



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. This week, I would like to update you on the following:

Value of the week

This week the value we have been focusing on is **responsibility**. During Collective Worship this afternoon, staff shared with such pride examples of how children have shown responsibility in school this week. As always, we would like to wish the children named below a big well done for all their effort!

Nursery	Julia Saraiva and Mariya Asif
Reception Apple	Elena Sayed
Reception Peach	Liam Wilson
Beech	Tasnim Akter
Maple	Mary-Jane Pipan
Birch	Jara Baliqi and Nusrat Islam
Ash	Jemimah Sallman
Lemon	Yahya Ali
Oak	Zeeshan Rahman and Olivia Gusman-Lewis
Aspen	Edel Alsharifi
Spruce	Aryan Abu Bakkar and Amira Islam
Palm	Alisha Rahman
Cherry	Samyath Sathish
Willow	Ismail, Ava, Aaliyah, and Tom
Cypress	Chao Ma

RE Day

Yesterday we celebrated RE Day at St. Luke's. As you know, our RE teaching—of all faiths—is of huge importance, and something that staff and children value dearly. The theme for the day was “we have more in common with each other than that which divides us.” This is a really important and relevant theme for the children to explore, intrinsically linked to our school values, and as I walked around the school I could see so many children engaging in thoughtful conversations and activities linked to this. Certainly, it appears that children also really enjoyed themselves and were talking about the day very excitedly when I was on the play-ground at lunchtime too. I would like to extend my thanks to Ms. Lukwesa, our RE subject leader, for organising the day across the school.



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Social media

As I am sure you are aware, the use of social media is becoming increasingly ubiquitous. We understand that some children, particularly in Upper Key Stage 2, will have smartphones. In school, we do a lot of work with the children on the subject of online safety and how they can keep themselves safe when using social media, and the internet more generally. We have been hearing of numerous reports of children discussing their Tik Tok and Instagram accounts. This is a reminder, please, that there is a minimum age restriction of 13 for children to open up their own account. We understand that this is a potentially complex and challenging issue for parents and children. There are some very useful resources for parents available online. The link below to the NSPCC website comes recommended by the government and Department for Education.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Supervision of children

This is a polite reminder please that once children have been collected at the end of the day, they should be supervised if still on the school site. Please ensure that children are not playing in the forest area or climbing on equipment once they have been collected. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent consultations

Once again, this is a reminder that there will be the final set of parent consultations later this term. These will continue to take place via Zoom, or by telephone call if preferred. Below are the dates for each class. Appointments are 10 minutes long, and can be made between 9:30 and 5pm. Bookings can be made by calling the school office. Please let the office staff know if you would prefer a telephone call over a Zoom call, as we will otherwise assume that you are meeting via Zoom. Nursery parents can book in for either date, regardless of whether their child attends in the morning or afternoon.

Date	Class teacher
Wednesday 30 th June	Ms. Williams (Cypress)
	Ms. Tough (Lemon)
Thursday 1 st July	Mr. Griffiths (Aspen)
Friday 2 nd July	Mr. Akinyemi (Spruce)
	Mr. Stein (Beech)
	Ms. Budden (Cherry)
Monday 5 th July	Ms. Dewan (Palm)
Tuesday 6 th July	Ms. Bingham (Oak)
Wednesday 7 th July	Ms. Naidoo (Birch)
	Ms. Lukwesa (Willow)
Thursday 8 th July	Ms. Butt (Maple)
	Ms. Bell (Ash)
Friday 9 th July	Harvey (Nursery)
Monday 12 th July	Georgia (Peach)
Tuesday 13 th July	Chloe (Apple)
Friday 16 th July	Harvey (Nursery)



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Swimming pool

Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 will probably be aware that we are having issues with the boiler system in the school swimming pool at the moment. We had hoped that the problem could have been fixed by replacing a faulty part. However, regretfully, when the engineers came to work on the issue, it became apparent that the faults are much more complex to fix than was initially anticipated. Therefore, I am very sorry to say that it is likely that the swimming pool will be out of use until the end of term. Extensive work will take place over the summer holidays in the hope that the systems can be fixed to allow for a reopening in September, as we recognise how important swimming lessons are for the children, particularly after so long without being able to have lessons because of the pandemic.

Free legal advice project

We are very fortunate to be working alongside a solicitor and a paralegal, who are able to offer free legal advice to families. This project has been running in other schools across the borough, with great success.

