



Newsletter

7th October 2022

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 26/09	W/B 03/10
Mango (Nur)	87%	63%
Apple (Rec M)	95%	64%
Peach (Rec C)	92%	62%
Beech (1G)	92%	90%
Maple (1B)	92%	95%
Ash (2R)	97%	97%
Birch (2W)	95%	95%
Lemon (3S)	94%	97%
Oak (3N)	98%	97%
Aspen (4C)	93%	96%
Spruce (4A)	97%	97%
Cherry (5A)	98%	94%
Palm (5D)	96%	96%
Cypress (6W)	97%	98%
Willow (6L)	95%	99%

Value of the week

Mango (Nur)	Cleo
Apple (Rec M)	Arya
Peach (Rec C)	Belle
Beech (1G)	Leo
Maple (1B)	Max
Ash (2R)	Jack
Birch (2W)	Saarth
Lemon (3S)	Anvay & Matas
Oak (3N)	Whole Class
Aspen (4C)	Archie
Spruce (4A)	Frank
Cherry (5A)	Maize
Palm (5D)	Mohammed
Cypress (6W)	Dehan
Willow (6L)	Tanisha



Dear Parents and Carers,

It now feels as though we are in the full swing of the school year.

This week I have observed lessons in Reception and Years 1—5. I will be undertaking further observations next week. I have seen lessons for history, science, English and Computing. I have been so impressed by the quality of the provision. I have also been so impressed by the children's engagement with their learning, the quality of their answers in lessons and the quality of learning evident in their books. I was so pleased to be able to say this to them in Collective Worship today; to tell them how proud I was of them and to share the confidence and belief I have in them for the year ahead. This really does feel like a very positive start to the year.

Parent teacher meetings

I hope you have enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher in the recent parent meetings for Years 1—6. I hope you felt able to share your aspirations for your child this year and to consider how we can work in partnership to best support your child. If you were unable to find an appointment time, yet you would like to have a meeting, please contact the office and we will see what arrangements can be made: office@stlukeslondon.org

Harvest Mass

We started the week with the Harvest Mass, with Father Tom at Christchurch. Thank you to all of you who gave generously. As I explained previously, all proceeds were given to the Foodbank, which in these current times of soaring bills and costs, are needed more than ever before.

Black History Month

Then on Tuesday Mr. Akinyemi, who is one of our two Year 4 teachers, led an assembly to launch Black History Month for our school. In his assembly, he had a clear focus on the schools values, he also shared the theme for Black History Month this year which is; Time for Change: Action not Words.

He also shared with the children that each day, he would share a 'spotlight' with them, so that they could learn about somebody who has made a significant contribution in shaping the diverse and multicultural country we have today.

So far this week, the children have learnt about: Diane Abbot, Marcus Rashford and Mo Farah. Over the course of the next two weeks, the children in each year group are going to learn in greater depth about a specific person, for example—Reception will learn about Claudia Jones and how she brought Carnival to this country. Year 2 will learn about Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the space scientist and science educator.

The children's work will be on display when we have the multicultural evening so that you have the opportunity to see their learning if you are able to join us.

Trips

Furthermore, we are delighted that the children are once again going out of school on trips to enhance their learning. Thank you to the parents who enabled Year 3 to have such a fascinating trip this week to find out about the Stone Age. Our value of the week was enthusiasm. I was lucky enough to be there when they arrived back at school and they were literally effervescing with everything they had learnt!

Please know that the teachers are planning for all children from Years 1—6 to go on trips this term. We know what an inspiration these trips can be and what a difference they make.

PTA and Multicultural Evening

As I shared last week, the PTA are holding a Multi-Cultural evening, here in school, on Tuesday 18th October, from the end of the school day until 5pm.

All are welcome.

PTA and Multicultural Evening continued

Attached with this newsletter, is a letter from the PTA, asking for you to contribute to the evening.

Attached with this newsletter is also a poster to encourage you to sign up and join the PTA. As I explained last week, like the Foodbanks, now more than ever, we (the school) need your support.

I also wanted to remind you that on the day of the Multicultural evening, children are welcome to wear their home clothes or national dress all day, to make changing for the event later unnecessary. If children do wear their own clothes, we ask please for as many of you as possible to make a contribution to the funds we are trying to raise of at least £1.

In previous years, the PTA were raising money for the playground. Looking forward we hope you will be able to support us by raising funds for PE Apparatus, for staging in the hall and for much more.

Health updates:

This week there are couple of Health Updates:

Parent Oral Health Engagement Meeting

Monday 10th October at 9.00am, please come along to an informal session to meet a member of the dental team. They will explain what will happen during the Fluoride application visits and be on hand to give you advice to help keep your children's teeth healthy and answer any questions you may have!

Highly recommended Polio Vaccination

You have probably heard that following the detection of polio virus in sewage samples taken from North and East London, the NHS has contacted 1 to 9 year olds in London for a polio vaccination. For some children this may be an extra dose of polio vaccine, on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children it may just bring them up to date.

We have not seen a live case of polio in the UK since 1984, and it is vital that we prevent any community spread which could result in life-long paralysis and other disabilities, and in some cases, even death. There is no cure for polio, immunisation is the only protection. Please see the attached letter for further details.

Parent Governor Election

And lastly, don't forget to vote for parent governor. The deadline for voting is next Friday 14th October. For further details, please see last week's newsletter which can be downloaded from the school's website: [Home | St Luke's School E14 \(st-lukes.towerhamlets.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-lukes.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

Have a great weekend every, Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Additional links for your information

PARENT WORKSHOPS RUN BY PHOENIX SCHOOL (Autism Specialist School) - Phoenix School are running parents evening next week at Phoenix College site. There will be two workshops running one for parents awaiting assessment for diagnosis and one on puberty. [Click here for the flyer](#) . They are also running two other workshops this term. [Please click here for details](#).

Families Matter Bitesize Ebulletin (September 2022) – With half term holiday childcare information, internet safety and parenting support

Mellow Parenting Course Recruitment Open (Delivered by Toyhouse) - The course is for parents together with their pre-school aged child(ren), lasting 14 whole days and held weekly across the autumn/ winter months. It is especially relevant for parents who have experienced trauma in their own childhood, and which is adversely affecting their ability to care sufficiently positively for their own child.

Key dates coming up next term:

- **Tuesday 18th October:** Multi-Cultural Evening in the school hall from 3:30—5pm. All welcome.
- **Friday 21st October** is the last day of this half term. We finish at the normal time and clubs take place after school as usual.
- **Monday 31st October** is an **INSET** day so school is closed to the children.
- **Tuesday 01 November** is the first day of the second half of term and the children return to school, with the school day and clubs happening as normal.

School Catch - Up

On Monday Years 1 - 6 celebrated Harvest Mass with Father Tom in Christ Church.



On Wednesday Year 3 visited the Museum of London to enhance our learning about the Stone Age. We attended a workshop where we handled artefacts from the Stone Age and after lunch we visited the Stone Age galleries. A very big thank you to all the parents that supported us on the trip.

