



St Luke's News

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



4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to our Eco links with Green Flag Award Scheme and Keep Britain Tidy, St. Luke's was contacted by the DfE to host a visit from the Permanent Secretary at the DfE (Department for Education) Susan Acland Hood. The aim of the visit was to look at the work our children have been doing around environmental sustainability, and also wider work involving our Justice Committee and the Young Carers Project that we hosted in the Summer Term.

Ms Acland-Hood and one of her staff visited this Friday, 4th November, and met with children representing these groups and learnt about our special day of learning we had on 3rd November to mark *Global Action Day* (COP 27) and the *Running Out of Time* agenda. They also talked with the Justice Committee about their journey with *Education for Change* (E4C) aimed at developing a curriculum that is more reflective of our local community and challenges it faces. Then it was the turn of our Young Carers to meet her so she could find out about the stresses and strains the children live with every day as carers for other family members and the importance of them allowing

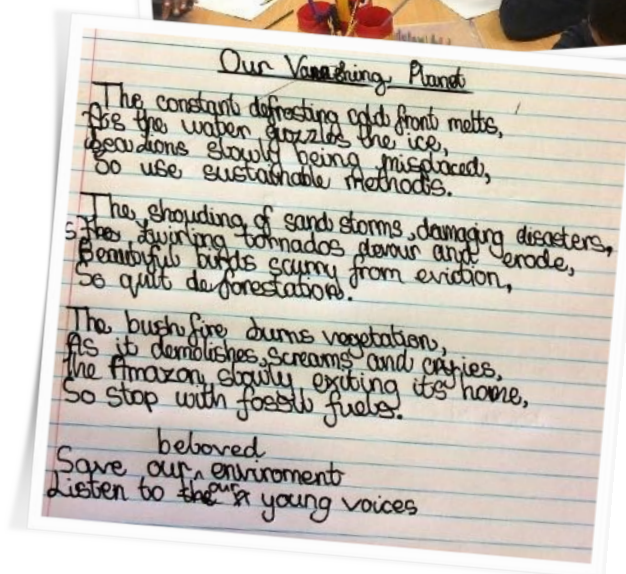
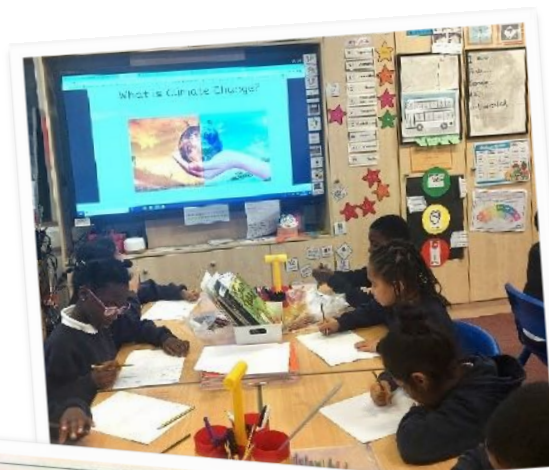


The Permanent Secretary for the DfE is grilled by our ECO Committee



The Justice Committee make their presentation to the DfE

Climate Action Day



– Psalm 118:24

We have 3 candidates for the 2 vacancies for the position of Parent Governor. Next week you will receive a Schooling with an attached form that will let you know the 3 candidates and a short statement from each about why you should elect them and there will also be a simple voting form – please look out for it and take part.

The school would love to start a PTA to help families become more involved with the school as well as raise funds to ensure we can keep providing our children with the most motivating experiences. If you might like to be involved please email me at:

Parent Teacher Meetings

Please check out the list of events at the end of this newsletter which contains important dates for you in the run-up to Christmas including the Parent/Teacher meetings taking place during the week of the 21st of November.



Mini Olympics - On Tuesday 18th October, 13 of our Year 1&2 participated in a Mini Olympics competition representing Germany. After competing in 8 events which included sitting volley ball, golf, football skills, relay races and basketball skills; our talented athletes earned enough points to finish 2nd out of 8 schools - 1 point behind 1st place!! Well done to our mini Olympians. St Luke's is proud of you.



