



St Luke's News

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Y6 Leavers Issue

15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday morning saw our Y6 Leavers assembly. There were contributions from Mr. Brown and Ms Adams regarding what it has been like to learn with them, from Margaret our Chair of Governors as well as wise words from Miss Norcross and Rev. Amy but the most powerful words came from the children themselves – here are some snapshots:



I've always remembered the first day but not completely, though I can remember the key details like: the tears that ran down my cheek, learning the names of my peers and teachers. It's a memory that can never be lost no matter how long ago. I don't really remember making friends but there was this one girl who treated me like no other, never in my life have I felt such love, did I feel such care, to have someone by my side, to protect and understand me. – Amarachi B

Some of my happiest memories from St-Luke's are old while some are new. One of my newer memories is playing the card game Mafia with some of my friends at Stubbers. One of my older memories is when Mr Jennings surprised us in Yr 4 after we thought he was gone. Another one of my happiest memories is when in Yr 3 I asked my brother if I could play football with him and his friends at lunchtime and he said yes with a smile on his face. – Ameen

I didn't really ENJOY only being recognised because of my older brother so I thought maybe I shouldn't be called the youngest sibling but the 'better' sibling. Everytime I had a reward I would gloat to my brother. Then when he left, I gloated to my friends. But one of the happiest memories is when I finally got glasses. I am short sighted so I find it difficult to see some things. The problem started in Year 1. up to Year 5 all my teachers complained about it but I was too embarrassed to admit I needed glasses. But I still think of how all my teachers actually cared - you wouldn't get that in any other school I'll tell you that. – Hannah

As Mr. Brown said in his speech – they are the first kids to ever do these tests after a pandemic and despite the disruption 80% of them managed to reach the expected standard across reading, writing & maths- an amazing result and 20% above both Newham and National averages so very well done to them!

They are a massive credit to themselves, their families and it has been our privilege to have them at our school.

In other news...

Hot Stuff

We are all too aware that it is incredibly hot at the moment. On Monday & Tuesday the temperature could reach as high as 38°C, so if you feel that your child is safer being kept at home for those days only, please email me on ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk to let me know and we will authorise that decision and direct you to the *Reading Eggs*, *Mathletics* and *Times Tables Rockstars* sites for work.

Uniform for 2022-23

The school and the Governing Board all too aware of the pressure of price rises on parents and we have been looking at our uniform code for September with the aim of helping parents save money. From September we are going to give you the choice of our traditional dark blue trousers and skirts, white shirts, with dark blue sweatshirts or cardigans and black shoes BUT you could substitute the trousers/skirts for dark blue/black tracksuit bottoms (NOT LEGGINGS) with plain white polo shirts and plain black trainers with no branding on anything. These options could help you to reduce the money you are spending on uniform. I will aim to send out some examples of money saving options next week.

Visit to Rokeby School



Last week, Y4 and Y5 were invited to Rokeby secondary school for a music concert. The year 10s and 11s shared their band pieces, drama and spoken word. It was aspirational for our children to see the next stage in education and pupils were blown away by the size of the school and the opportunities they are given. We look forward to working alongside Rokeby in the future to share and celebrate learning across the two schools.

Street Tag – Press Release

The award for the most active Newham Primary School team from Season 4 of the Newham Primary is...(drum roll please)... **St. Luke's CEVA Primary**! We clinched the first place position with a whopping 16,977,490 points! Second place went to Ranelagh Primary School with 12,396,185 followed by JFK Special School in third place with 4,942,395.

Congratulations to the top scorers (dknight, shreya, janostlukes, salome, eliora, javawy, helenblessed, havana & teamelle) and well done to everyone else who participated. The top 25 will take part in the Great Water Fight Party next week.

Season 5 has now begun so start collecting those tags to be in the next StreetTags Party in November.

Stay Fit & stay safe.

Last Notes of Summer

Thursday saw our KS1 children being treated to an explosive drumming practice session by 3 of our fantastic KS2 drummers. They loved it and a few expressed an interest in learning the drums!! Good luck parents.



Then on Friday we saw the last KS2 music lesson before we break up for the Summer Holidays.

Throughout the year, all four KS2 classes have been learning different songs, rhythms, reading music and Y5&6 have been learning to play the ukulele. They have made excellent progress and this was evident when Years 3,4 &5 performed several songs

together. It was a great performance and a pleasure to watch. **Thank you Anna from Newham Music for teaching our amazing kids.**

If you would like to see more of our talented St Luke's musicians, please come and see our **Summer Music Showcase** on Tuesday 19th July - 9am til 10.15am. On Tuesday 19th. All 30 of our talented musicians will be performing pieces they have been learning from their Newham Music tutors. Please come along and celebrate with us. It will be a hot day so bring plenty of iced water.

– Ms Adams

Staff Goodbyes

Next Friday sees us saying goodbye and best wishes to 3 staff members.

Miss Allison Gramm joined us at Christmas when Miss Feeney had to go back home to Australia. Miss Gramm, the latest in a long line of hard-working Canadians we have had on our staff recently, has done a fantastic job for us and we wish her all the best in her next school.

Miss Robyn Regan is also leaving after four and a half years in which she has helped transform the school's approach to children with Autism. We have been very lucky to have had Robyn for this long as she is a singer who writes and records her own music and regularly tours – when there is not a pandemic occurring!



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River Christian Centre & St Lukes FoodBank



In light of the events covering the last two years; being the Covid pandemic; the war in Ukraine and the increased cost of living, many in our local community are finding it difficult to make ends meet. We desire to do what we can to support our community. **If you are in need of food support** please come and see us Tuesdays between 10:30 – 13:30 and 14:30 – 18:30.

We at St Luke's and the River Christian Centre are able to run a food bank thanks to the support of Newham Council and Felix, Morrison's, the Coop and the Community Food Enterprise; also St Luke's Church and River Church Canning Town. We are grateful to everyone that has donated.



Donations can be dropped between 9am and 5pm on Mondays at the River Christian Centre, Vincent Street, E16 1LZ.

If you wish to offer financial support or wish to donate, please contact us for further information. All monies received will directly support the foodbank.



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