



Newsletter

14th October 2022

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 03/10	W/B 10/10
Mango (Nur)	63%	84%
Apple (Rec M)	64%	86%
Peach (Rec C)	62%	93%
Beech (1G)	90%	90%
Maple (1B)	95%	98%
Ash (2R)	97%	91%
Birch (2W)	95%	88%
Lemon (3S)	97%	93%
Oak (3N)	97%	91%
Aspen (4C)	96%	94%
Spruce (4A)	97%	97%
Cherry (5A)	94%	95%
Palm (5D)	96%	93%
Cypress (6W)	98%	94%
Willow (6L)	99%	90%

Value of the week

Mango (Nur)	Monty
Apple (Rec M)	Talicia
Peach (Rec C)	Max
Beech (1G)	Sandhya
Maple (1B)	Jaylen
Ash (2R)	Zakariah
Birch (2W)	Axel
Lemon (3S)	Khadijah
Oak (3N)	Reet
Aspen (4C)	Larabella
Spruce (4A)	Carter
Cherry (5A)	Violet
Palm (5D)	Ibrahim
Cypress (6W)	Aya
Willow (6L)	Elina

RESPECT

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you have had a good week.

Attendance

I need to share with you that I am concerned about rates of pupil attendance currently. Our staff are attending really well, yet the absent rate for the children is far from what we would expect it to be. Only 2 classes in the school this week, had attendance above our target. If attendance is poor we have no option but to refer to the school's Attendance and Welfare Officer, but we would rather avoid that, and we would hope that you would come to us if you are having trouble encouraging regular attendance for your child. This week I have two appeals to you to make:

1. Please do everything you can to avoid booking any travel during term time. Even in a two week period, they can miss 10 reading lessons, 10 maths lessons, 10 English lessons etc. One period of absence of this length or more, will be very challenging to catch up on. What can feel like a good opportunity is detrimental to the child's learning.
2. In relation to illness, the only reasons to keep a child away from school is if they have vomited in the last 48 hours, if they have a temperature that is not responding to paracetamol or if they have received a positive Covid test or other illness for which abstaining from school is specified and you have been advised by your doctor that this is the case. A headache, sore throat, cough, cold, tiredness etc. these are not reasons to be off school. If you child is complaining of these symptoms, we would advise you to bring them in to school. We will send them home if they are too unwell to stay. If they stay in school, they will build an increasing immunity to illness and attendance for them, will cease to be a concern.

As said, I am concerned about this. Please do come and see me if you would like to discuss it.

Now onto brighter things..

Collective Worship this week was led by Harriet Pickering, our SENCO

Harriet shared: 'In assembly this week we celebrated our differences, while talking about our value of the week: Respect. The children recalled learning from earlier in the term about The Equality Act and that most organisations need to reflect on how they include everyone. We spoke about the recent changes to the London Marathon - that wheelchair users with a helper can now participate and learnt about some extraordinary children and families that took part.'

A big thank you to Harriet for leading Collective Worship for us and sharing your knowledge about celebrating differences with us.

Black History Month

In conjunction with Mr. Akinyemi's assembly on introducing Black History Month last week, this week the children have continued spotlighting key Black British figures.

Mr. Akinyemi has shared that this week they have explored the following significant people:

Baroness Floella Benjamin

Moir Stuart CBE

Colin Jackson CBE

Ainsley Harriott MBE

Beverly knight MBE

It was pleasing to see that some children were able to recall these names in Collective Worship this afternoon. The children are listening and remembering well.

Multicultural event

A reminder that this is scheduled to happen immediately after school on Tuesday 18 October, next week. We seek to host this event at this time of year to provide an opportunity to meet new parents as well as for all of us to enjoy spending time together, with the children, celebrating our cultural richness. If you are able to bring a dish, all the better, but if you can't, please come along and support the school. We hope to see you there, from 3:30pm, in the main school hall. Entry v.to the event is via the main gates on Glenworth Avenue.

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Parent Governor Election

A reminder that the voting ceases this evening so please, if you were hoping to vote, you will need to send your vote directly to me before 7pm this evening. My email address is: executivehead@stlukeslondon.org

We will count the votes on Monday morning and this will then be shared with the nominees during next week and the whole community in next week's newsletter.

School Phone System

The school is changing its phone system, it is possible that the main school number 020 7987 1753 may be down on Friday 21st October because of the changeover. Should this happen, a temporary number 020 4582 6095 will be in use for that day. We anticipate the main school number will be instated from Monday 31st October.

Have a great weekend everyone, Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Additional links for your information

How to keep your child stay safe while playing Roblox journalist and games expert Andy Robertson sheds light on the game and how it can be played safely [Click this link for more info](#)

Bach to Baby is a critically acclaimed classical concert series for babies, children and their families and carers. [Click this link for more info](#)

Annual Review Workshop for Parents The Tower Hamlets & City SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) are offering workshop for parents to discuss key issues about an EHCP Annual Review. [Click this link for more info](#)

DCOS parent ASD coffee mornings These coffee morning are for parents who have a child with a confirmed diagnosis of ASD [Click this link for more info](#)

Key dates coming up:

- **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.