Shamsun is the lead on this project; she is a Welfare Benefits Caseworker and a Project Developer at the Legal Advice Centre in Bethnal Green.

University House Legal Advice Centre is one of the oldest legal advice agencies in London. We provide free specialist advice at family law clinics and in community settings, supporting vulnerable families at risk of severe financial hardship and domestic abuse.

We provide face to face advice and support with the following:

- Welfare benefits including benefit appeals, debt, housing, and employment.
- Assist with preventing homelessness.
- Domestic abuse issues including applying for non-molestation orders, occupation orders, divorce, and separation issues.

Should you wish to book an appointment, please contact/see Christine Collins (christine.collins@st-lukes.towerhamlets.sch.uk). There is also a flyer attached with further information.

Local Area Inspection

It has been announced that Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will be carry out a joint inspection from 28 June to 02 July 2021 of the Tower Hamlets SEND department. This means that an Inspection Team will be meeting with a wide range of people and representatives during this time so that they can gather information to evaluate the work of the local area. As part of this inspection, some schools will receive a visit from Ofsted and the CQC. St. Luke's has not been selected for a visit during this inspection. However, schools are requested to share a letter to all parents providing details of the inspection. Please find the letters attached to this newsletter.

Secondary transition support

Please find attached information about secondary transfer information sessions for year 5 parents/carers, run by Tower Hamlets. These are the last open sessions this term. Sessions will take place on:

- Monday 28th June – 1 pm
- Wednesday 30th June – 10 am

More sessions will take place from September. Parents/carers can book a place through **Eventbrite**.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Cristina King—Head of School



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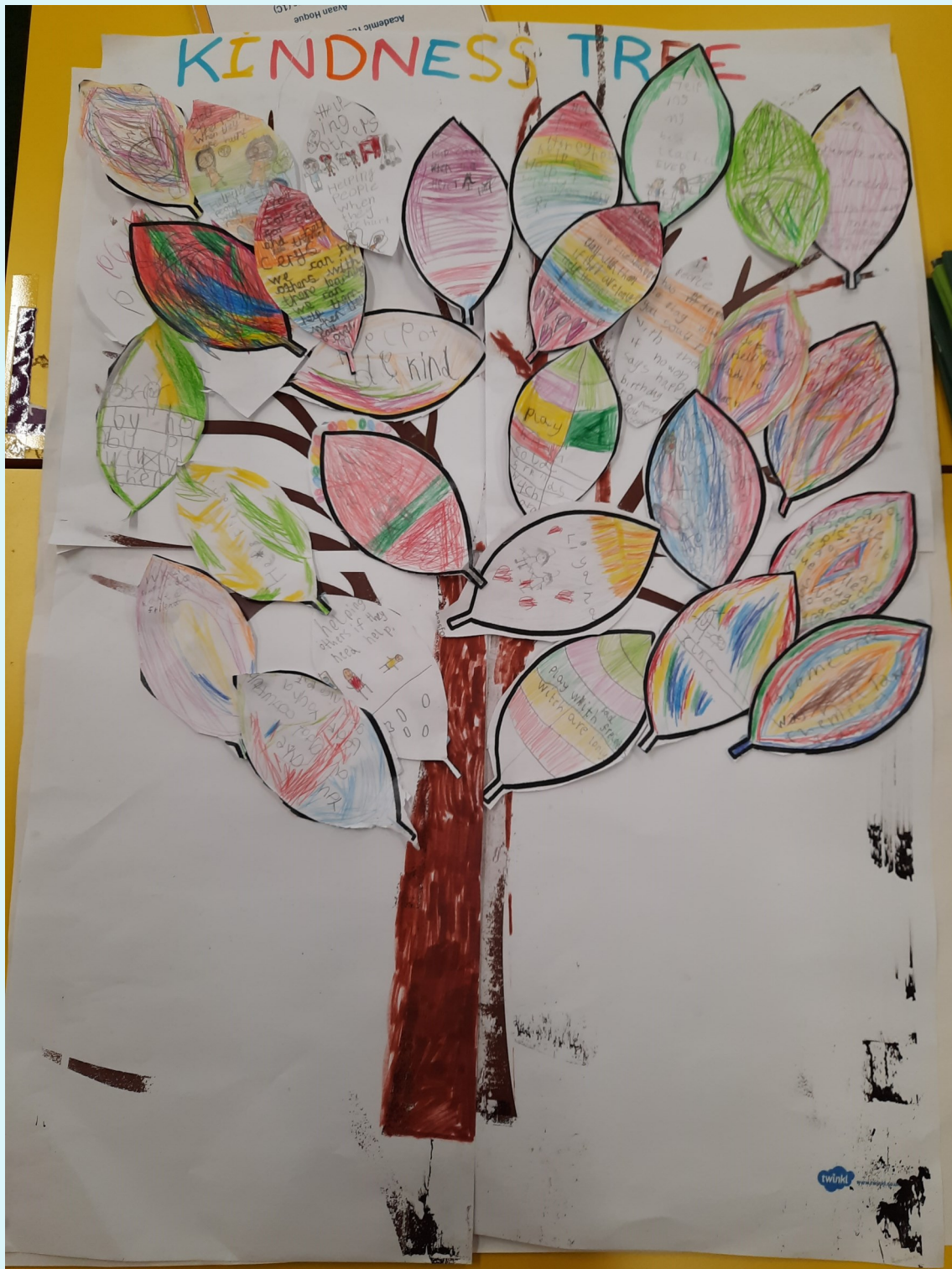
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Children in Reception have been focusing on their writing skills this week. Here are two star pupils proudly showing their postcard!



