



St Luke's News

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



25th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know from talking to families and staff and reflecting myself that this has been the most challenging of years. For you and for the school income has fallen in real terms, costs have risen and the stresses of the last two years have become more apparent as many people in our community struggle with ill-health. On top of this, the perilous and fluctuating housing situation is seeing people moved at very short notice and new families appearing seemingly 'out of nowhere'.

With all of this unprecedented stress I would like to pay tribute to our staff who have worked through so many of these pressures as well as remaining dedicated to the children. This ability to give extra care whilst maintaining their core duties was never more apparent than in the Y6 SATs results that saw our children attain results that were a massive 20% above National and Newham averages.



(Special thanks to Ameen's mum for the incredible cake and backdrop for the Y6 leavers party!)

I would also like to pay tribute to our wonderful children and families – in the last 22 years I have been working in schools I can honestly say I have never seen a community like this one – the sheer talent and resilience, the love and warmth, all feeding into a spirituality that holds our school community together, is second to none. It is so important we continue to work closely together to ensure the best for our wonderful children – together we can move mountains!

The rest of this newsletter is taken up by the achievements of our children which are many and varied from drama to music to sporting and finally to academic. This all round celebration of talents is what makes St. Luke's so successful and unique – enjoy!

End of Year Awards – including Best Girl & Boy for each year group



YN – they were all winners!!!!



YR (Thalita was away)



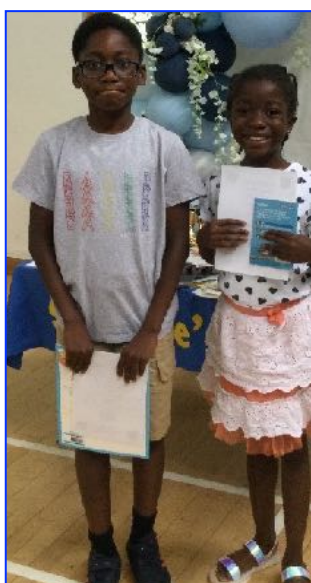
Y1



Y2



Y3



Y4



Y5



Y6 – 2 best Girls!



Sports Person of the Year & runners up

Leavers

Our best wishes go to Elia Y2, Samaiyah Y3 and Gabriele (Best girl in Y1) who are all moving on – we wish them best and hope to see them again whenever they can visit.



Spelling & Times Tables Bees



On the last Wednesday of the school year we held Spelling and Times Tables Bees (competitions) which feeds into the competitive nature of our children – winners below



Food Parcels

The school received a £150 donation from a friend of Miss Aulakh's. Staff purchased food and then some of our children helped make up 10 hamper's that were given out at the end of term.

Young Carers & the BBC!

Wednesday saw the end of our Young Carers project for this year. A massive thanks goes to Sanyu and her cast of helpers

who have helped our young carers realise they are not alone, it is ok to put themselves first sometimes, and most of all that they don't need to carry the weight of the world on their shoulders. The session was reported on by a journalist and a photographer from the BBC as Sanyu has been deservedly been nominated as a carer of the year – fingers crossed for her!

So much talent!

Below are all the medal and trophy winners from *St. Luke's Got Talent*



Drifter Girl

Congratulations to Chioma in Y4 who has been chosen to act in the West End production of *Drifter Girls* at the Garrick Theatre. To be picked for a West End role takes enormous talent and perseverance as the competition is vast – well-done Chioma!

Stand By Me - £800 raised

The month of July saw all the year groups raising money to help the Christian charity *Stand By Me* with the education of 4 children – 2 in Myanmar and 2 in Ethiopia. There were smoothie sales, skipathons and obstacle races amongst the fundraising and the school will top this money up with £200 so each child will receive £250 towards their education, which is an amazing effort – thanks to everyone.



Ms Adams' Sports & Music Roundup

This month & the end of last month saw some fantastic sporting success at St Luke's.

At the end of June, 17 of our Year 5 & 4's took part in a competition hosted by Rokeby & Eastlea Schools. After competing in table tennis, handball, cricket & athletics against 7 other schools, our brilliant students came FIRST! Then one week later, 12 of our multi sports athletes headed off to Newham Leisure Centre to compete against 10 other schools in a Multi Skills competition. After participating in 9 different sports including football, tennis, cricket, volleyball & kurling our amazing sports stars came 1st, winning another trophy for St Luke's!

