



Newsletter

16th July 2021

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Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to begin this newsletter with a thank you to you all, as we draw to the close of another academic year. The last 18 months have been like no other, and we recognise the level of the disruption to children's schooling over this time. We are extremely grateful for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we have all navigated lockdowns, bubble closures and home schooling. The children's resilience throughout this entire period has been commendable; the way in which they have adapted to the disruption, and then returned to school with such enthusiasm in March, is a credit to them, and you, all.

From September, clearly we all hope that there is no repeat of the disruption that we have had. You will probably be aware that schools will not be working in a bubble system anymore. We have very recently received updated guidance from the government. Please be assured that you will receive full details of all the changes and the new arrangements before the beginning of the academic year.

As a reminder, staff have three INSET days at the very beginning of term, meaning that pupils return on Monday 6th September. We also finish at the usual time on Tuesday next week.

At the end of the academic year, it is always a time for goodbyes. Firstly, we have to say goodbye to our wonderful year 6 children. I have had the privilege of seeing their end of year events this week, and it is safe to say that they have done themselves, their teachers, and their parents, proud. You could see our school values shining through in everything they did, and this is true of the way they have composed themselves throughout their time at St. Luke's. Although we will be sad to see them leave us, I have no doubt that they are ready for the next step of their journey. We all wish you the best of luck, year 6!

We also have to say goodbye to some staff members. You will already be aware that Jo Royer and Sabena Butt are leaving us. I would also like to wish Hannah, Luke and Fola, three of our teaching assistants well, and to thank them for the level of commitment and care they have shown towards the children they have been working with. Hannah, Luke and Fola are all moving onto exciting new ventures in September, including teacher training, and I am sure you will joining me in wishing them all the very best of luck.

Value of the week This week, our value has been **kindness**, a really lovely value to be focusing on at the end of the year. It was heart warming to hear of how the children named below have shown kindness towards others this week. It is also wonderful to see that for some classes, the whole class have been nominated because they have all been so kind to each other this week. What a good example all these children have set; a big well done to you all!

Nursery	Zennetha and Aidaan
Reception Apple	Amelia
Reception Peach	Tamika
Beech	Liyana
Maple	All of Maple class
Birch	All of Birch class!
Ash	Ellia
Lemon	All of Lemon class!
Oak	Jacob, Violet and Sofia
Aspen	Calvin
Spruce	Trevaun
Palm	All of Palm class!
Cherry	A'Niyah
Willow	All of Willow class!
Cypress	Lina



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'Heroes' during Covid 19

Last half term, year 4 worked in partnership with Three Stones Media and Stepney All Saints on the Lights Camera Score project to compose and perform the sound tracks and voice parts to animations about 'Heroes' during Covid 19. We are proud to present both videos here:

Aspen

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Hz_Ha_Ud8&list=PLs6zRmwpzPIGnCQv1BpqaKW2qkyDHDsLL&index=11

Spruce

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=qy2psTPcQsE&list=PLs6zRmwpzPIGnCQv1BpqaKW2qkyDHDsLL&index=9>

We think the work they did here is excellent and hope you enjoy watching and listening to the videos as much as the children enjoyed making them.

Please share the videos widely as the more views they receive the more chance that we can continue this project and partnership in the future.

Creative writing competition winners

Every year Tower Hamlets run a Creative Writing Competition, for children from schools across the borough to enter. I am very proud to be able to share that two of our pupils have made it through to the final! These pupils are Aria Ixchel Khorsand-Martell in year 4 for a poetry piece, and Samyath Satish in year 5 for a short story. The finals will be held in October. A huge well done to them both! It is wonderful to hear of children writing with such passion, flair and inspiration.

Attendance in school reports

You should have received your child's school report this week, via email. We have had a few queries related to children's attendance figures. If you have not been contacted over the course of this year regarding concerns around your child's attendance, then please do not worry if the figure is lower than you may have thought. Isolation due to Coronavirus regulations is recorded as an absence, as we are required to do so, but these are marked under a particular code as mandated by the Department for Education, and these are authorised absences, recognising these particular circumstances.

Medication—letter from Louise/sent home—please return in September

If your child has medication in school, or an asthma pump, they will be sent home with this next week. Please ensure that this medication is returned in September, to the school office. Louise Emms, our First Aid lead, will be sending a separate letter to individual families who this affects with further details.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School

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Here is a group of our Reception pupils working very hard to make a Matisse-inspired snail collage!



In year 5, the children have been creating manga and learning about the history of anime. Here is a fantastic piece of work by Ava Page Murray!