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In Year 1, we celebrated World Faith Day by exploring the different ways we could care for others. We created a kindness tree to show all the ways we could show kindness.





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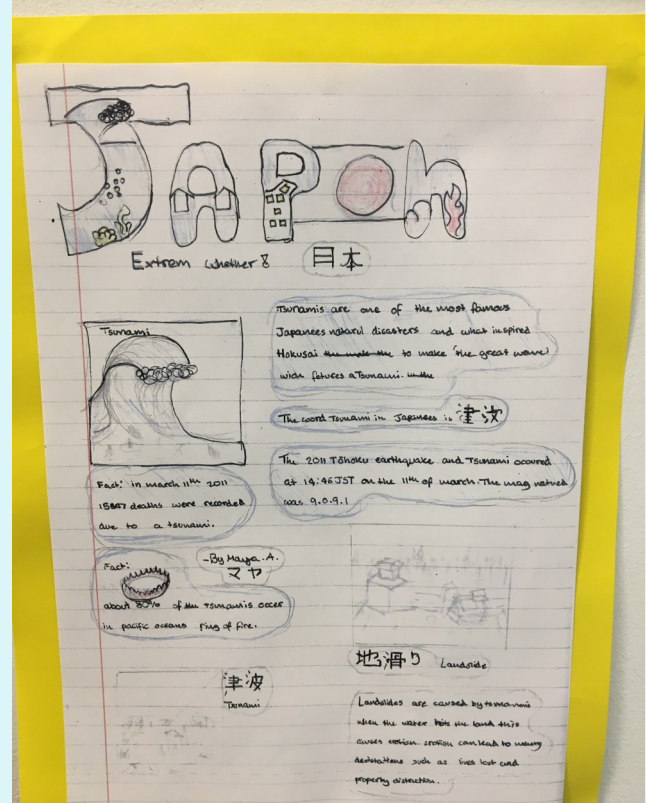
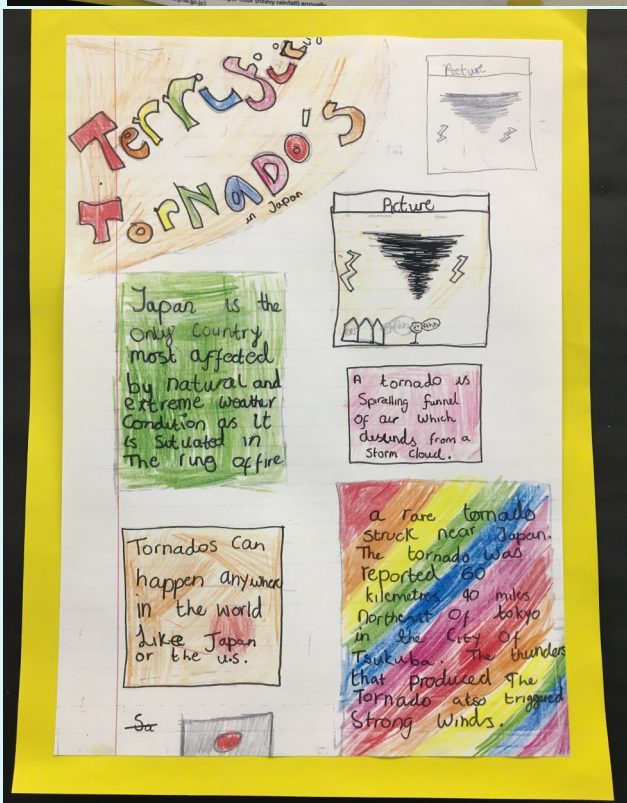
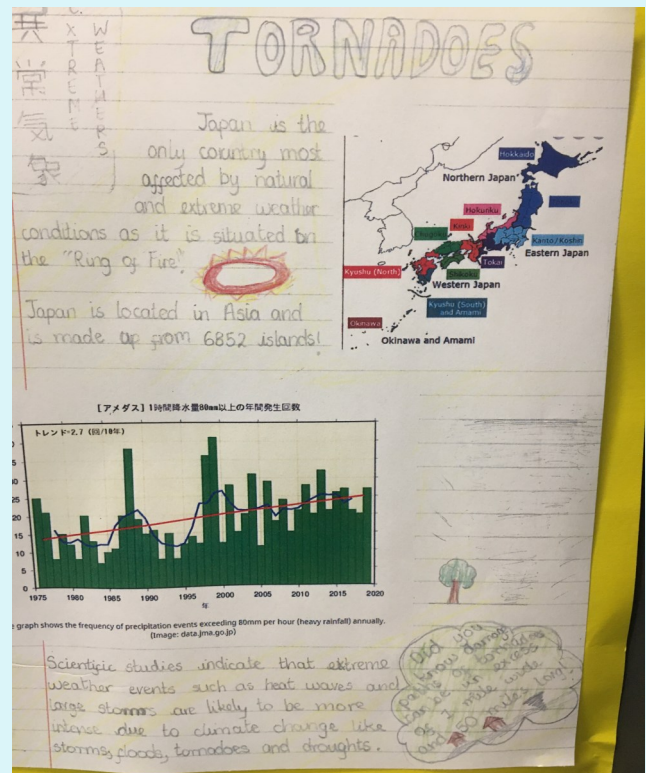
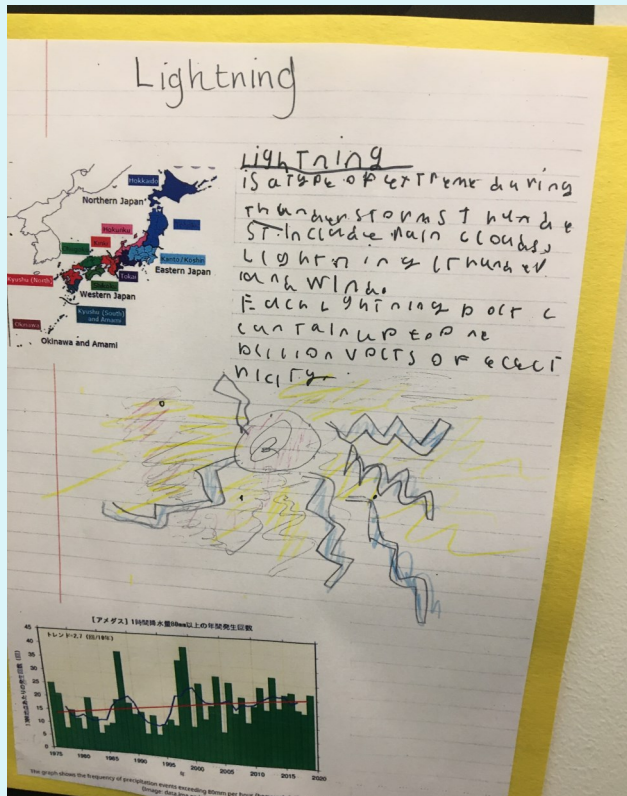
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Birch Class had a wonderful RE Day on Thursday celebrating Eid! We dressed up in our best clothes, we sang songs, we ate yummy pakoras and made our own delicious rainbow fruit skewers. We ended the day with a Zoom call with another school called Reculver Primary who were also celebrating RE day. It was exciting to share our learning with them.



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In Palm class, the children have been working very hard on their Geography unit of work. Here are examples of work by Evie, Maddie, Persia, Maya, Rowan, Yakub and Anika



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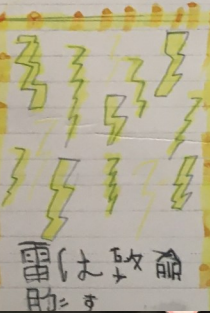
LOOMING Lightning

Did you know that Japan has been the most affected by the natural disaster that happen frequently for years.