CONGRATULATIONS

to our amazing **Year 5&6 Girls Football team** for qualifying to represent Newham in the London Youth Games after finishing 2nd in *The Girls Borough Football Games @ WHU Foundation*. Not only did our girls have to work as a team to win their group, win a quarter-final penalty shoot out and a semi-final penalty



shoot out, they also had to battle against the strong wind, cold temperature and very heavy rain. But that didn't stop our girls getting to the finals. Unfortunately they lost 1-0 after a valiant performance. However, despite the loss, our team was still delighted to qualify for the LYG which will take place in March 2023 - a great achievement for our small school. Well done to our brilliant team, we are all very proud of you.

Reception 2023 places

There are places available for Reception intake for 2023. See information attached at the end of this Newsletter.

Celebrations & Stars of the Week (So much to celebrate!)



Y1



Y2s Stars and the Mathletics champs for this week



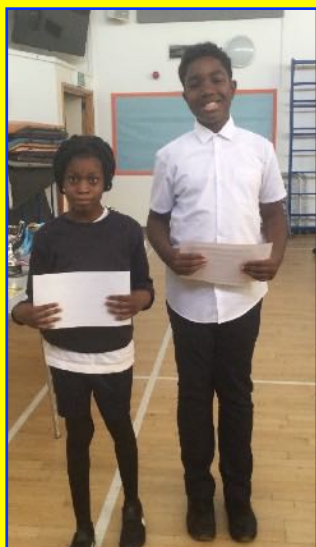
Y3



Y4



Y5s - and homework champs!



Y6



HT Award



Eco Co. – Group of the week



Stand up all the Reading Eggs & Mathletics Stars!



KS1 Sporting Stars



Congratulations to our stunning Girls Football Squad that has now progressed onto representing Newham in the London Youth Games!

And finally...

We have put together a 'Cost of Living Help' support sheet with advice that may help you in these difficult times. See the 2 pages after the '*Reception Places...*' flyer at the end of this letter.

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson HT

Autumn Term Dates

November:

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	Children in Need Onezie Day – special storytime day
Nov 21st	New Church of England advisor visiting the school
Nov 21st-25th	Y6 Mock SATs week & St. Luke's Anti-Bullying Week
Nov 21st-25th	Parent/Teacher Meeting week
Nov. 23rd	Y3 Film Festival trip the the 02 Greenwich
Nov 24th	EY & KS1 Anti-Bullying workshops
Nov 25th	KS2 Anti-Bullying workshops
Nov 28th-Dec 9th	Y6 Intensive Swimming course every morning @ Olympic Pool
Nov. 30th	KS2 Debate in the Hall parents welcome

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 10th Sat – Choir singing at Waitrose Canary Wharf
Dec 13th AM EYFS Christmas Nativity – Parents welcome
Dec 15th AM KS1 Christmas Nativity – Parents welcome
Dec 16th End of Term Music Assembly
Dec 16th Christmas Dinner and Jumper-day
Dec 19th End of Term Awards Assembly 9am – Parents welcome
Dec 19th Christmas parties for children
Dec 20th Christingle Service 9am – Parents welcome

Dec 20th School closes for Christmas holidays at 1pm

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION



"MY CHILDREN BEEN AT ST LUKE'S FOR A WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR AND AS A PARENT I CAN SEE THE EFFORT AND LOVE PUT INTO MAKING THEIR LEARNING A POSITIVE OUTCOME. THERE IS GOOD COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TEACHER AND PARENTS."

-PARENT FEEDBACK

APPLY NOW

SCAN ME



"I AM VERY HAPPY WITH THE LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED AT ST LUKE'S. THE TEACHERS ARE LOVELY AND WORK SO WELL WITH THE PARENTS TO ENSURE THE KIDS ARE HAPPY AND COMFORTABLE."