The final competition of 2021/22 was the 5&6 *ABC Football Games* at Langdon school. 3 teams consisting of 31 St Luke's students from Years 4,5 & 6 battled in a very competitive tournament against 7 other schools to try and secure enough points to be the overall winner. After 70mins of football action, the deciding game was a nail biting penalty shoot out against Gallions (who were level on points with us!) and in a show of pure brilliance, our fantastic goalie saved the sudden-death penalty to secure a 1st place win for St Luke's! That's 3 trophies in 3 weeks!! What a wonderful way to end the school year.



Well done everyone, St Luke's is proud of you

This past week saw an epic week of **Sports Days**! This annual sporting event kicked off on Wednesday when 30 of our littlest sports stars took part in their very first Sports Day in front of their very proud parents. It was a fantastic event where our Nursery students (wearing the 5 Sports House Colours: *Yellow Team Respect, Blue Team Compassion, Red Team Perseverance, Orange*

Team Forgiveness & Green Team Trust), showed off their javelin, chest throw and speed bounce skills. This was followed by an obstacle and baton racing. Then the finale was the very competitive parents race that saw some running that would put Usain Bolt to shame! There was even a saxophone duet & drum performance by some of our current & ex-students. It was a brilliant event run by our Y5 leaders - well done to everyone involved.



The following day was the turn of our KS1 & KS2 students. In the morning, our brilliant KS1 treated their parents a showcase of a variety of sports including tug of war, javelin, chest throw, speed bounce, baton and obstacle racing. Then the parents showed their skills by competing in the sprint race. Everyone had an amazing time and the overall



winner of EYFS & KS1 was *Orange Team Forgiveness*. Congratulations and well done.

In the afternoon, KS2 battled in their team colours to find the best Sports House of 2022. In a fantastic & supportive atmosphere, every student competed in the field & obstacle track events. After 90 mins of non-stop sports, a St Luke's staff race and another epic parents race, the overall winner of this year's KS2 sports day was Yellow Team Respect. Thank you to the Year 2's leaders, to the staff for your help & Mr H for giving the students the chance to show off their sports skills.



This July has been dominated by the Women 2022 Euro Competition and to celebrate this, the girls of St Luke's held their own Girls Euro Competition.

On Tuesday 5th July, ALL the girls in Y1 to Y4 took part in a Mini Tournament which was run by all the Y5&6 girls. There were coaches,

referees, score keepers, fixture advisors and a fantastic commentator on the PA system.

It was a fantastic event, with 10 'countries' battling it out to earn a place in the finals. After a fierce tournament that saw some fantastic football, the two teams that made it to the final were *Blue Team England* and *White Team Italy*.

One week later saw the finals took place where *Blue Team England* won 2-0 against *White Team Italy*. The top 4 teams were awarded medals and there were also medals for the best competitors of each year group. Our younger girls were then treated to a Y6 v Y5 match. After a fantastic game, it went to a penalty shoot out where the Year 5's won 3 -1.

It was an inspirational event for all our talented girls and will be held annually. Well done everyone, St Luke's is proud of you.



On Saturday 16th July, Newham Music (the main provider of music lessons at St Luke's) held their annual Summer Music Concert at the River Church. It was a beautiful event where several of our St Luke's students got to perform in an ensemble group in front of their parents. Well done & keep up the great work.

When it comes to putting on a music concert, the students of St Luke's know how to do it with style!!! On Tuesday, St Luke's held their Summer Music Showcase where over 30 of our talented musicians performed to the rest of the school. There was performances on the piano, violin, xylophone and saxophone!! There were also performances from some of our ex-students including a saxophone duet, drum rotation and a Bruno Mars song on the electric guitar. We were also treated to a beautiful Opera song sung by our fabulous Newham Music piano tutor. It was an amazing concert. Thank you to all the NM staff who came and supported their students and to Mr H, for giving our students the opportunity to show off their musical skill. The next concert will be our Winter Showcase. Watch this space...



And finally...



StreetTags Season 5 is in full swing and we are already in first place but second place Ranelagh is close behind us!! During the summer holidays, try to get out and about as much as you can and collect those tags. Here are 3 PE codes worth 3000 points to keep you motivated:

ForSchools_SULY
ForSchools_BAWK
ForSchools_EYHX

Also, there are plenty of FREE sports activities taking place in most of the local parks including at the Olympic Park.

StreetTags Season 4 top 25 winners - Sorry we didn't get to have our water fight party and the top 5 didn't get to pie the teacher. With so many events getting moved to the last week, there just wasn't any time to fit in our party. But don't worry, we will have it when we return in September. Year 6 winners - I hope you liked your prizes.

Stay active & stay safe

Children in Y1-Y6 return to school on Monday the 5th September – YN & YR have been given their own start dates.

I pray that you all have a peaceful Summer – if you need to speak to me please email me at: ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk and I will contact you as soon as possible.

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