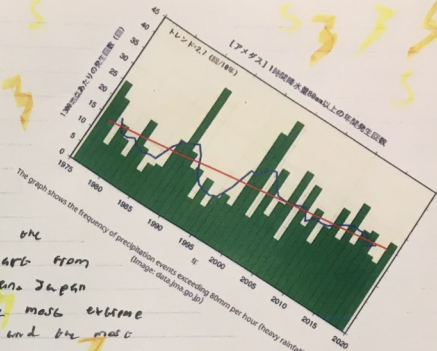
Lightning was strikes for kids so when they are under storm never hide under a tree because you will be struck by lightning. Lightning like no strike for metal so don't take shelter near metal because you will be struck.

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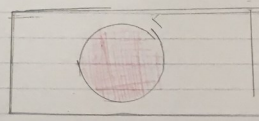


Lightning is caused by water and ice rubbing together. It vibrates and causes static electricity also called as possible energy. Did you know the lightning strike quicker than the sound. Lightning strikes for things that speed up things such as houses, trees even people. People 24,000 people have been killed.

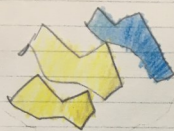
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This is the rain chart from in Japan. Japan had the most extreme weather and the most natural disaster effects between floods and tornadoes. The lightning strikes so come very quickly and that doesn't give you time to react.



THE LIGHTNING



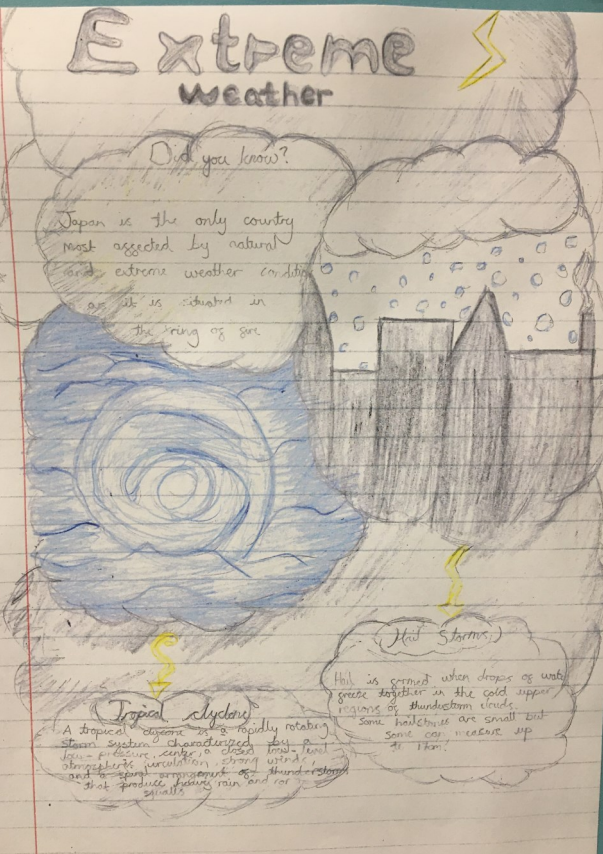
Fact: A lightning is a thunder which destroys electricity like no lights, no phones on and no TV.

Introduction: In Japan, the weather in Japan is a little bit of rain. In 1975, the rain in Japan was 25 meters of rain than in 1980 it rained 20 meters. In 1985 the temperature of the rain was 10 meters and in the early 1990s the temperature of the rain was 15 meters. In 1995 the temperature of the rain was 12 meters and in 2000 the temperature of the rain is 13 meters. In 2005 the temperature of the rain is 14 meters, then in 2010 the temperature of the rain is 24 meters. In 2015 the temperature of the rain is 26 meters and in 2020 the temperature of the rain is 0 meters.

Extreme Weather

Did you know?

Japan is the only country most affected by natural and extreme weather conditions as it is situated in the ring of fire.



Tropical Cyclone
A tropical cyclone is a rapidly rotating storm system characterized by a low-pressure center, strong winds, and a spiral arrangement of thunderstorms that produce heavy rain and hail.

(Hail Storms)

Hail is formed when drops of water freeze together in the cold upper regions of thunderstorm clouds. Some hailstones are small but some can measure up to 1cm.



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This beautiful art work is by Christy in Cherry class. We are learning about Japan so the children were asked to create some art work for display and this is just stunning.