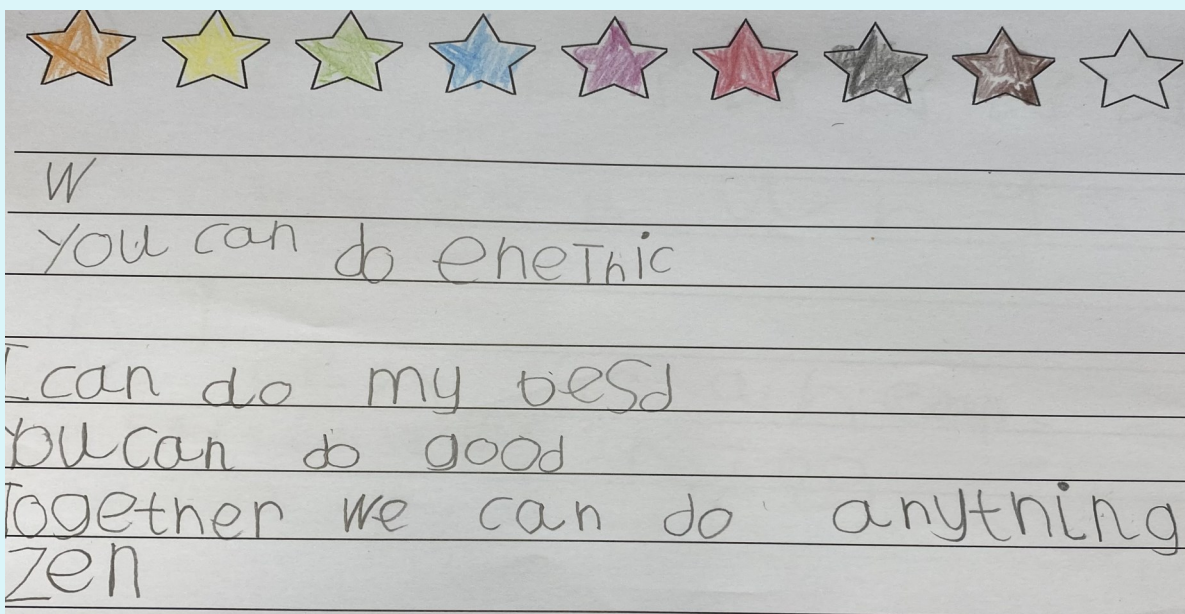
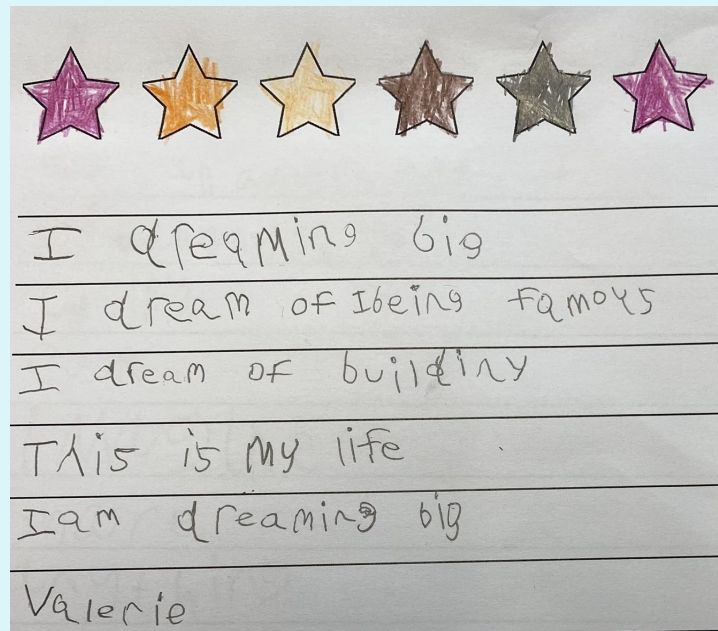
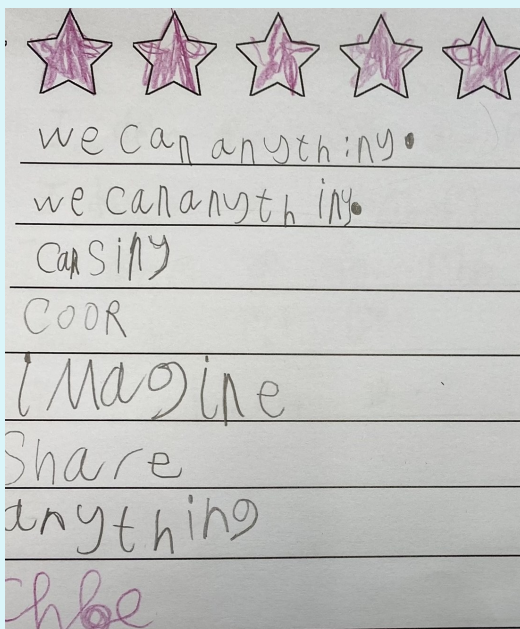
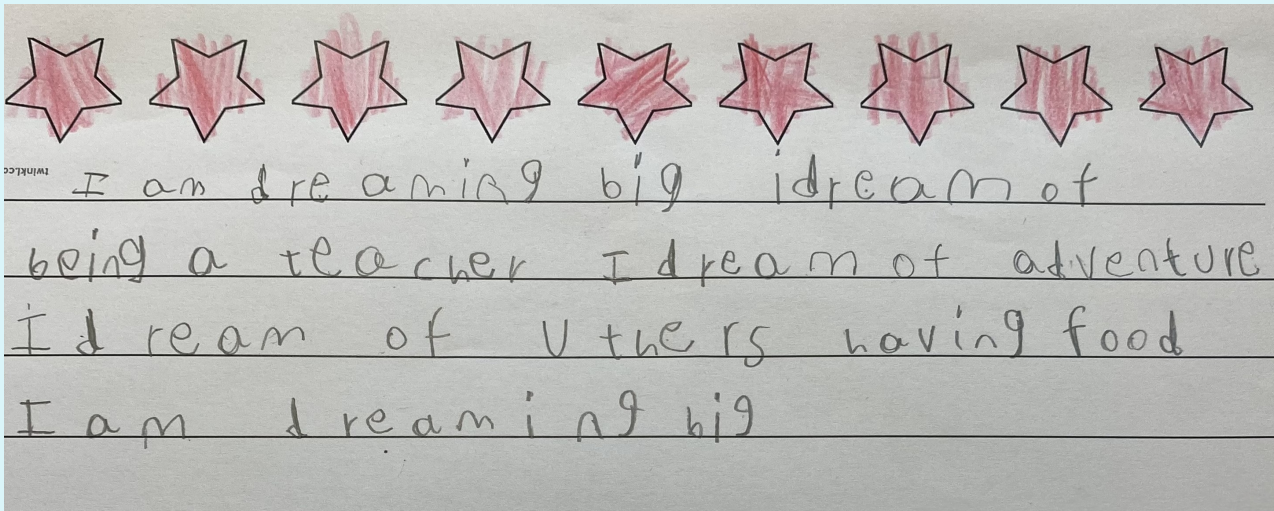
Please note that the Year 6 Assemblies planned for 10th November (Willow) and 17th November (Cypress) are going to have to be postponed. We apologise for this and will notify you of new dates in due course.

