



Newsletter

8th July 2022

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 04/07	W/B 27/6
Mango (Nur)	0%	96%
Apple (Rec M)	82%	92%
Peach (Rec C)	85%	84%
Beech (1S)	97%	93%
Maple (1R)	89%	91%
Ash (2R)	94%	95%
Birch (2N)	92%	96%
Lemon (3S)	97%	95%
Oak (3B)	91%	95%
Aspen (4D)	92%	92%
Spruce (4A)	93%	93%
Cherry (5O)	94%	98%
Palm (5G)	92%	97%
Cypress (6W)	93%	98%
Willow (6L)	93%	94%

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. There are a number of things to update you on this week so I'll get straight into it...

Confirmation

I wanted to share how lovely it was to go to Christ Church last Friday after school and see all of the children from St. Luke's in Year 5, who were about to be confirmed into the church by Bishop Joanne, our Bishop of Stepney.

The children were very well presented for the occasion and their families were all there to celebrate with them.

These children have been attending confirmation classes with Father Tom, in school, this year. Father Tom has commented regularly to me about what a wonderful group of children they are!

If you are considering preparing your child to be confirmed into the church, then please watch out for news of the new classes next year. Thank you Father Tom.

Parent Governor Election

As I shared with you last week, we are delighted to have 8 nominations for the post of Parent Governor. Now we need you to vote for one of them. Attached with this newsletter is a ballot form. On there you will see each Parent, their photo and some text so you can learn a little bit more about them and how they intend to serve the school. Please make one vote per family. All you need to do is tick the box next to the parent you would like to vote for and then complete your family name at the bottom of the form. You can then either email it to the admin address or you can take a hard copy into the school office next week. (admin@st-lukes.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

We are giving you until Monday 18th July to place your vote. We will then count the votes and report the successful nominee on the last day of term.

School reports

Please note that your child's end of year report will be emailed to you on Monday 18th July. This will then give a few days for you to discuss anything with the teachers that you are not sure about if you need to. If you would like to see the teacher, then please email the main office on the above admin address, and the office staff will liaise with the teachers to find a time and date for you.

I have been reading the reports and it has been heartwarming to read of the children's progress this year. After so much disruption, they have really applied themselves this year. Happy reading...

Year 6 Mass

A note for the Y6 parents—the children will have their Leavers mass in Church on Monday 18th July. Each class will have their own Mass, with their parents there and half of the school to watch. The timings are:

Cypress Class with Ms. Williams at 9:30am; **Willow Class** with Ms. Lukwesa at 10:15am.

Hope to see you all there.

Covid update

I hope you have seen my emailed letter this week. Unfortunately, as you have probably seen in the press, the number of people with Covid is on the rise nationally and this is most certainly being reflected locally. As a school we have had several members of staff test positive recently and a few children. We are doing our best to implement control measures in school to try and limit the spread of the virus. If you are concerned about your child, please try and get them a test. The guidance from Public Health is that a child who has tested positive for the virus can return to school after 3 days.

We are very sorry that we had to close the Nursery for the whole of this week but **I am happy to confirm that Nursery will be open from Monday as normal.**

Catering

If your child has food allergies then you will be aware of the challenges that we are currently having with the catering company. Please if you have not yet returned the forms can you do so as a matter of urgency. I share your frustration, but the measures are fundamentally to keep the children safe, which is what we all want....

The temperature is set to rise again, for all of us, not just those in parliament this week! Please make sure that when the children come in to school, they have water, caps and sun cream.

Have a great weekend every one, Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Value of the Week

Apple (Rec M)	Alfred
Peach (Rec C)	Benjamin
Beech (1S)	Sajivendra
Maple (1R)	Avni
Ash (2R)	Fahim
Birch (2N)	Paulie
Lemon (3S)	Malachi
Oak (3B)	Oryna & Polina
Aspen (4D)	Nikita
Spruce (4A)	Roman
Cherry (5O)	Ali
Palm (5G)	Judah
Cypress (6W)	Alisha
Willow (6L)	Zakariya



Childcare offers for parents

Over a million families in the UK are entitled to support with the costs of childcare from the government, but many don't realise that they're eligible. By utilising the different offers, parents and carers with children aged 0–16 could get financial support worth thousands of pounds.

Along with the usual types of childcare (e.g. childminders and nurseries) the support packages can be used across many different types of providers, such as:

- Holiday activity clubs
- School wraparound care
- Extracurricular clubs such as sports, drama, and music tuition
- Religious settings, i.e. Jewish yeshivas and chedarim, Muslim madrassahs and Christian Sunday schools

Schools can help by directing parents and carers to the [Childcare Choices website](#), where they can check that they're not missing out on the support they could be entitled to.

