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Newsletter 13th May 2022

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 03/05	W/B 09/05
Mango (Nur)	81%	95%
Apple (Rec M)	87%	97%
Peach (Rec C)	91%	97%
Beech (1S)	97%	93%
Maple (1R)	91%	97%
Ash (2R)	95%	97%
Birch (2N)	86%	96%
Lemon (3S)	94%	99%
Oak (3B)	91%	99%
Aspen (4D)	85%	97%
Spruce (4A)	82%	99%
Cherry (5B)	90%	98%
Palm (5G)	84%	93%
Cypress (6W)	87%	98%
Willow (6L)	92%	99%

Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Mariyah
Apple (Rec M)	Zion
Peach (Rec C)	Delilah
Beech (1S)	Sajivendra
Maple (1R)	Sienna A
Ash (2R)	Whole Class
Birch (2N)	Mary-Jane
Lemon (3S)	Larabella
Oak (3B)	Jara
Aspen (4D)	Chyanne
Spruce (4A)	Vivaan
Cherry (5B)	Faizah
Palm (5G)	Nadira
Cypress (6W)	Both Yr 6 classes, and staff that have supported the Yr 6 SATs this week
Willow (6L)	

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week? It has been all go here as always.

Our value has been Kindness and in Collective Worship having read this: 'Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you' from Ephesians 4.32, we shared our thoughts about what 'tender hearted' met. As per usual, the children showed themselves to be thoughtful and generous young people.

Next week we look forward to focusing on our value of partnership and we left Collective Worship singing 'Go Make a Difference' because at St. Luke's we always hope to have a positive impact on each other and of course we can do that when partnerships are strong as well as all of our other values.

Year 6 SATs

I would like to share that we could not be prouder of the Year 6 children this week. In four days they had 6 exams, many would say a grueling expectation of them after all of the disruption that we have all had to live through in the last few years. Each and every one of them, came in to school for every exam and applied themselves consistently well to the challenges thrown at them. You could really see that they are starting to be ready for moving on to secondary school, when they were digging deep to their reserves of resilience, to think carefully about what was on the papers, and get through a considerable amount of work in a relatively short time.

It was lovely to see them leave the site today to go and spend some time together in Greenwich Park and enjoy themselves after all of their hard work.

Parents—you can be so proud of your children his week.

We are really proud of them, and in the next week or so, will be writing to you to share the various things that we are planning for them to enjoy while they celebrate accomplishing this milestone after their consistent hard work all year.

Update on the PTA

I met with Beccy Brown today to discuss the PTA. For those of you who do not know Beccy, she until very recently, has been the Chair of St. Luke's PTA, and along with the support of many of you, she has steered the PTA to being a highly effective organization that has supported the school considerably over the years.

It has been quite common for the PTA under Beccy's leadership to raise in excess of £10,000 a year, and this school is indebted to the PTA and Beccy for this, as their donations have enabled us to make changes to our site and provision that we otherwise would not have been able to afford. An example of this, is the climbing frame in the main playground.

The PTA currently has £10,000 more for the school to spend. It was initially raised to fund PE climbing equipment for the hall and for staging. Those items remain on our wish list, but first and foremost we have asked the PTA to allow us to spend that money on improving the area around the climbing frame so that it is a nicer area for the children to enjoy that inspires their play and friendship. Currently, the area has experienced a high level of wear and tear and looks shabby as a consequence. I hope you agree making this area safer and more fit for purpose is a sensible thing to do, that all children will benefit from.

Call for help

As said Beccy has to step down from being the Chair, but she is keen to work with the new team.

We are also acutely aware, that a date has been in the diary for a **Summer Fayre on Saturday 25th June** since the beginning of the year, but without a team in post to run it, this will not be able to happen.

So please can I appeal to you to join Beccy to discuss all of this, next **Friday 20th May, at 9:10am** in the **Community House?**

On behalf of the children, please join her, we need your support.

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Update on the Swimming Pool

As many of you are aware, we have been having issues with the pool for some time now and recently have had to cancel all swimming for an indefinite period of time. Sadly this is something that is beyond our control, as the school doesn't have the necessary funds in our reserves to initiate the repairs required ourselves. This is because the pool is in need of an extensive refurbishment. Many of the component parts involved in the filtration, sanitation and heating systems are regularly failing and hence a decision was made by the London Diocese Board for Schools (LDBS), who are in effect the landlord, to finance a full refurbishment of the pool. The sums involved here being £30-40,000. However, the LDBS have applied for a grant that they believe they have some reasonable chance of being successful in, hence the delay.

We have of course made the LDBS aware that the most recent failure has led to a full shutdown of the pool, with all swimming cancelled until further notice, and have asked them to urgently expediate commencement of the works. We will continue to regularly remind them of the pressing need to do so. From the conversations we've had, although we have been given no guarantees, our understanding is that the required works will be started in the weeks ahead and that the pool will be back up and working for sure for the new school year. We though would prefer to see the pool being used again this term, and continue to push for that.

