secondary school for the end of our *Philosophy for Education* project with the year 10 boys. It was a huge success. Pupils discovered more about themselves through learning about others and used their curious questions to help answer some big questions and reflect on their own unconscious bias.

## YUCAN

Wednesday saw the first meeting of our Young Carers (YUCAN) Summer project that will run to the end of the year. The project is concentrating on about 25 of our children who either live in families



where they might be helping to look after someone or that have experienced something traumatic in their life. It aims to give these children some rewarding experiences to help them through their challenging lives and next week will see them taking part in a dance workshop.

## Y2 tests began Friday 20th May and finish next Thursday

Our year 2 pupils have begun their end of term assessments this week with such a positive, can-do attitude. No one was phased and were all keen to show off their learning and the progress they have made this year. Huge well done to Year 2 and the adults that support them.

## Commonwealth Games

Our resident journalist Sefira, Y5, reports on this week's trip to the Commonwealth Games:

*On Wednesday the 18th of May, some Y5 & Y6 pupils attended a sports festival. On arrival, they were greeted by Jamaican weightlifter Chloe, British weightlifter Zoe and two ministers.*

*We enjoyed workshops with three other schools. As a warm up game, our initial assignment was to throw a ball and hit the wickets. Our second task was to pass a small ball around our team and hit the wickets first. After a couple of rounds, we had to change the studio in which we did our workshops. Our second workshop was in the dance studio where everyone was given a number. Whatever number you had would be the team you were in. The activity we were doing was where each team was in the corner of the room with a fact file of a country that would have participated in the commonwealth games. We had to each memorise a fact. I was in a team of four and we had a*





fact-file on New Zealand. After a couple minutes of remembering our facts, we all made a circle (staying with our groups that were mixed). We then had to hold a part of a gigantic parachute. The game was, our leaders would say a fact, if your country had the same fact you would run underneath the parachute and switch places.

After our final event, we were lucky enough to have two of St Luke's pupils Mercy & Hanna be chosen to interview Chloe Whyllie, the Jamaican weightlifter, and Zoe Smith from the Great Britain team and a British weightlifting champion. In the interview, in which our pupils delivered perfectly, we were lucky to find out that Chloe was inspired by Zoe Smith to become a weightlifter. One day she was watching Zoe Smith performing on TV and this made her want to



become a weightlifter. She said that she started off by going to the gym but after a couple months of dedication she finally got into the sport.

After our interview, Chloe, Zoe and Perry, the 2022 Commonwealth mascot, were kind enough to take a photo with us. A great end to our trip.

Sefira Y5

## Ducks

Our very own ducklings (Donald, Daffy, Pingu and Bob) enjoyed their last week with the pupils. Each class enjoyed cuddles and water play teaching the ducklings to play nicely together and take turns in the



paddling pool. We raised the ducklings from eggs and taught them everything they knew. They taught us a lot too.

We were learning about the life cycle of ducks and how this year's eggs were the young of the ducklings we cared for last year! Maybe next year, these little ducklings will hatch their own eggs for us to look after and nurture. The pupils were so kind, caring and gentle. When the farmer arrived to take the ducklings back home, he commented on how well they must have been



treated by their clean appearance and lack of fear of humans.



## **News Flash - Mrs Adams' Amazing Misses**

Mrs Adams might be our beloved PE teacher but even she has her off days!! One lunchtime, we were playing handball and despite having most of the possession, our wonderful Sports Coach MISSED EVERY GOAL!!

The first and the worst miss is called The Over the Bar; the title says it all! Poor Mrs Adams did this several times in the game. Then there was the side miss – where she threw the ball to the right of the goal, it flew past the fence and landed in the bushes. It was an amazing miss! Keep trying Mrs Adams and maybe you will be as good as us!

**By Ella-Renee and Richeal Y4**

## StreetTags News

St Luke's continues to dominate the Newham Schools leader board in StreetTags. We are over 5 million points ahead of second place!! AND there are still 8 weeks to go!! That is brilliant - this is why we are the fittest and most active school in Newham. Keep it up and remember, the top 25 scorers will get to attend The Great Water Fight Party in July. To keep you motivated to stay fit and collect those tags, here are 2 PE Codes worth 2000 points:

ForSchools\_UPID  
ForSchools\_VJLH

Good luck, stay active and stay safe.



## Sports House Captains

Congratulations to our newest Year 2 Sports House Captains. 1 boy and 1 girl have been chosen to be the captain of their Sports house - Yellow Team Respect, Blue Team Compassion, Red Team Perseverance, Orange Team Forgiveness and Green Team Trust. Their new duties include being a good role model, supporting the peers and teachers and leading their team to victory on sports day - Monday 11th July. They will remain a S.H.C until Year 6. Well done and good luck in your new role.



