



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. I wanted to begin by thanking you for all your support over this last term. It has no doubt been challenging for us all in many different ways, as we returned to lockdown and remote learning once again, before preparing for the children's safe and happy return. I know that I speak on behalf of all the staff when I say how delighted we have been to have all the children back over these last three weeks. I would like to wish you all a much-deserved restful and enjoyable Easter holiday.

It was a pleasure to lead on Collective Worship this afternoon, where I heard from teachers about how children have shown the value of **partnership** this week. It is always inspiring to hear such a variety of ways in which children embody our value week in, week out. A big well done to all the children named below!

Nursery	Vaun Holmes
Reception Apple	Alicia Ots
Reception Peach	Amiliyah Malone
Beech	Elizabeth Rowe
Maple	Aoife Lefold
Birch	Ella Bellinger
Ash	Halle Brown-Catania and Elise Won
Lemon	Ethan, Alex and Sini
Oak	Maya Ma and Jannah Uddin
Aspen	Quinten Cochrane and Sonny Epsom
Spruce	Bertie Dalwood and Adi Patel
Palm	All of Palm Class!
Cherry	Mahinul Islam
Willow	Aaliyah Begum McKevitt
Cypress	Nafis Uddin

RSE Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the parents who attended our RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) parent consultations last week. Schools are obliged to consult with parents on this curriculum. Following this consultation, we can now confirm that we will be going ahead with the planned teaching content in the Summer Term, as shared with parents during the consultation session. Our policy and curriculum map are available to view on our school website. Please do contact me if you have any further questions about this.

Energy Kidz

Our after school care provision, provided by Energy Kidz, will resume after the Easter holidays, from Monday 12 April. Parents can book in directly through Energy Kidz themselves, via their website. Please kindly note that the school office cannot take bookings for Energy Kidz, and this must always be done thorough the company directly.



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Contact tracing over the Easter holidays

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing and the national effort to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Therefore, we will have an arrangement over the Easter holidays similar to what we had over the Christmas holidays:

- Please call contact Rebecca Abrahams on her mobile phone (07932 995213) if your child tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19) and they developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**. The school will assist in identifying close contacts and will advise self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, you are not required call the school. Parents/Carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- After the first 6 days of the Easter holidays, all positive cases should be dealt with through NHS Test and Trace. This means that the school will remain on call until Thursday 1st April.
- If your child needs to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case during the holidays, you do not need to inform the school about this until the first day of the Summer term.

Birthday cakes and treats

This is just reminder that, at the moment, children are not able to bring cakes or similar treats into school to share with their classes on their birthday. This is because, in line with our risk assessment, we are seeking to minimise the sharing of any food products at the moment to reduce the risk of contamination and transmission. We would ask, if you did still want to share any treats with classmates, that this is please done at the end of the school day outside of the school gates, accompanied by parents.

Extra Curricular Clubs

I am pleased to say that we feel that we are now in the position to safely resume some extra curricular clubs after school in the Summer Term. These will be carried out strictly in year group Bubbles, with all our safety measures in place. Anna will be in contact with parents who have signed up for these clubs in due course.

Links and attachments

I have attached a leaflet from Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team sharing some activity ideas for families. Attached is also the school dinner menu for next term.

I have mentioned the Healthy Lives Team on a number of occasions. By following this link, you can find their latest updates on their website:

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgn/education_and_learning/The_Healthy_Lives_Team/The_Healthy_Lives_Team.aspx

Tower Hamlets Together — a message from the Local Authority

Throughout the past year, the communities of Tower Hamlets have come together to respond to an invisible challenge. One that has brought with it unprecedented impacts and sadly, devastating consequences.

But it is at times of challenge that we also see the very best of the human spirit and in every corner of our wonderful borough, we have seen people selflessly putting their hands up to help others.

The local response to the pandemic has been second to none. It has been incredibly heartening to see so many volunteers, community groups, partner organisations, local businesses, council staff and residents working together from across our diverse communities to tackle coronavirus.

[To mark the first anniversary of the first UK lockdown, we released a video on 23 March to say a heartfelt **thank you to everyone in tower Hamlets.**](#)

You can click on the link above to view the video.



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Vouchers for Free School Meal children

If you received a voucher over the Christmas period, we are pleased to inform you that the borough has made provision for the same vouchers over the Easter holiday too. Unfortunately, at the point of writing the newsletter today, the vouchers have not yet been delivered to school. As soon as we receive the vouchers, we will send you a text message, next week, so that you can make an arrangement to come to school and collect them.

We hope that you will be able to collect either on Tuesday 30th or Wednesday 31st between 10am and 2pm. Please do not come to school until you have heard from us. With thanks for your cooperation on this matter.

Staffing update

Today we say goodbye to Ms. Sheppard, as she leaves for her maternity leave. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her all the very best for this exciting time for her and her family. I want to thank Ms. Sheppard for all of the incredible work that she has done here as St. Luke's, and we will all miss her until she returns next year.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Easter holiday.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School



