



Newsletter

12th November 2021

Attendance

Our target is	W/B	W/B
96%	01/11	08/11
Mango (Nur)	90%	92%
Apple (Rec A)	92%	89%
Peach (Rec C)	95%	93%
Beech (1S)	100%	96%
Maple (1R)	99%	91%
Ash (2R)	99%	95%
Birch (2N)	97%	98%
Lemon (3C)	98%	96%
Oak (3B)	97%	95%
Aspen (4D)	94%	92%
Spruce (4A)	94%	96%
Cherry (5B)	98%	99%
Palm (5G)	95%	89%
Cypress (6W)	100%	90%
Willow (6L)	96%	95%

Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Imani Lawal
Apple (Rec A)	Samuel Million
Peach (Rec C)	Leo Ablondi
Beech (1S)	Tyler Lister
Maple (1R)	Saarth Metha
Ash (2R)	Elizabeth Rowe
Birch (2N)	Denis Polityko
Lemon (3C)	Archie Woodley
Oak (3B)	Charlotte Seaward
Aspen (4D)	Youssef Abdelouahed
Spruce (4A)	Hannah Vanden Eynde
Cherry (5B)	Mila Konya
Palm (5G)	Louie Bradshaw
Cypress (6W)	Ava Page Murray
Willow (6L)	Yasir Yahya

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support last Friday at the fireworks night at school. It was wonderful to see such a high turnout for the night, and it was clear that the event was a huge success and enjoyed by all. I would like to extend my huge thanks to the PTA for the effort that went into organising and running the night. Nearly £3000 was raised, which will all go towards purchasing new equipment for the children.

Value of the week

This week we have been focusing on the value of **responsibility**. It was a real pleasure to hear staff share the different ways in which children have been responsible this week, from their learning to ensuring the safety of themselves and others when playing outside. A big well done to all those children named!

Ofsted report

Rebecca and I are delighted to be able to share with you the school's final and published Ofsted report from our most recent inspection.

What is clear is that in reaching his conclusions, our inspector, Tom Canning, took into account the views of all stakeholders: Governors, staff, parents and children. We know that many of you were spoken to during the inspection. We are so grateful for the contributions that you made.

We hope that you enjoy reading the report. Please do not hesitate in reaching out to one of us if there is anything that you would like to discuss.

Message from the PTA

A huge thank you to everyone that came and supported our Firework & Disco event, and an even bigger thank you to those that helped on the day!

We are still processing matched funding but believe the total figure raised will be around £3,000.

We will be gifting this money to the school to buy a new indoor PE climbing frame which we are sure the children will love!

We are always looking for ways to improve our events and welcome your ideas and feedback.

Our next event is the Christmas Fayre which is on the 9th December.

To run this we desperately need more help from parents both before the event to source raffle prizes, and with prizes for the games stalls and on the day itself.

Things we really need:

Tombola, raffle & game prizes - do you have a business or work for a business that would sponsor a prize? Anything from vouchers, hampers, manicures, bottles of wine and so on.

Key dates coming up:

- Thursday 11th Nov 3.00pm, Year 6 Cypress Class Assembly, Cypress class parents welcome to attend.
- Friday 10th Dec, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



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Do you have any left over children's party favours we can use to make loot bags for game prizes? Or any left over Halloween sweets?

New and good condition pre-loved toys and books - our toy stall is always a huge hit, donating toys your children once loved but no longer play with is a great way to help the PTA and to recycle!

Please contact us at stlukespta@hotmail.com if you can help in any way.

Christmas

Last week I wrote to you with details of the Christmas performances, and other events leading up to Christmas. As a reminder, here they are again. There is one additional event to add, the school Christmas lunch, which is always thoroughly enjoyed by the children (and staff!) every year. This year this will take place on **Friday 10th December**.

All parents will be able to come in to watch their child in their nativity. Nursery will have their own Christmas performance, and Reception will have their own nativity. For the other children, we will have a nativity performance with years 1 to 3, and a separate performance with the children from years 4 to 6.

