



St Luke's News

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



26th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Changes coming

We are all living in a world of fast change and high costs. Because of these two factors we are looking to get value for money for everything we do and that has led to us reviewing everything that we pay for to see if a thing does what it promises and whether or not it help parents and staff?

With that in mind we are looking at changing our communication system from *Schoolping*, which has so many problems with the money collection function. We are looking to make a change during the Easter Holidays and as soon as we have finalised the new system we will let you know.

We are also trying to make the online learning for English and Maths (that we provide free of charge for your children) easier to use. We are hoping to launch a new system which will have only one login for all Maths, Times-Tables and Literacy games and also hope this will be ready for the Summer term in April.



Bringing History to life in Y5

Year 5 have been studying the murky history of the Plantagenet Kings, which consists of 14 English kings between the years 1154 and 1485. The children chose their favourite part of the end of the Plantagenets, the death of the last King, Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth. They used stop motion animation techniques to recreate and dramatise his death. We have



a great mix of genres including romance, tragedy and also a little bit of dark humour! Please use the QR code below to view Year 5's amazing stop-motion animations. And below is a sample of the writing it inspired from Kamdi - Enjoy!

"High above the Bosworth fields, dark clouds appeared horrendously. The days and months of rain made the mud squelch. Every time the mud squelched like hot fudge on the ground.

KR III (King Richard VII), dangerously defiant, continued his charge towards Henry Tudor's men. The ground squelched beneath his horse's hooves. Richard's white courser's hooves slipped on the soft mud. Richard fell down into the boggy mire. 'Treason! Treason! You led me into this perilous mire!!' Richard shouted to the ground below.

The boggy mire had a SAVAGE-(meaning wicked) pull on king Richard's HEAVY armour. He tried to stand, but fell time and time again. He felt breathless and sick, knowing this was the end. Before him, he saw the enemy advance. He crumpled in a heap-his curved spine bent forward, his shoulders hunched, defeated. Henry Tudor paced towards him like a HUNGRY beast. A cruel, savage smile appeared on his face... as his eyes focused on the defeated king's crown... Henry looked down at PITIFUL Richard. 'Look at you! Our country deserves more

in a king!' sneered Henry as he snatched the crown from the weak, fearful King. Henry was triumphant. The rapid beat of his heart slowed down and his face relaxed. The reign of Richard had ended. It was the end of an era. Tudors now reigned supreme. The thirty year War of the Roses had ended!



Goodbye and Good Luck Victor!

Last Monday saw our ICT technician Victor's last day at St. Luke's. Victor will be much missed not just for his everyday advice and problem solving but for the person he is and how he helped us last year when he helped us repulse a cyber attack on our systems. Victor has joined some schools in North west London where he lives and this will increase his well-being by reducing travel times every day – We wish you all the best!

Attendance

I am sure you will have noticed from items on the news since Covid that school attendance nationally has dropped and the government is prioritising schools to make sure everyone attends. Anything below 90% is flagged up to the borough and once a term they come to us and want to know why some children have low attendance, this can often lead to us calling parents in for a discussion around why the child has missed so much schooling. To help us realise our goal which is that we have 98% overall attendance (we understand illness occurs but this is the level the school had before Covid) we are going to start publishing class by class attendance in these newsletters.



NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday there is no Golden Assembly as Miss Koenig will lead us in a fun Number Assembly and the children will be having fun with numbers and raising some money for the NSPCC. You can give any donations to this charity, which helps to protect children, to your class staff.

Church News

In light of the current cost of living crisis, if you want to see your money go further, find ways to save money, have more time and less hassle in your day to day life, then Life Skills is for you. The St Luke's Church team is running a Life Skills Course starting Friday 26th January, 9:30am to 11:00 (doors open from 9:00). Why not join them after the school run for this FREE 8-week course that equips you with tools in order to make your money go further.

All sessions will run at River Christian Centre, Vincent St, London E16 1LZ. 9:00 am - 11 am on Friday, just opposite and up the road from St Luke's School. Join a session and see if its for you! For more info and to book your place please visit: www.stlukese16.co.uk/lifeskills

Why is eating breakfast so important for children?

Evidence shows children who eat a healthy breakfast tend to eat healthier overall and are more likely to have the energy to participate in physical activities and to maintain a healthy body weight.

Eating breakfast helps a child's attention span, concentration and memory - all of which are vital for learning in school. If you are struggling with fitting in enough time for a healthy breakfast why not consider coming to *St. Luke's Breakfast Club* which runs from 7.30-8.40 (you need to be in by 8am to eat).

