



## Newsletter

### Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 11/10	W/B 18/10
Mango (Nur)	85%	79%
Apple (Rec A)	80%	80%
Peach (Rec G)	84%	90%
Beech (1S)	92%	82%
Maple (1R)	90%	93%
Ash (2R)	97%	95%
Birch (2N)	94%	94%
Lemon (3C)	91%	97%
Oak (3B)	99%	92%
Aspen (4D)	94%	91%
Spruce (4A)	85%	93%
Cherry (5B)	99%	98%
Palm (5G)	98%	98%
Cypress (6W)	92%	92%
Willow (6L)	91%	86%

### Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Sydney Hodges
Apple (Rec A)	Levi Branco
Peach (Rec G)	Queenie Collins
Beech (1S)	Hadassa Manuel
Maple (1R)	Kendrick Cochrane
Ash (2R)	Alyssa Kamal
Birch (2N)	Bertie Sleaf
Lemon (3C)	Nzinga Da Silva
Oak (3B)	Ellenora Horn
Aspen (4D)	Jesse and Maize
Spruce (4A)	Roman Jones
Cherry(5B)	Tanisha Anjum
Palm (5G)	Ryhan Ahmed
Willow(6L)	Evie Harvard
Cypress (6W)	Zakariya Hasanath -Taher

Dear parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. It feels quite unbelievable that we are already at the end of our first half term! It has felt like a really successful return to school, following the disruption of the last two years. Day in, day out, the children have been exemplary in their attitude towards school and their learning; our school values repeatedly shine through in everything they do. We also hope to be able to share our Ofsted report with you soon after half term.

#### Value of the week

This week we have been focusing on the value of **enthusiasm**. Staff proudly shared how children had shown this value this week, and set such a good example to others. A big well done to all those children named this week!

#### Testing over half term

With cases over Coronavirus continuing to rise across the country, families are being strongly encouraged to continue to test twice a week using lateral flow tests. These are free and easy to access. Please see the link below to order test kits. Lateral flow tests are to be used in asymptomatic cases. If you have any symptoms of Coronavirus, then you must then get a PCR test, rather than use a lateral flow test.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

#### Suitable watching

Last week, I wrote to you about staff having reported a number of children, across a range of year groups, talking about TV programmes and films that they have been watching that are not suitable for children of a primary age. We are still hearing of children discussing content that they have seen that is not appropriate for their age, particularly in reference to the Netflix drama, Squid Game.

These programmes often contain explicit scenes, often involving violence or inappropriate sexual references for children of a primary age. With so many options available, along with ease of access with many devices, we appreciate that it is often difficult to keep track of what may or may not be suitable. As a reminder, the link below provides a quick and easy reference for parents to thousands of films and TV programmes, noting their age suitability and any key themes of the show.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/tv-reviews>

#### Half term sports activities

We have been informed of the following activities available for children in Tower Hamlets during the half term holiday.

Funded by the Canary Wharf Group & the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, we are pleased to announce TRY ATHLETICS a fun filled week long athletics programme. Learn and improve on all the disciplines of athletics: Sprints & Endurance running, Throws and Jumps. Competition day on Friday. VENUE: Mile End Park Leisure Centre, 190 Burdett Rd E3 4HL

To register interest for your child, please do so by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ndZZvL9tkH>

#### Key dates coming up:

- Sunday 31st October, deadline for submitting secondary transfer forms.
- Monday 1st November, School reopens after half term at the normal time.
- Tuesday 9th November, Flu Vaccination Team in to administer Nasal Spray

# ENTHUSIASM



## Fireworks night at St. Luke's on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Please see the attached posters for details of the firework disco being held at school on Friday 5th November. This is being organised and run by the PTA. For those of you who attended in 2019, you will remember what a wonderful evening it was, and how spectacular the fireworks were!

The timings are:

3:45-5:00 Early Years and Key Stage 1 disco

5:00-5:15 firework display for everyone

5:15-6:30 Key Stage 2 children disco

All children **must** be supervised by one parent for the disco and the fireworks.

Please do not bring any fireworks or sparklers onto school grounds. Only fireworks purchased by the PTA are permitted under the terms of our insurance.

The disco and fireworks are free to attend. We will be shaking our fundraising buckets on the night should you wish to make a donation!

We will also be selling a range of food, drinks & merchandise - details attached.

Your child can wear their own clothes to school on the day in exchange for a £1 donation to help contribute towards the costs of running the event.

The PTA would welcome any support from parents to run the event and welcome any donations for the tombola (which can be left in the boxes by Reception and the back gate).

Any money raised will go towards funding new climbing equipment for PE lesson.

As always, you can get in touch with us via [stlukespta@hotmail.com](mailto:stlukespta@hotmail.com)

Finally, I have attached some incredible work by one of our year 5 pupils, Kaisha Darquarh. It is a leaflet all about Black History Month and other news events. A big well done to you Kaisha for producing such excellent work!

Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing half term. As a reminder, all children are back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

With best wishes,

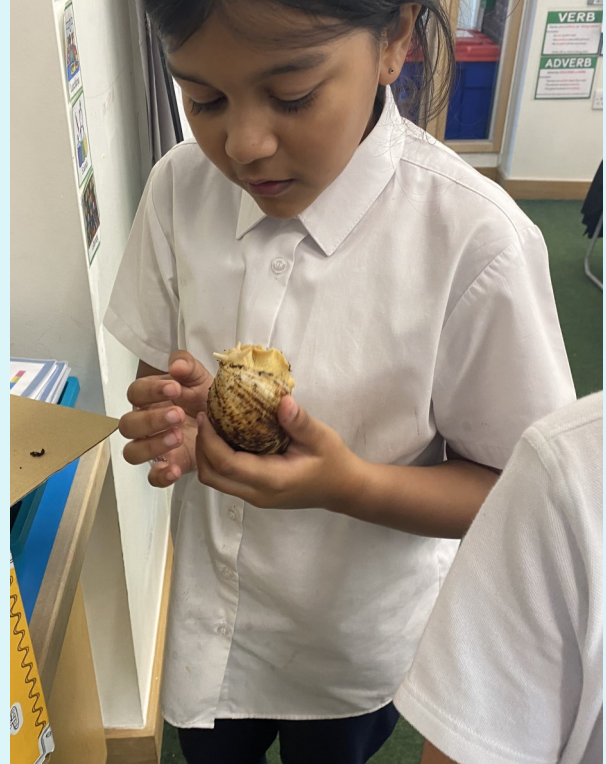
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Head of School



## Class catch-up

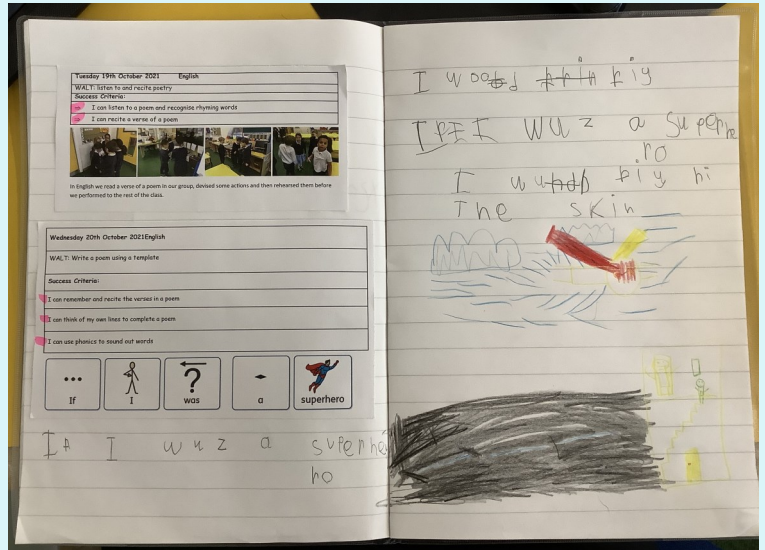
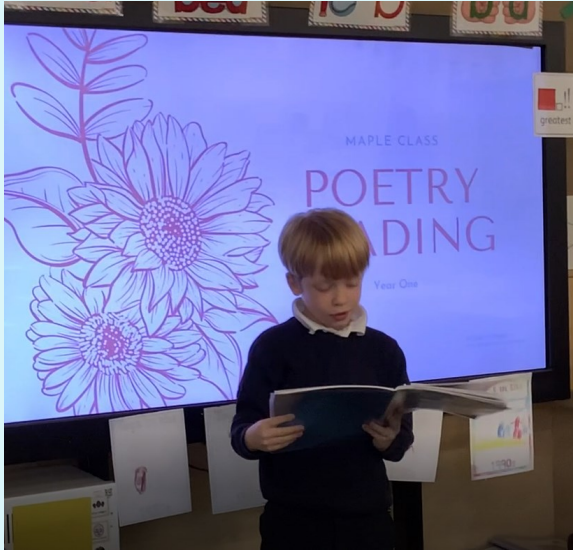
Here are some of our year 5 children learning about Giant Snails as part of their Living Things unit in Science.





## Class catch-up

Year 1 taking part in poetry day



Year 3 during their recorder lesson on Thursday.





## Class catch-up

Year 5 have been writing a suspense piece based on Macbeth. These piece's have been written by Cyrus, Emile and Beatrice.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October (2 lessons)

WALT: I can plan and write my own piece of suspense text

	Pupil	Teacher
I can use my checklist to include features of suspense in my writing		
I can complete my plan using quotations from the text		
I can create a suspenseful tale.		

The bloodshot dagger appeared before him, "This dagger awaits me," whispered Macbeth. The deadly dagger, which was oozing with blood, <sup>shone in the moon sky</sup> "Is this a dagger I see before me?" Macbeth, who was awfully anxious, screamed in terror! He felt the coldness and the power of the dagger, "It is time..." mumbled Macbeth.

Finally Finally, he reached the room. It was deserted. Someone had <sup>given</sup> Lady Macbeth the wrong information. He searched every room for hours. <sup>short sentences</sup> He was mad, shouting. He ran and ran until he reached the sound. He muttered "I am King of Scotland. I am king of Scotland..." As he pushed open the door, it creaked - Did he dare... <sup>ellipses</sup>

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The glowing, gold dagger glowed in the cold night air. <sup>forward</sup> Macbeth walked <sup>stopped</sup> silently towards it. He thought for a moment. "Should I do this?" Macbeth <sup>tried</sup> already feel the crown on his head. He stepped forward to the sword. Macbeth tried to grab it but his hand went through it. He thought it was his imagination.