-PARENT FEEDBACK

"THEY HAVE A GENUINE CARE AND ENTHUSIASM FOR EACH CHILD AND STRIVE TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN EVERY ONE. HOW THEY MANAGE TO TAILOR LEARNING NEEDS TO EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO KEEP EXCELLING BLOWS MY MIND!"

-PARENT FEEDBACK

EMAIL US FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD/REN

HT@ST-LUKES.NEWHAM.SCH.UK



St. Luke's Cost-of-living support 1

Contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau or Family Hub

Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)

You don't have to be a UK citizen to get support from your local CAB, you just need to be a resident of the local area. The CAB can help you with:

- Getting benefits or other financial support organised
- Accessing support for essential costs (food, bills, rent)

Visit the [Citizens Advice](#)'s website or contact your local branch to book an appointment :

20 Freemasons Rd, London · 020 8525 6377

Family Hub

Contact your local Family Hub to get help accessing all the support you might need at **Community Links 105 Barking Road, Newham , London, E16 4HQ - 020 7473 2270**

Check you're paying the right amount of tax

Make sure you're on the right tax code. If you aren't you might be due a refund. Use the [Money Saving Expert's](#) free tax code calculator to find out.

Claim any benefits you're entitled to

Use 1 of these benefits calculators to determine whether there are any benefits you could be claiming:

- [Turn2us](#)
- [Policy in Practice](#)
- [Support for migrant families](#) – use this calculator if you are a migrant family, or if you have no recourse to public funds

You may be able to get benefits paid early if you're already feeling the squeeze - this is known as 'a short-term benefit advance' - you will need to contact the **Department for Work and Pensions:**

(DWP)/Canning Town Job Centre, 197 Freemasons Road, Newham, London E16 0800 169 0190

Check you've received all the government's cost of living payments

The government's [cost of living payment](#) is available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these – if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account.

If you think you're due a payment, but haven't received one – [report a missing payment](#) to the government here.

Be aware of scams! If you receive any emails, texts or phone calls asking you to fill in an application form or asking for your bank details to receive a cost of living payment, **do not talk to them or send a reply**. Get more information on [cost of living scams](#) on the Money Saving Expert's website



St. Luke's Cost-of-living support 2

Find out what help you can get with your energy bills

Take a look at these resources from [Simple Energy Advice](#), the [British Gas Energy Trust](#) and the [Money Saving Expert](#) website.

Let us know if your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM)

If your child is eligible for free school meals (FSM) you need to get them registered. This will allow them to get a free meal at school, and we'll get extra funding to support your child's learning. Ask at the school office for help on checking to see if your child qualifies.

See what other support you can get from your local authority

Local authorities have lots of different schemes that you might be eligible for, including:

- The [holiday activities and food programme](#) – access to food and activities over the school holidays
- [Help with transport to school](#)
- [Help with the cost of uniform](#)

Get free or low-cost food

If you're worried about not having enough food to feed your family, you're not alone. There are a number of places offering support.

- **The school runs a breakfast club for YR-Y6 that is free to parents if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Grant .**
- If you have a child under 4, and meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to [healthily start food vouchers](#)
- Find a local foodbank with these websites: [Bankueet](#), [The Independent Food Aid Network](#), the [Trussell Trust](#), or your local [community fridge](#) or go to the:
River Christian Centre Foodbank Vincent Street E16 1LZ – 07492588833
- Use food waste apps and websites like [Olio](#) (for free food and household items from your local community), [Too Good To Go](#) (for low cost food from local restaurants), or [Low Price Foods](#) (food that has passed its best before date, but is still safe to consume)

Further information

- Contact [StepChange](#), if you're struggling with debt
- Contact [Shelter](#) if you're having issues related to housing
- Get free household goods on [Freecycle](#)
- Contact the [Salvation Army](#) for emergency assistance
- See if you're eligible for [grants from Turn2us](#)
- Single parents can get support from [Gingerbread](#)