



St Luke's News

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



10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

After all the fun of our Jubilee Tea Party now it is the parents time to shine. On Friday the 1st of July from 1-4pm we are holding a 'Cultural Celebration' for all our families. The aim is to have fun, share food and music, chat and dance together and we need your help!

Whether you are from Canning Town, Canada, Columbia or Germany, Ghana or Jamaica or Japan and anywhere else, if you would like to share some food or dance from your culture please let us know – we will send out a Google form for you to fill out and we will give some space to share your stuff – watch out for the form next week and plan some time to come into school!



Watch out for this!



It has come to my attention that there is another social media site you as parents need to be aware of. It is called Discord (see the logo above) and it allows a large group of people to communicate at the same time. It has a minimum age of 13 and this needs to be kept to as we have already been alerted

to some comments that could be seen as hurtful. **I strongly advise all parents/carers to delete this APP on your child's device if you see it.**

Answering calls

Parents, we try to only call you during the school day if we have a concern about the health of your child. Most of us are parents ourselves and dread that call saying your child is running a temperature - or worse! So, **we need the contact numbers you give us to be the right ones** - numbers that will be answered so we can keep your child safe. And when we do call, we are not trying to cause you problems, so please can we all try to be polite to each other at all times. Thanks!

Podcasts Interviews

This week, we welcomed journalists from *The Times* newspaper into St Luke's to interview pupils about their work alongside the *Institute of Imagination*. Pupils throughout the school have been led through a wide range of exciting STEM workshops to be architects, coders and even stop-motion animators.

Pupils from KS2 were interviewed for an upcoming podcast which will be released in September (details of where to access it to follow).

Our guests were blown away by the confidence of pupils who clearly articulated their love of learning and knew how their



learning in school today will help them to succeed in their tomorrow. Hannah, the journalist from The Times wrote, *"It was a total privilege to record today with you and your pupils and teachers. I was completely blown away."*

Graham, the sound technician added, *"I just wanted to say how lovely it was to meet you and your team today and what a wonderful school you have there. Inspirational. The pupils were fabulous and gave great answers."*

An additional thank you to Miss O'Garro and Miss Koenig who also offered their time to answer questions.

On yer bike!

This week year 6 took to the streets of Canning Town to explore how to ride safely on our local roads.

"First, we learned about signalling and the importance of looking and checking before we pedal." Once they had mastered the basics, they hit the road. "We started learning how to read the road and make sure we knew where the cars were coming from so we could stay safe when cycling." (Gabriel, Y6)



The safety instructors were so proud of our year 6 pupils learning so many skills so quickly, they even moved onto extending learning to teach how and where to cycle on roads. Great work year 6.

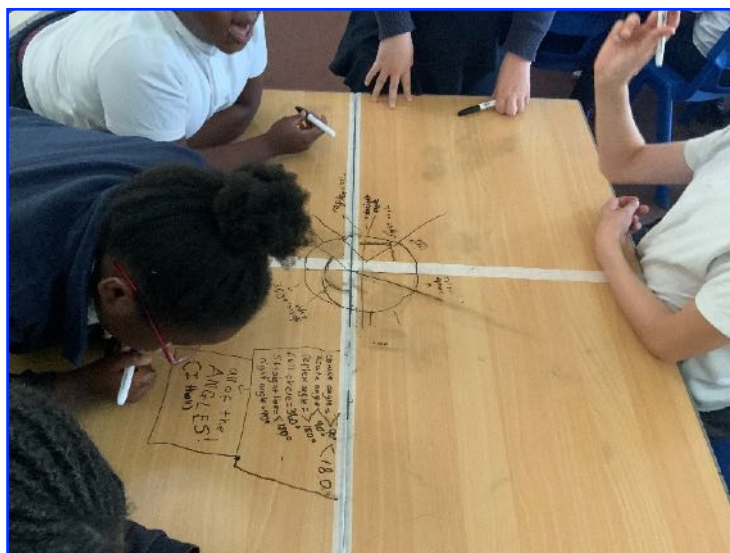


Having a great 'time'!

This week, Y3 have been developing their knowledge of time to solve challenging word problems with minutes and hours. These lessons were mirrored by Ms Mbick who was playing *"What's the time Mr Wolf?"* - in French! It was inspirational to see pupils learning such important key life skills - not only in English but in another language too!

