



St Luke's News

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



30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday afternoon the Y5's returned from their trip to Flatford Mill in Suffolk. As expected the children were a credit to their families and they had action packed days and busy nights so we expect them to sleep quite a bit this weekend!



I'd like to say a big thank-you to Mr. Scott, Miss Koenig and Miss Holley for giving up their time to take the children on this trip – the first residential for Y5s since I got here 6 years ago.



Time to experiment!

What the children thought:

Richeal - *"We got the opportunity to go outdoors on our trip to Flatford Mill. Our secret pond activity was the best. We got to observe the tiny pond creatures with a microscope and completed a scientific drawing. The hike into the village of East Bergolt was tiring but exciting. We got to learn about John Constable and his life in the village. The most exciting part was the bonfire - we got to sing camp songs and tell silly jokes. We also tried to replicate John Constable's painting 'The Haywain'."*

Eliora and Abigail - *"I enjoyed the activities and the paintings in the building. I would recommend it to the next Year 4 pupils."*

Kailas - *"I enjoyed experiencing the rivers and taking measurements. It was better than eating!"*

Harvest Celebrations

Jing from the Church Youth Team led us in our Harvest celebration this week and linked it to 'What a person plants, he will harvest' (Galatians 6:7-10). The children talked about the origins of the Harvest Festival and helped along with their families and staff to collect a very generous amount of food which we will deliver to the River Christian Centre & St. Luke's Foodbank on Monday. Thanks to all!



Game changers

You may remember that at our Cultural Festival (1/7/22) we had a visitor from the *Game Changers* organisation (who work with the Mayor's Office) who came to present us with a cheque for £1,000 to put towards our equality work. Well, they are using a photo of that event in their publicity material – click on link below to see

<https://www.big-ideas.org/cup-of-tea-cpd/>

St. Luke's Church - Time to start Singing

St Luke's Church are starting a Community Choir and YOU are invited! Join Amede who is an experienced Vocal Coach, Music Artist and Choir Conductor, on Mondays (1st session 3rd October) from 7-9pm. Discover the voice you have been given and blend it with other voices as we prepare for a Christmas Concert. The course is free, a great way to grow your singing confidence, meet other people, and perform on stage!

To sign up please go to <https://www.stlukese16.co.uk/communitychoir/>

School clothing exchange in hall Fri 21st in hall 2.45-3.15

On the last day of this half-term, on Friday the 21st October there will be a free school uniform exchange in the main school hall. We have a lot of uniform that can be taken and used and we welcome any donations from parents of uniform that your children have outgrown.

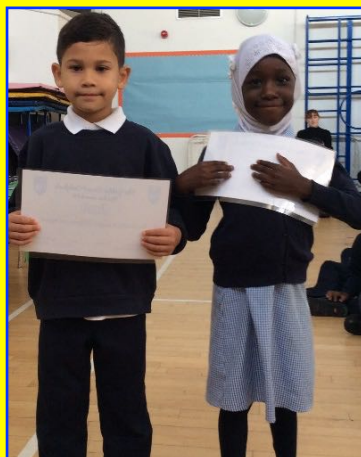
Vaping update from London Borough of Newham

The school has received a safeguarding update that we need to share with you, especially if you have older children. The using of Vapes by children may not only be bad for the health of children, it can also be linked to some gang engagement. The borough is dealing with a rise of children vaping and also stories from children about how free vapes were used to trap some children into gangs – please be vigilant.

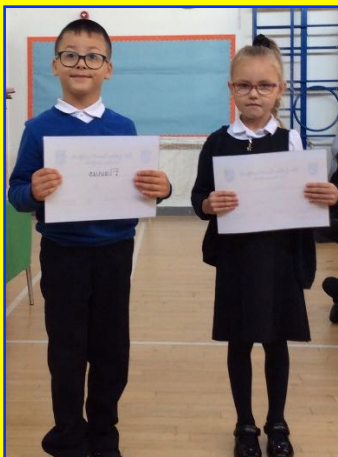
And finally...

Autumn diary dates below and of course, *Golden Assembly & Stars of the Week!*

Celebrations & Stars of the Week



Y1



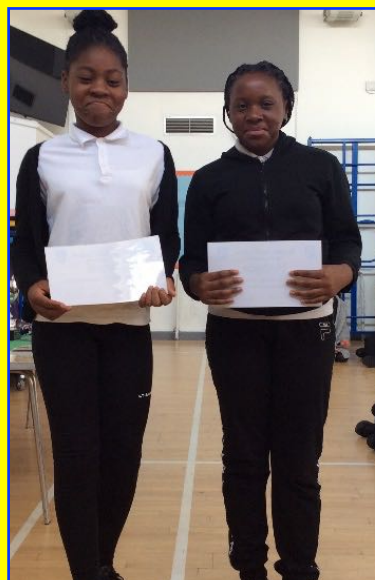
Y2



Y3 & Best wishes Mo!!!



Y4



Y6



Y4 class of the week!



...and a special Headteacher's award winner!

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Autumn Term Dates

October:

- Oct. 5th** 1st Architecture visiting Y4 for follow up workshop
- Oct 6th** Y4 visit to British Museum
- Oct 7th** Individual and family photos in school & Platform Cricket session PM
- Oct 10th** Maths Learning walk for Governors
- Oct 11th** Mighty Oak debating workshop
- Oct 12th** Y5 Mental Health workshop – confidence boosting
- Oct 14th** Platform Cricket session PM
- Oct 18th** Y4 visit Ben Franklin House
- Oct 19th** Y6 visit University Technical College Beckton for lesson on habitats
- Oct 20th** Y1&2 visiting Canning Town Library
- Oct 21st** Platform Cricket PM

Half Term – Mon. Oct 24th- Fri Oct 28th school closed & Mon 31st Oct school closed for INSET training – School re-opens to children on Tues 1st Nov.

November:

- Nov 2nd** 2nd Architecture visiting Y4 for follow up workshop
- Nov 8th** Flu vaccinations for children
- Nov 8th** 9.15am – Applying for Reception 2023 for Nursery parents
- Nov 10th** Y5 Film Festival trip the the 02 Greenwich
- Nov. 11th** Diwali celebrations in school
- Nov 15th** Tennis workshops AM
- Nov 18th** KS2 Debate in the Hall parents welcome
- Nov 21st-25th** Y6 Mock SATs week
- Nov 21st-25th** Parent/Teacher Meeting week
- Nov 28th -Dec 9th** Y6 Intensive Swimming course every morning @ Olympic Pool

December:

- Dec 1st** After school – Architecture in Schools Awards – Canary Wharf
- Dec 8th** Fluoride treatments for YN, YR & Y1
- Dec 9th** Christmas Pantomime – Dick Whittington – PM
- Dec 13th** AM EYFS Christmas Nativity for parents
- Dec 15th** AM KS1 Christmas Nativity for parents
- Dec 16th** Christmas Dinner and Jumper day
- Dec 19th** Christmas parties for children
- Dec 20th** School closes for Christmas holidays at 1pm