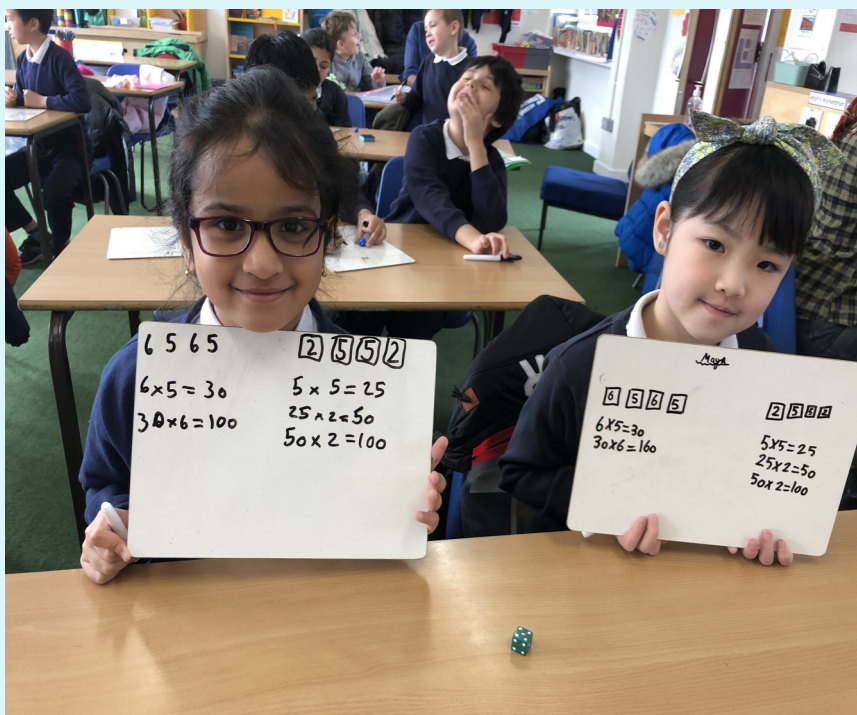
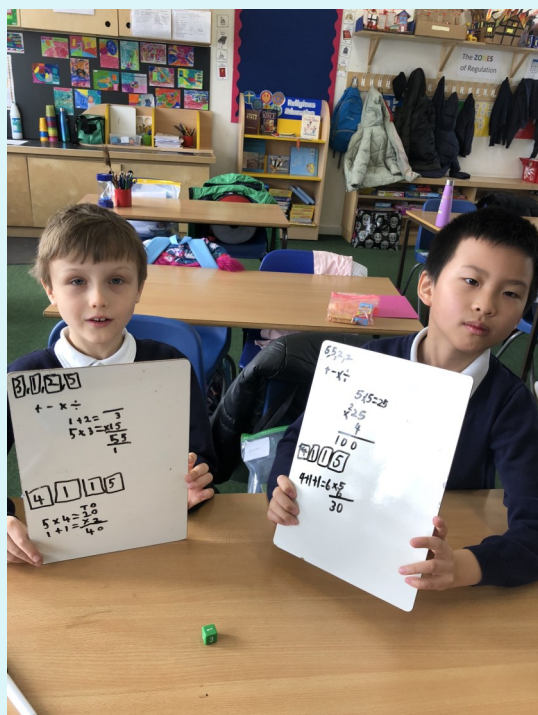
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Miss Bingham has been very impressed by the partnership shown in her maths group this week.

We have been playing dicey maths games to consolidate our knowledge of methods for adding and multiplying. We worked together to problem solve a range of challenges!





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In year 5, Ms. Budden wanted to share Ameerah's impressive work this week.

Here is Ameerah's diary entry as Doctor Barnardo - we researched him and the work he did to help street children in Victorian times, and wrote about how he was inspired to set up his charity to improve conditions for children.

Dearest Diary,

a street boy named

I was appalled by what Jim Jarvis told me. All those kids hungry, thirsty, cold and nowhere to sleep. I can already feel the discomfort of them with no mother nor father. They would never be treated properly and looked after. The time Jim Jarvis told me 'I ain't got no parents, I ain't' which struck me to a pause, ~~the~~ he was an ORPHAN!

I was broken-hearted so I wanted to help Jim Jarvis, Jim Jarvis inspired me to make my own charity named Barnardos which treated over 110,000 street children in London and China.

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Jim Jarvis told me his life story. It wasn't a pleasant one. He lived in a cottage with his ma and 2 sisters. His ma was broke so they had to go and stay in the workhouse. Suddenly 2 weeks later ma died 2 floors above Jim, which was a nightmare. After that day Jim Jarvis had a terrible life time.

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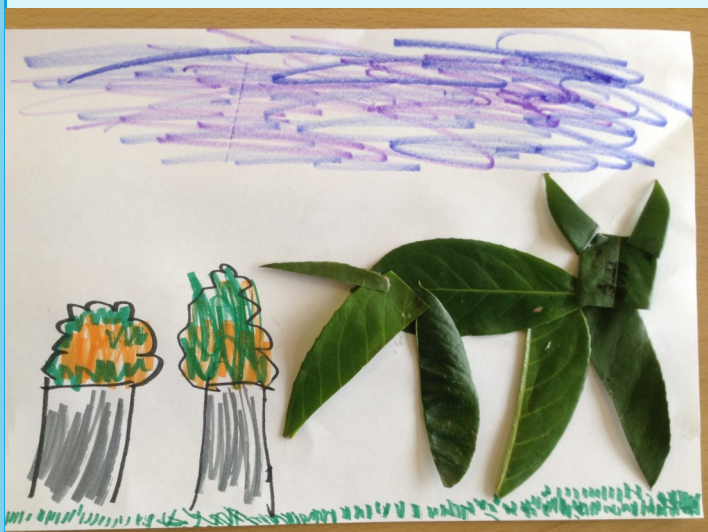


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In year 2, Ash class have been creating plants and animals using leaves and petals in their art lesson.





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In Year 2 Birch Class, we have been exploring Land Art. Today we created pictures using leaves and we linked it to our new Science topic of Plants.

Fantastic art work from Charlotte, Gracie, Eliza and Ayaan!





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In Birch class we also created animals using leaves in our Art lesson. Well done to Ellenora, Freya, Brianna and Oscar!