Creative Spaces!

This week, Miss O'Garro and Year 5 have been applying their knowledge of angles. Without a worksheet in sight, Y5 were encouraged to use their tables creatively armed with nothing more than masking tape and whiteboard pens to name and measure the angles they could make. A great use of resources to make learning more memorable!



BUGingham Palace

Last half term, the eco committee launched a competition to create a bug hotel for our eco garden. We had numerous entries and the winner was chosen:

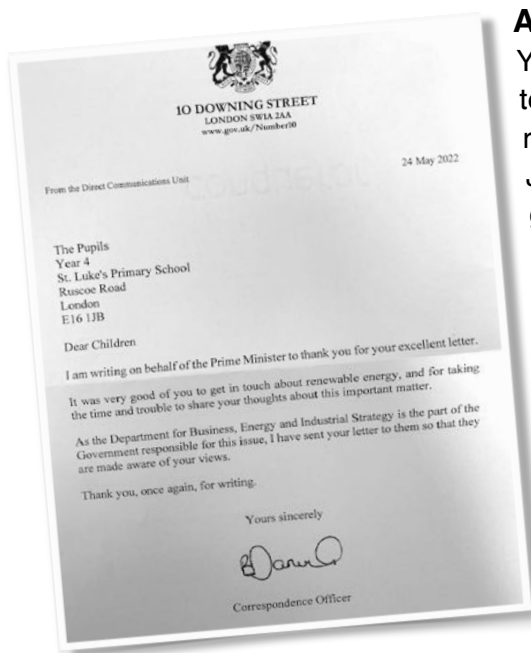
Congratulations to Janelle (year 4) for your winning entry! It was aptly celebrated and named with its own unique plaque in our celebration assembly. Janelle's bug hotel is now officially known as "*Bugingham Palace*" inline with our recent Jubilee party and we hope to have our first minibeast guests moving in very soon!



Healthy choices!

As always, we promote all things healthy for our body and minds. Our lunch hall is no exception. Every day pupils choose their own healthy side from our salad bar. It was a delight to see that even our youngest pupils are making such great food choices (with a little help from Mrs Leung).

And don't forget to put all your food in your mouth when at Breakfast Club! (see right)



A Letter from the Prime Minister!

Y4 recently learned about the rising energy costs and the terrible consequences this is having on so many people. As a result, they asked to write a strongly worded letter to Boris Johnson to let him know that that they expect more from the government in these trying times. They wrote passionately and with evidence from their own research. While Y4 firstly recognised the problem, they also gave Boris an easy solution: to demand more of energy companies. They suggested that energy companies should be encouraged to provide more opportunities to use renewable energy sources, not only to help with the rising fuel costs but also to save our planet too. The great news is that not only did Mr Johnson read the letter but we even had a reply from 10 Downing Street. They have passed on the letter to the relevant Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and we await further correspondence to see if our suggestion is actioned.

YUCAN project

Our Young Carers Group (YUCAN) had a session of high energy and *chillaxing* this week. Next week they will be learning how to storyboard a comic book. Sanyu the project leader sent us an email after the session this week – see her message below:





"Hi St. Luke's,

Thank you for your email. Honestly, coming in to St. Luke's every week and hearing you tell us how much you've enjoyed a session means so much to us as an organisation and personally, I would have loved to have been in a school like St. Luke's Primary. All your staff are so welcoming and truly care about you. We're very fortunate enough to support you in any way we can."

This is the group in the third week with an exercise and rest theme to help the children realise the benefits of both. Sanyu and her team worked the children hard but then helped them to calm themselves into a more tranquil state afterwards.

Thank you to Mr Scott for always championing young carers



SportsInYourFutures Festival

On Thursday 9th June, some of our gifted & talented athletes travelled to the UEL Sportsdock to take part in the London Olympic Anniversary *SportsInYourFutures* Festival. The day involved all the students being given a country to represent (St Luke's was given South Korea) and everyone was able to participate in different sports such as football, basketball, athletics and cricket and were taught by professional athletes who took them through their paces. There was also a workshop that included a video from former rugby star Jonny Wilkinson who had a special message for everyone. Our G&T students

also got to see items such as medals, books and newspapers all about the history of the Olympic Games. They even got to hold **the** Olympic torch from 2012 and touch a real gold medal from the Rugby World Cup of 2003! After lunch there were more sports activities, games and inspirational talks from other athletes and some of the university sports graduates. It was a great day for our G&T sports students.