For the years 1 to 3 and years 4 to 6 performances, the nativity will be performed twice by all the children. This is to avoid overcrowding in the hall. You will see in the table below which performance you are able to attend, but please be assured that both nativities will be exactly the same.

In order to ensure that the audience does not become too crowded, and so that all parents get to see their child properly and clearly, please only attend the performances designated for your child's class. We kindly ask that no more than two members from each household attend to watch the nativity. Below are the times and dates for each performance:

Performance	Date and time	Audience	Location
Nursery Christmas performance (morning children)	Wednesday 8 th December, at 11am	Parents of children who attend Nursery in the morning	Early Years
Nursery Christmas performance (afternoon children)	Wednesday 8 th December, at 2pm	Parents of children who attend Nursery in the afternoon	Early Years
Years 4-6 nativity	Monday 13 th December, at 2pm	Parents of children in Aspen, Palm and Willow classes	School hall
Years 4-6 nativity	Tuesday 14 th December, at 2pm	Parents of children in Spruce, Cherry and Cypress classes	School hall
Years 1-3 nativity	Wednesday 15 th December, at 10am	Parents of children in Maple, Birch and Lemon classes	School hall
Years 1-3 nativity	Wednesday 15 th December, at 2pm	Parents of children in Beech, Ash and Oak classes	School hall
Reception nativity	Thursday 16 th December, at 2pm	Parents of both Reception classes	School hall



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In addition to this, we will also be taking part in the National Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 10th December**, and will also be raising money for the Children's Society through a Christingle on **Friday 26th November**.

We are supporting the Children's Society this Christingle. To try to hit our fundraising target of £300, we will hold a non-uniform day on Friday 26th November. Children should wear their brightest clothes as we look to shine amongst the darkness. As usual, a voluntary donation of £1 on the non-uniform day would be greatly appreciated and the children should give this to their class teacher.

We have also set up a Justgiving page if you are able to offer any further support to the Children's Society:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/St-Lukes-Christingle>

Thank you for your generosity!

Finally, we will be finishing this term on Friday 17th December. Because we no longer, have staggered start and finish times, school will end at 2pm on this date, when all children will need to be collected. There will be no Energy Kidz on this date. The last Energy Kidz session will be on Thursday 16th December.

Parent surgeries

This is a reminder that Rebecca and I will be running another drop in parent surgery, where parents are welcome to come in to share any issues, questions or suggestions with us. The next date is Monday 22nd September at 9am, and then again at 2:30pm.

Flu vaccine catch up clinics

Most children whose parents had requested the flu vaccine received theirs in school this week. A catch up clinic for any of those children who missed theirs is available locally. I have attached a leaflet with full details.

Keeping Children Safe Online session

The Tower Hamlets Parent Engagement Team are delivering a free session to support parents with all aspects of internet safety. I have attached a leaflet with further information. The session is for parents of St. Luke's and takes place via Zoom on Friday 3rd December, between 1 and 2pm. Please find the Zoom details below.

KCSO - Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89182908888?pwd=ekNaMGZWd1c0ZmhxQmMxY3pOckxNQTO9>

Meeting ID: 891 8290 8888

Passcode: 1pLZ6i



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A message from Mrs. Sutherland

It is with great sadness that I have to share with you that Mrs. Sutherland will be leaving us next week. This is so that she is able to move back to Canada to be with her family. Whilst we are very sad to be losing her as a member of staff, we are delighted and excited for her, her husband and son (and her pet dog!) in this exciting next step in their lives. Mrs. Sutherland has been at St. Luke's for 11 years, and has made an invaluable contribution to the education and lives of so many children at the school during that time. I would like to thank her for everything she has done for this school, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future. Below is a message from Mrs. Sutherland herself.