School Catch - Up



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As part of our focus on Black History Month Year 1 have been writing poems about their dreams and aspirations.



Year 5 have been on a trip and this is what they say about it

This week, our children in Year 5, have started the Architecture in Schools programme.

This programme, supported by Canary Wharf Group, pairs a year group with an architecture/design practice. Today, to mark the start of the programme, Year 5 went on a thrilling adventure, exploring London City Scape. They were joined by professional Architects who gave them a tour around Crystal City Hall, where the Mayor of London works!

The children analysed the architecture and learned about how a smart building is sustainable. They then went on the Emirates cable cars, where some children overcame their fear of heights. The children looked at the buildings surrounding Greenwich peninsula and along the Thames. Some children really started to think about how such structures impact our cityscape. They then returned to Greenwich Peninsula where they had lunch on the jetty and looked at some surrounding plants.

This is what the children had to say about the trip:

Linda: "We learned about sustainability through architecture and the impact for the future"

Vivaan and Roman: "Solar panels on the roof capture energy and use this to power City Hall and there is enough to feed back into the National grid"

Kassia: "Structure of the building is multi-faceted and it's name, Crystal, matches how the building looks like"

We look forward to seeing with the children, how this programme unfolds.



Engineering Minds

JOIN OUR OCTOBER STEM CLUBS

Join our October Half Term Halloween Clubs and give your child the chance to experience spooky **LEGO Robotics**, **Graphic Design** and **Stop Motion Animation** technologies.

Don't worry about keeping your children entertained and active during school holidays. Our clubs will introduce them to fascinating STEM domains, while inspiring and keeping them physically and intellectually active.

FEE: £55/ child/ day
10% sibling discount or multiple days booking



25TH OCTOBER: Spooky Robots & Halloween Animations
10am – 4pm @ Mycenae House, Blackheath

26TH OCTOBER: Spooky Robots & Graphic Design
10am – 4pm @ Eltham C of E Primary School

27TH OCTOBER: Spooky Robots & Halloween Animations
9 am – 3.30 pm @ St Luke's C of E Primary School,
Isle of Dogs

All children will spend at least 2h enjoying outdoor games and sports for active breaks.

Places are very limited, please **book early** to avoid disappointment.

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