Handball Heroes

Well done to our Y5&6 (with some Y4s) Girls Handball team for finishing 2nd in the *Langdon SSP Handball Competition* on Wednesday 25th May. St Luke's had 2 teams and both sailed through the group stages. Sadly, both of our teams had to face each other in the quarter finals where our A-Team proved victorious. They went on to win their semi-final match but despite having an epic battle against their opponents, unfortunately lost the final 5-4. Well done girls, everyone at St Luke's is proud of you.

Celebrations & Stars of the Week



YN Stars



YR Birthdays



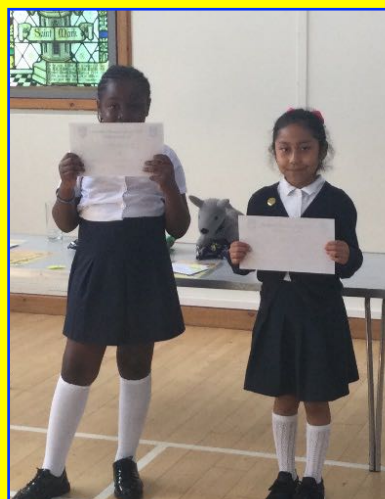
YR Stars



Y1 Stars & Best Class



Y2 Birthday



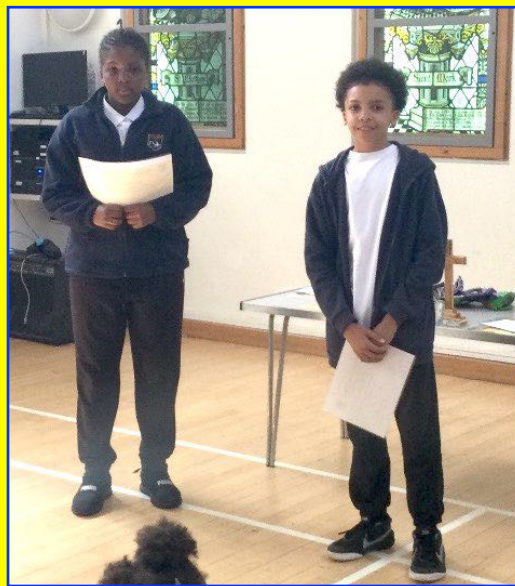
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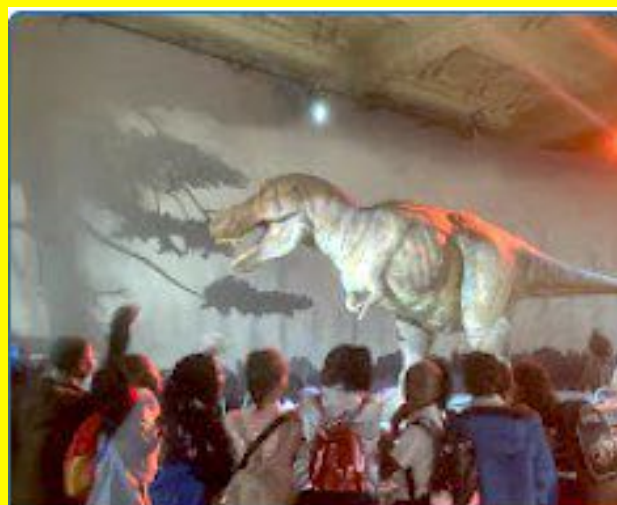
Y4 Stars



Y5 Stars



Y6 Stars



There were no Y3 Stars this week because they were out on a trip to the Natural History Museum

Roarrrr!!!

Have a peaceful week

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Summer Term Dates

June

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

23rd Windrush Day Assembly

23rd 5pm New to Reception in Sept. 2022 meeting

24th AM - St. Luke's has Talent

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 Parents and children 1-4pm

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

11th 4pm Drama Club show for parents in the main hall

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

13th Y3/4 mixed ABC sports tournament

15th Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

19th St. Luke's Music Festival 9am

20th Y5/6 Girls Netball tournament

22nd July school closes for the Summer Holidays at 1pm