It is with sadness that I write to you to let you know that Monday, November 15th will be my last day of work. As many of you know, I have been planning to move back to Canada with my family. Working at St. Luke's has been a very special part of my life. I have loved being a part of the St. Luke's community and feel grateful to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful children throughout the past eleven years. Thank you for making me feel so welcome; I cherish the time that I have spent here and will keep in touch with the school so I can hear about all of the wonderful things that happen at St. Luke's. From the bottom of my heart, thank you and I will miss seeing you all everyday. Lots of love, Mrs. Sutherland =)

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

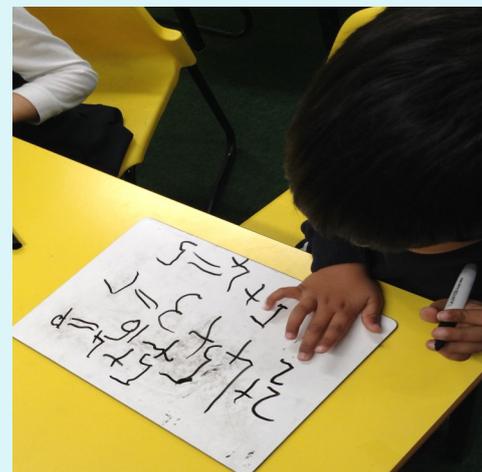
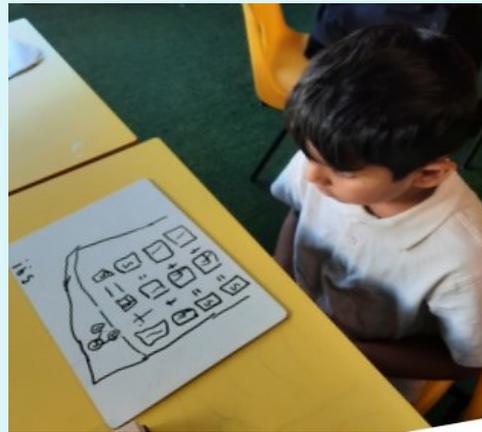
Head of School



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Year 1: We have been looking at addition. We have been writing all our addition facts into lovely fact family houses.



Class catch-up

Year 2:

This week in RE we learnt about Christingles and what each part represents. We then went on to make our very own Christingles.



In Art this term we are focussing on African Art. We created African patterns. Here is some of their work.



Class catch-up

Year 5 have been writing Character descriptions. This work is by Alfie, Kayleigh and Beatrix from Cherry Class.

WALT: write a character description.

I can use evidence from the text to write my description	/
I can use my checklist of WMG character description	/
I can use a thesaurus to uplevel my vocabulary	/

Scrooge is a **selfish, old, ill-natured** man who hates Christmas. He has **old, gnarly, boney fingers**. He has **hollow cheeks like a cave**; He is the shape of a shard of **glass**. He has long fingers like an **okra**.

My impression of Scrooge is that he is **inhospitable** because in the text it says "He is a tight fisted ~~man~~ hand at the grindstone." This shows me that Scrooge is **isolated, greedy, selfish** because he doesn't pay for **help** people round his house. The reason is that he **doesn't pay for food** so how will they eat he **doesn't pay** because it will **be** money.



