



# St Luke's News

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



14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Another busy week ends and I am always awed by the energy and determination of both our pupils and staff. They feed off the energy coming from each other to produce good learning and fantastic opportunities. This week the teachers volunteered to do an additional training day on Tuesday (we always train on a Monday) run by Rachel from Learning Through Landscapes where the staff discussed the benefits of outdoor learning for both children and adults. We are blessed with a gorgeous outdoor environment and the very next day the teachers and children were exploring it in their lessons.*



## **Upcoming visit from Susan Acland Hood – Permanent Secretary to the Department of Education (DFE)**

On Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November one of the top civil servants at the DFE will be visiting St. Luke's. Below is the email we received this week:

*I hope all is well and that you don't mind me reaching out. I lead on Communications and Events in the Sustainability and Climate Change unit in the Department for Education. We have been discussing with Running Out of Time about their great initiative, including the schools Global Action Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Our Permanent Secretary, Susan Acland-Hood, would be really interested in coming to your school to visit to see all the great work you're doing on sustainability, and also wider work you're doing that we could promote through our channels at the Department.*

Thank you,

**Lucinda Furness**

Sustainability and Climate Change Unit  
Operations and Infrastructure  
Department for Education (DFE)

More details of the visit will be shared with you next week.

## Singing Volunteers - a date for your diary

For the Christmas season, Waitrose supermarket in Canning Town has invited our children to come and sing carols to shoppers on **Saturday, 10th December** as part of their celebrations. We are asking for children volunteer singers to meet in school at 2pm from where they will travel with staff to Canary Wharf, sing and have some treats and return to school by 4.30pm at the latest. If you are happy for your child to take part, please ask them to let Miss Norcross know if they would like to come.

## Mighty as an Oak!



On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> October the Year 4 class had a *Mighty Oak* workshop to help us improve our public speaking. The tools we learnt were to always face the audience, project your voice but don't shout, use hand gestures and divide the room into 3 parts and make eye contact with people in those parts. Sarah the teacher leading the session was so impressed, not just by the creativity of our children but also their manners and concentration – well done Y4! This is what Josiah & Emmanuel had to say on the experience:

*"The teacher we were learning public speaking with was Miss Keidish. She gave us sashes to put around our shoulder's and*

*we practised public speaking with other pupils in our class. We introduced our partners - my partner was called Abimbola - so for example, I said, "Our speaker today is Abimbola. Abimbola wants to become a doctor when she is older. As speaker for our team please welcome Abimbola". Everybody gave us a round of applause. We also did some public speaking about cooking and if we thought it should be compulsory to learn how to cook. Nearly everybody said yes because if you are young and if you put a cake mix in the oven and you leave it in there for too long it might burn and set your house in fire."*

Josiah & Emmanuel Y4

## World Nursery Rhyme Week

EYFS will be taking part in this parents – it is a great opportunity to have some fun with your child – watch out for more information.





## Rapid Readers is back!



**Are you a rapid reader?** Building on from last year's competition, Rapid Readers is back!

You are all invited to join our St Luke's reading challenge - Which class reads the most books?

As soon as you have finished reading your book, bring it to school, show your teacher and answer 2 questions to show your understanding. Then your book will be added to a class tally. For every ten books your class reads you

will receive a special book token to stick onto the bar chart in the KS1 corridor. The display will show who is in the lead and which class are the *Rapid Readers*!

Totals will be counted at the end of each term and the class who have read the most books will receive a very special prize! And so will the adults in their class!

So, what are you waiting for?

**Pick up your book!!! On your marks, get set...READ!!!**



## Asthma friendly school

After whole school training and certain staff doing some more involved training, the school nursing service have officially declared us an Asthma Friendly School. We still think there are some children with asthma that we don't know about so if your child has been placed on medication, no matter the dose, please let us know so we can make sure we keep everyone safe – thanks.

