



St Luke's News

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



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Above are most of our wonderful Y6s (3 missed the trip today) receiving our thanks for all their hard work via a trip to the funfair. As Mr. Brown their teacher has said a few times this year, no group of 11 year olds have ever had to go through what they have (pandemic and lockdowns) and then had to do their SATs tests - they are unique! And those tests have produced results that are stunning and well above Newham averages and almost certainly well above National Averages when they are published. They responded to requests to work hard and push themselves and it has been our privilege to have them in St. Luke's and seeing them move on in such a positive way makes all of the staff proud.



Ben Kinsella Trust

"On Monday morning, the Year 6 children went to Islington Library where they had a workshop on a knife crime story. Ben Kinsella, the victim of this murder, has a very important legacy and was one of the 15 young adults stabbed to death in 2008. The Ben Kinsella Story tells young people why not to carry a knife and the people you should trust. The first part was telling us about Ben as a younger child and the fun things he liked to do. Then there was a film with cctv footage of when Ben Kinsella

got murdered and his family's reaction to the stabbing. The video was very emotional and heart-breaking.



The third exhibition had a room with different consequences that holding a knife will have on you if it is not used for the proper uses like holding a knife for illegal reasons can get you four years in prison and using or encouraging it can get you twenty five years in prison. The fourth room was a prison cell with someone who had been put in prison for encouraging her boyfriend to scare their neighbour who had been talking behind their back saying bad stuff. Then she told us all the amazing chances she missed out on because she went to prison, like her sister's graduation, her birthday and spending time with her family. The final room had a comic strip on the wall telling us about another story about a knife crime telling us different scenarios.” – **Jalil Y6**

The Power of Positivity - Young Carers Poem – (Yucan)

In my bed, I lay
Thinking about the next day,
I'm going to my new school,
I'm scared what if they make me a fool,
What if my uniform is wrong,
Then people will laugh and talk about it for long,
I need to stop thinking about the negative,
I need to start thinking positive,
Like, if I make new friendships,
New friendships to be partners with on trips!
It's the next day,
In my bed, I lay,
Thinking about today,
I walk to school with a smile on my face,
I arrive,
Everyone is so nice, I feel so alive!
I guess today won't be as bad as I thought.

Stand By Me

This month we have been raising money for the children we sponsor in Myanmar and Ethiopia using various strategies. There have been cinema viewings, skipathons, bakes and in a couple of weeks time smoothie heaven. Thanks to all the children for being such creative fundraisers and thanks to all of you parents who have supported this push so we can send some much needed resources to very deserving pupils abroad.



Y5 writing Workshops

This week our Y5s have been working on a writing project to hone their skills in readiness for Y6 in September.



They have been working collaboratively on their theme of deforestation of the Rainforests. Neveah reported that the collaborative work and the ability to say her ideas out loud helped her improve her finished writing. Thanks to Miss O'Garro and Mrs Tarbuck who planned, resourced and taught the workshops.

Changing Me

Next week sees all of our year groups undertaking their '*Changing me*' section of lessons from the statutory Relationships, Health & Sex Education (RHSE) curriculum. These lessons will involve a lot of chatting about our bodies and how they will change on their next part of their journey to adulthood, so you may get some questions from them at home! If you are at all unsure what to say please email me on: ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk

Going Up The Wall!

On Wednesday, Y4 went on an activity trip to rock climbing at the new *Rise Climbing* wall in Canning Town. This is what we did:

Some people felt terrified and 'on the rock' they were paralysed. Others were brave. Some people felt like they were a pro and some were down below.

No matter - if you cannot do it, do not quit!

We listened to the instructor and kept trying and no matter how hard we tried, they were with us to guide.



We had so much fun even though some people struggled on some levels, some went on low levels. The people who are scared of heights can keep trying, don't worry, there is someone guiding. And eventually you can get to where others are, let's see if you can go far. You come there any day, anytime just make sure you feel comfortable, when you climb.

Don't worry, don't be scared there is a blue, soft and comfy carpet right on the floor, it's for protection when you fall. Let's see if you can make it to the top without having to stop, just don't drop. Even though you're scared, there is always someone there. Join us to have some fun, because it's for everyone. Don't forget, you have to pay, so you can have fun and play. Always persevere but have no fear. You can learn to be a star, just keep trying and you will go far.

Have fun, it's for everyone!! Chioma Y4

New Football club for Sept. 2022-July 2023 at St. Luke's



Shaun Burgess, founder of *Young Ballers Football Aspirations* (www.youngballers.co.uk) will be starting a brand new after school Football Club at St. Luke's for Years 1 through to 6 from September 2022. The hours will be the same 3.30-5pm.

Shaun also works at West Ham United Academy as a Lead Scout for children aged 6-11 years old. He has already invited a child in Year 1 from St Luke's into West Ham Academy following a taster session he ran in June. Shaun will deliver weekly football sessions in our outdoor playground/field (or indoor hall if there is heavy rain) and is inviting both girls and boys to attend.

The sessions cost £5 per week (payable half-termly in advance). Please let the school know ASAP should you wish to attend but need financial support. These classes can be booked directly with the football club here at: www.youngballers.co.uk/schools - Please ensure you book the correct school and age group for your child/ren as there are multiple options. We would encourage early booking as spaces are limited and demand is expected to be high. If you have any further questions please direct them to Mr. Hipperson or email Shaun directly at youngballersfa@gmail.com

Golden Assembly



Have a peaceful week

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Summer Term Dates

July

11th RHSE lessons for all this week

11th AM YN, YR, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

12th AM Y3/4/5&6 Sports Day

15th Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

18th 2.45pm Drama Club show for parents in the main hall

19th St. Luke's Music Festival 9am

20th Y5/6 Girls Netball tournament

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