You may be interested to know that a comparable school to ours in terms of size as a two form entry Primary School, with an inner city location and with similar demographics however without a pool, would receive the same level of funding as we do. This would mean that they have the same funding as us but would be free from needing to fund the running costs of a pool, it's associated premises, and the swimming teacher.

It is for that reason that we need to work with our external partners in order to fund such extensive works.

On a positive note however, once the works are complete, the pool and accommodation will be transformed therefore enabling us to have more regular uninterrupted swimming from that point on.

A closing note on attendance

Wow!!!

This week was brilliant.

A great opportunity to highlight to the children the importance of decimals, as Willow Class had 99%, Spruce Class had 99.1% and Oak Class won with 99.6%!!

On Thursday this week, the whole school attendance was 98.1% which is so strong.

A big thank you from me to all of you, for supporting us so well, by getting the children in to school.

Have a great weekend,

Rebecca Abrahams

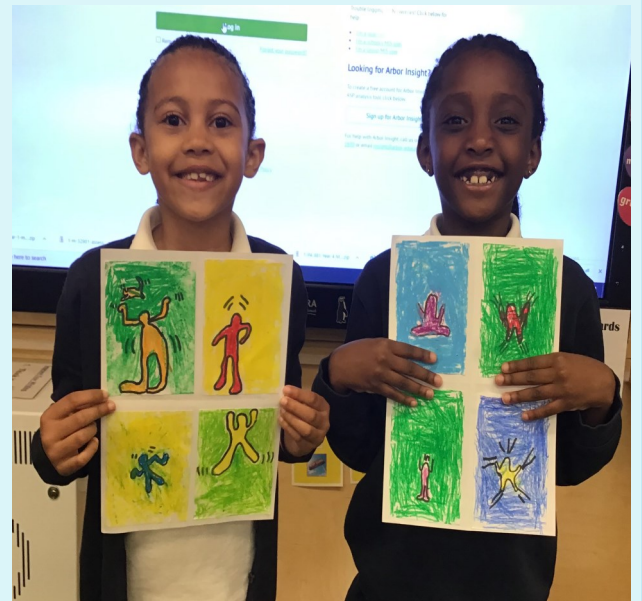
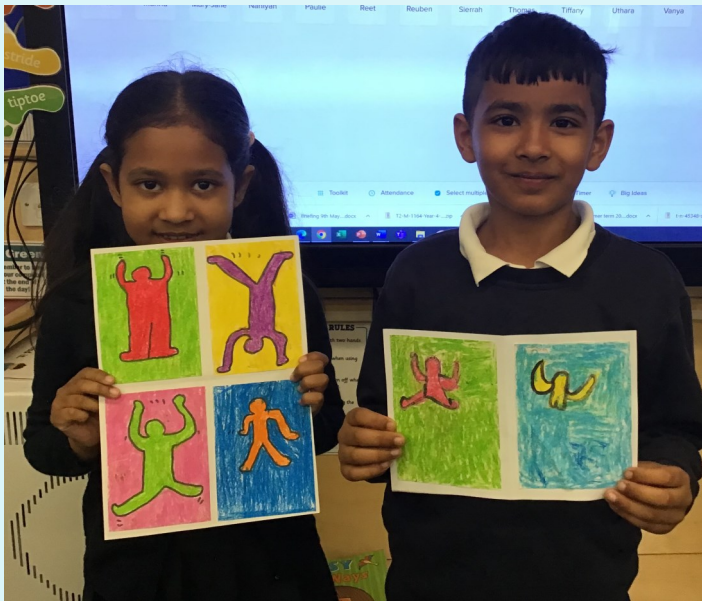
Key dates coming up this half term:

- Thursday 19th May: **Beech class assembly** at 3:00pm. Parents of Beech class children welcome to attend.
- Friday 27th May—**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Assembly** and event: children to wear the colours red, white and blue, fun activities all day and our very own street party with the children eating lunch together outside!
- Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June: **Half term**
- Monday 06 June—the children return to school and all clubs resume.

Additional links for your information

Tower Hamlets SEND Transition Event on Tuesday 17th May (For parents of Yr 4 and 5 children with EHC plans) [please click this link for more info](#)

Class catch-up



In Yr 2 Birch Class for Art we are looking at Pop art created by Keith Haring. We have created our own Pop art following Keith Haring's examples.

Class catch-up

In Yr 3 Oak class this week we have been planting seeds for science investigation. We are investigating what plants need to live.



Class catch-up

We have been busy in year 4 investigating sounds. The children used their knowledge of how sound vibrates and travels through air to create their own string telephones.

They experimented with different lengths of string and found out the string needs to be straight between the cups to fully hear their partners.

The children realised sound can travel through the cup and string.

The children have observed the string vibrating and moving when they are using the cups to talk to each other.

Spruce class had even created a successful 12 line, string-cup call- who knew!