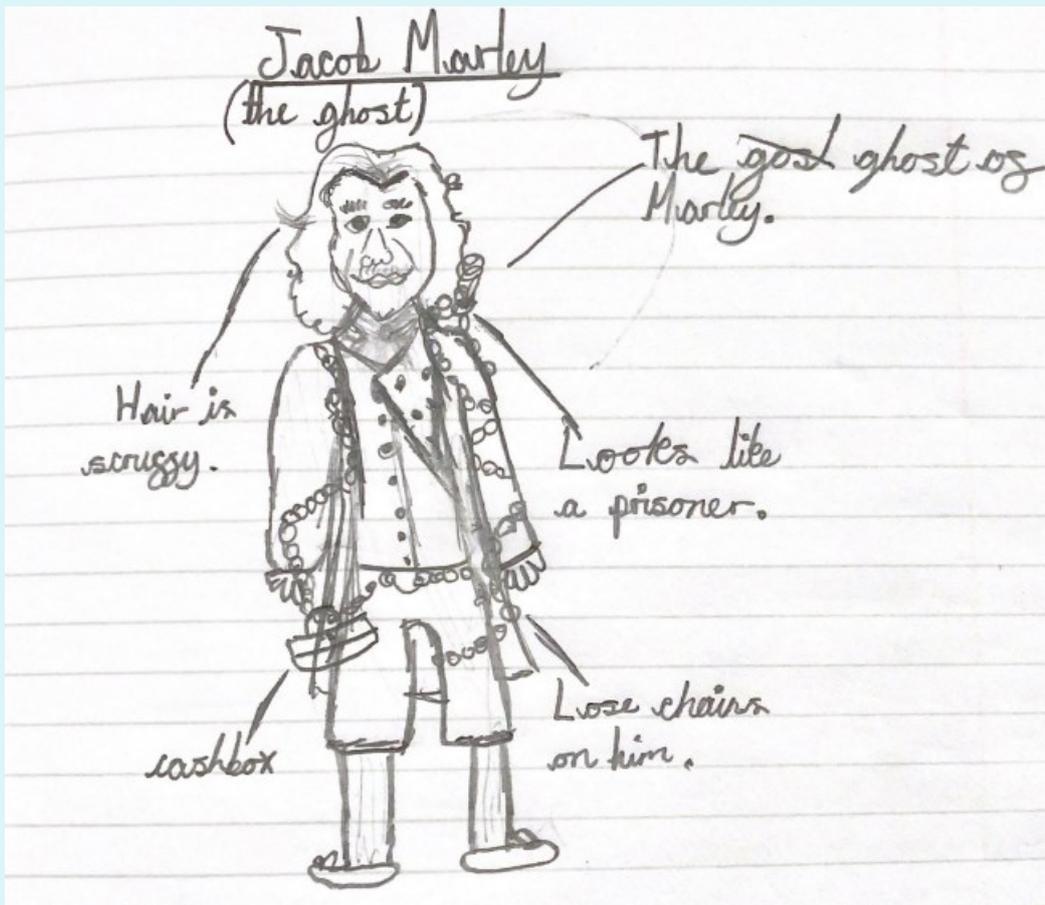
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WALT: write a character description.

I can use evidence from the text to write my description	/
I can use my checklist of WMG character description	/
I can use a thesaurus to uplevel my vocabulary	/

Scrooge is a miserable old man who hates Christmas. He has a **wrinkled, cold face** with **okra** shaped fingers! He has a long, **prominent** nose. Scrooge even has **mean-mischievous eyes** as **dark as the sky in the night**, and a bentover back. Scrooge is not a kind man, he hates Christmas carols and enjoys being alone in the cold inside of his office. He likes to stay **reclusive** in his office.

Class catch-up



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Ebenezer Scrooge was an obscene sight. His lips were puckered and lined like a dried prune; the wrinkles surrounding his face showed just how much time had affected his appearance. His dirty eyes where always coldly glared back at you, but the most frightening feature of all was two beady pupils, glinting with pure ~~is~~ malicious evil.

His personality, however, was an ~~at~~ a different matter altogether. He was belligerent, hostile and treacherous beast and he had such a terrible reputation that it was an onerous task indeed to walk, or rather, cover beside him without a chill running down your spine.

The children who lived next door, whom I truly pity, absolutely terrified of him and respected this lank an man as if he were ~~where~~ queen Victoria herself! His nephew, who was a poor, but heart hearty soul desperately tried to appeal to his soft side, of course didn't work because as far as whole of London was ~~concerned~~ concerned, didn't have a soft side.

From Aria in Palm Class, a wonderful description of Scrooge from Christmas Carol also shows the effort she is putting in to improve her handwriting.

Class catch-up

Today, a group of Year 3 children represented St Luke's at a Remembrance Day service held at Island Gardens.