## Newham Music Orchestras

Newham Music Orchestras, which have been based in our school for the last 4 years have now relocated to Chobham School E20 1BD due to the sheer growth in numbers of children taking part. However, the good news for our students is that as a thank-you for hosting them on Saturdays our parents do not have to pay – so if your child is musical check it out! See the flyer at end of this newsletter.

## Fishermen of Men

In an excellent RE lesson this week, Y3 reenacted the moment Jesus called upon his first disciples - Simon called Peter, and Andrew - who were fishing on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus called them and said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" and used them to spread his word of peace.



Y3 being Fishers of Men in their RE lesson



## Institute of Imagination - Live!

This week a podcast from the iOi went live and featured our teachers and pupils celebrating science and technology. The journalist from The Times was very complimentary. A great accolade for the school. Follow this link [https://omny.fm/shows/the-science-of-business/imagination-will-take-you-everywhere-preparing-for?in\\_playlist=podcast](https://omny.fm/shows/the-science-of-business/imagination-will-take-you-everywhere-preparing-for?in_playlist=podcast) to listen to the podcast (jump to 8mins in to hear our pupils!)

## Celebrations & Stars of the Week



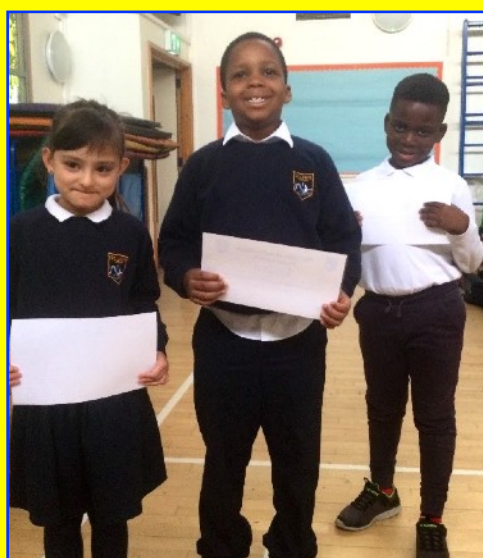
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Y1



Y2



Y3



Y4 & Class of the Week



Y5



Y6



## And Finally...



**Homework Monsters**



**Birthdays!**

Have a peaceful weekend

*Matt Hipperson*

*Head Teacher*

### Autumn Term Dates

#### October:

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** Y4 visit Ben Franklin House

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** Y6 visit University Technical College Beckton for lesson on habitats

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** Y1&2 visiting Canning Town Library

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** Platform Cricket PM

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

#### November:

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Architecture visiting Y4 for follow up workshop

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** Flu vaccinations for children

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** 9.15am – Applying for Reception 2023 for Nursery parents

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** Y5 Film Festival trip the the 02 Greenwich

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** Diwali celebrations in school

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** Tennis workshops AM

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** KS2 Debate in the Hall parents welcome

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** Y6 Mock SATs week

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** Parent/Teacher Meeting week

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>** Y3 Film Festival trip the the 02 Greenwich

**Nov 28<sup>th</sup> -Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** Y6 Intensive Swimming course every morning @ Olympic Pool

#### December:

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** After school – Architecture in Schools Awards – Canary Wharf

- Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** Fluoride treatments for YN, YR & Y1  
**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Pantomime – Dick Whittington – PM  
**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** AM EYFS Christmas Nativity for parents  
**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** AM KS1 Christmas Nativity for parents  
**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** **Christmas Dinner and Jumper day**  
**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** Christmas parties for children

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup> School closes for Christmas holidays at 1pm**

Newham  
Music

# SATURDAY

## ACADEMY

ACADEMY GUITARS  
BRIDGING SOUNDS ORCHESTRA  
JAZZ COLLECTIVE  
SENIOR ORCHESTRA  
TRAINING ORCHESTRA

HOURS: 09:00 TO 13:00  
EVERY SATURDAY

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