## This year's St Luke's Sports Day dates are:

EYFS - Monday 11th July (9.15am - 10.45am)  
KS1 - Monday 11th July (1.30pm - 3pm)  
Y3&4 - Tuesday 12th July (9.15am til 11am)  
Y5&6 - Tuesday 12th July (1.30pm - 3pm)



On the day, your child will dress in their Sports House colours. Letters advising you of which house your child is in will go out soon. Everyone is welcome to join us in what will be an exciting (and very competitive) event. If you have any questions, please see Ms Adams.

## Handball Competition

Well done to our brilliant Year 5&6 handball team for finishing 2nd in a Handball Competition (see 'Awards' photo). On Wednesday 18th May, two handball teams travelled to Langdon School to participate in a Boys Only handball competition. Both our A & B team qualified for the quarter finals.....where they had to play each other! After a fierce battle, our A team was victorious and moved on to the semi finals where they were victorious again. However, despite having 70% of the possession and having more shots at their opponents goal, they were unable to score and went on to lose 2 - 0. Well done to our fantastic boys - St Luke's is proud of you.

## Y6 Basketball

On Monday 16th May, our Year 6 basketball team went to Newham Leisure Centre to take part in the Newham Borough games. The team was fantastic!! They dominated the group stages, winning all their games except one. In the quarter finals, they beat the opposition 6 - 0 but were unfortunate in the semi final, losing 5 - 3. However, like true competitors, they overcame their defeat and beat ST Helen's, 5 - 2. Well done - you played so well and did us all proud. (see 'Awards' photos)



## St Luke's Music Showcase

On Tuesday 19th July, we will be having our St Luke's Music Showcase. Musical performances will be by all our talented musicians as well as ex-St Luke's students and teachers. This will be an outdoor event (weather permitting) and family and friends are welcome to come and watch. So please put that date in your diary and we hope to see you there.

## Celebrations & Stars of the Week



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Y1



Y2 Stars of the Week



Birthdays



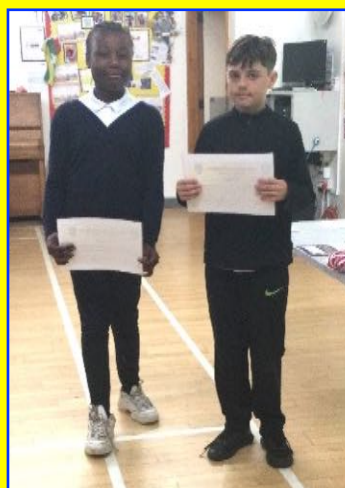
Y3



Y4



Y5 Stars



Y6 Stars



Headteacher's Special Award





**Y5/6 Handballers who finished runners-up in the borough finals**



**Y6 Basketball team that finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the borough finals**



**Y1/2 Handballers and coaches**

Have a peaceful weekend

**Matt Hipperson**

Head Teacher

### **Summer Term Dates**

#### **May**

23-27<sup>th</sup> KS1 SATs all week

25<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Handball competition for girls

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

### **30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June School Closed for Half-Term**

### **June – Fundraising month for Standbyme**

6<sup>th</sup> Coding week led by Y6

6-10 Phonics tests for Y1&2

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

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

15<sup>th</sup> Y5&6 mixed Tennis Tournament @ Langdon Primary

17<sup>th</sup> St. Luke's Talent Competition

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Y6 Residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Camp in Upminster

22<sup>nd</sup> Windrush Day Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> 5pm New to Reception in Sept. 2022 meeting

24<sup>th</sup> AM St. Luke's has Talent

24<sup>th</sup> Y2,3&4 Digital storytelling workshops in school

28<sup>th</sup> Colne Engaine Primary Y3 visit St. Luke's

29<sup>th</sup> Y1/2 mixed handball @ Dersingham Primary

#### **July**

1<sup>st</sup> International Celebration for all 4-6pm

4<sup>th</sup> Y6 to visit Ben Kinsella Workshop

5<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs Results are released!

6<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 ABC Team Festival @ Langdon Primary

8<sup>th</sup> Y6 to visit Adventure Island, Southend

11<sup>th</sup> AM EYFS Sports Day & PM KS1 Sports Day

11<sup>th</sup> 4pm Drama Club show for parents in the main hall

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

13<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 mixed ABC sports tournament

15<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

19<sup>th</sup> St. Luke's Music Festival 9am

20<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Girls Netball tournament

**22<sup>nd</sup> July school closes for the Summer Holidays at 1pm**