Additional links for your information

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)—which will run from Saturday 9th July to Saturday 15 September. This year's theme will be Gadgeteers, a celebration of Reading, Imagination and Science.

[Families Matter Bitesize E-bulletin: June 2022](#) - Childcare support, parent events and workshops

[Free Family Cycle Training](#) — Victoria Park 10.00am –12.00pm — **Mon 25th , Tue 26th & Thu 28th July, Mon 1st , Tue 2nd & Thu 4th August, Mon 8th , Tue 9th & Thu 11th August**

[Disability Awareness Fun Day](#) - Wednesday 27th July—Victoria Park 11.00am-3.00pm

[Broader help with the cost of living](#) - Countries around the world are facing rising goods and energy costs, inflation and cost of living pressures after the pandemic. We know people are worried so the government is offering help. See what support you could be eligible for.

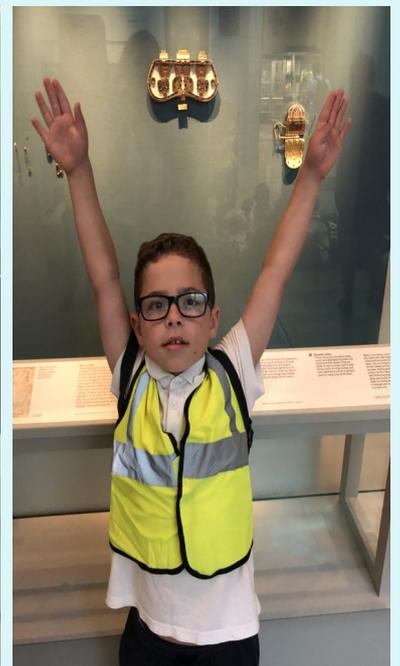
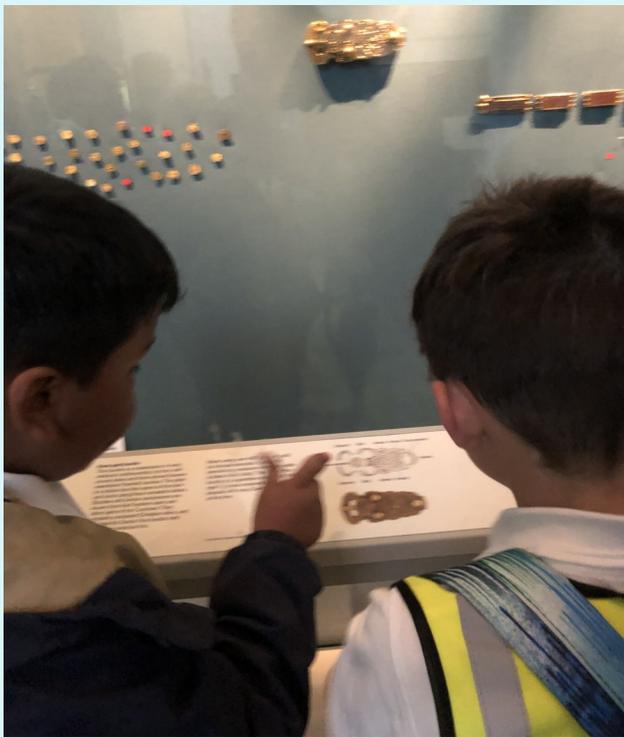
[The award-winning Anna Fiorentini Theatre & Film School](#) has a new term beginning 14th September 2022 at its Docklands branch. As a student of this school, you can get 20% off your first term at the Theatre & Film School.

[Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders and Neurodiversity - a Universal Session for All Services & Families](#)—this workshop on Autism and Neurodiversity. The session will focus on: What autism is, common myths about the condition, and some simple actions all families can take to be autism friendly. [Click this link to register](#)

Key dates coming up this term:

- Tuesday 12 July—**Reception Graduation** for their parents, from 2:15pm
- Thursday 14 July—**Year 6 production** for their parents at 6pm
- Monday 18 July— **Year 6 Leavers' Mass**—see timings on the first page of the newsletter
- Wednesday 20 July—**Year 6 Prom**, 5:50—7pm
- Thursday 21 July—**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**, 9:30am for their parents
- Thursday 21 July— **Last day of term**, school closing at 2.00pm, with no clubs after school

Year 3 British Museum



Sports catch-up

Tuesday was a day of great success for our St. Luke's athletes. A group of children from across Years 4, 5 and 6 represented St. Luke's in Isle of Dogs Primary Schools Sports Day. The performance of all participants was tremendous and lots of medals were won!!!