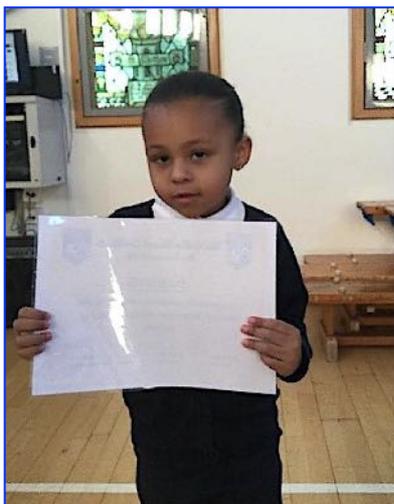


Chinese New Year Celebration Day

On the last day of the Half-Term, Friday the 9th February, we will be celebrating the Chinese new Year of the Dragon. It will be a non-uniform day (dress in red and gold/yellow) and there will be an assembly to explain and inform about the traditions surrounding this time and a special menu for lunch to which parents are invited – see the poster below:



As we missed our 19th January Golden Assembly star pupils, here's a catch-up...



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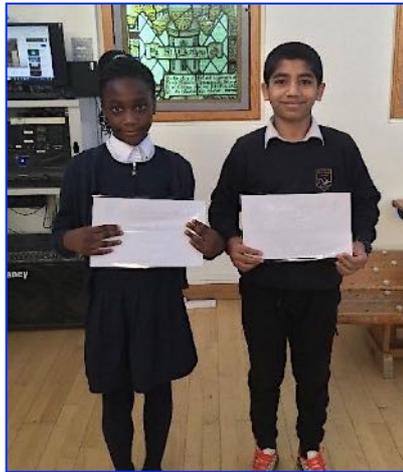
Y1 & Reading Champs



Y2



Y3



Y4



Y4 Maths Champs



Y5 & Junior Class of the week



Y6



KS2 Athletics Champions

Golden Assembly Friday 26th Jan. 2024



YR Stars...



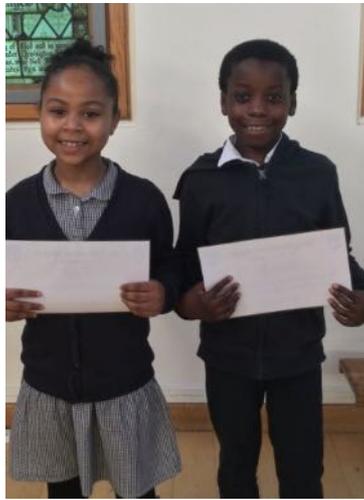
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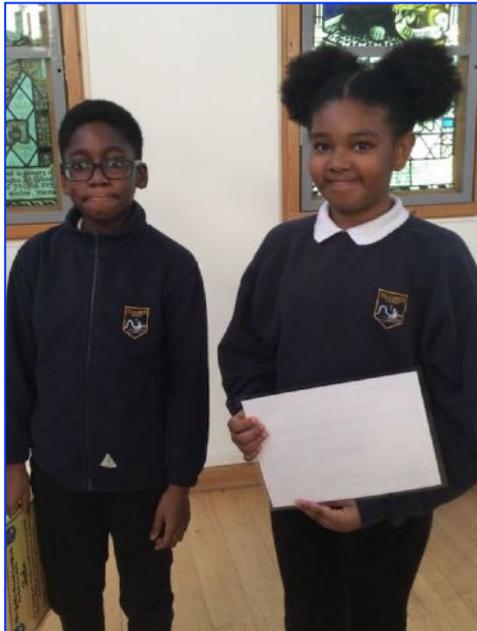
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Y5



Y6



Missed medals from last week's Athletics winners



Y4 – the whole class are stars this week!

Have a lovely weekend

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher



**...and of course,
Happy Birthdays**

Spring Term dates

January

30th Y6 Theatre trip to Stratford Youth circus

February

1st Y3 visiting the British Museum as part of their Egyptian Topic

2nd NSPCC Number Day – non-uniform

2nd Y3/4 Badminton Tournament

4th Y4 visit to Hindu Temple as part of their RE work

6th Y2 in-house Tudor Day

6th Y5 visit to the National Portrait Gallery as part of their work on the Plantagenets

6th Safer Internet Day Assembly

7th Y3 visit to Synagogue as part of their RE work

8th Architect Project Assembly

8th Y5 visit to Mosque as part of their RE work

9th Chinese New Year Celebration Day

12th-16th February school is closed for the Half-term holiday

Feb. continued

- 20th YR & Y6 Height and Weight monitoring from the Government
- 27th Institute of the Imagination (Ioi) workshops for Y1,2,3,4&6
- 27th Y5 visit Art Gallery
- 28th YR Vision & Hearing check
- 28th Y4 Romans workshop visit

March

- 5th Y5 girls visit Eastleigh Secondary for Female Empowerment workshops
- 7th World Book Day – dress up as character + Book Fair
- 8th AM Maths Learning Walk by external advisor
- 8th PM Tree pruning workshop from Trees in Cities
- 11th AM How we teach reading morning parents invited
- 13th Y5 visit to Science Museum for Flight topic
- 18th-22nd Parent teacher meetings all week
- 20th Y5 visit to Cody Dock – River of Hope
- 22nd Clubs end for the Spring Term

27th March school closes for Easter Holiday at 1pm and reopens as normal on Thursday 11th April for the Summer Term