



Newsletter

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 08/11	W/B 15/11
Mango (Nur)	92%	83%
Apple (Rec A)	89%	86%
Peach (Rec C)	93%	97%
Beech (1S)	96%	97%
Maple (1R)	91%	92%
Ash (2R)	95%	96%
Birch (2N)	98%	98%
Lemon (3C)	96%	95%
Oak (3B)	95%	97%
Aspen (4D)	92%	95%
Spruce (4A)	96%	93%
Cherry (5B)	99%	97%
Palm (5G)	89%	95%
Cypress (6W)	90%	97%
Willow (6L)	95%	95%

Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Noah Cimpoesu
Apple (Rec A)	Xaia Fevrier
Peach (Rec C)	Valerie Osorio Gutierrez
Beech (1S)	Amiliyah Malone
Maple (1R)	Florence Horn
Ash (2R)	Leanne Peacock
Birch (2N)	Freya Hunte
Lemon (3C)	Ayan Curelea
Oak (3B)	Daniel Keshani
Aspen (4D)	Sofia Viola
Spruce (4A)	Aleena Shah
Cherry(5B)	Beatrice Watts
Palm (5G)	Amir Hussain
Cypress (6W)	Mikel Warner
Willow(6L)	Yakub Alom

Dear parents and carers,

This week I would like to update you on the following:

Value of the week

This week our value has been **honesty**. Staff have shared how children have demonstrated this very important quality with such pride in collective worship this afternoon. All the children nominated deserve such praise for the way that they have been honest this week. A big well done to all those children named!

Ofsted report

Last week, I shared the school's recent Ofsted report with you. We hope that you have enjoyed reading the report. I have attached it again for any parents who may have missed it last week.

If you do have any questions about the report, please contact myself or Rebecca.

PE kit

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the expectations regarding children's PE kit uniform. Children should wear navy leggings or jogging bottoms, or shorts in the summer, with a plain white t-shirt. They can also wear a plain navy jumper if they are doing outdoor PE lessons in colder months. Tracksuits and t-shirts of different colours, particularly bright ones, or with big slogans on are not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Isle of Dogs Pupil Parliament

On Thursday we hosted children from eight Isle of Dogs schools to discuss the key local issues.

After a welcome from local councillor, Mufeedah Bustin, the children had the opportunity to 'vote with their feet' and there was an overwhelming and unanimous agreement from the children that children should have a bigger voice in their local area.

The issue that most concerned the children was crime and in particular, knife crime.

They will now work together to develop some collective action around resolving conflict in their schools and we look forward to meeting as a parliament again on Wednesday 14th March to see what progress has been made.

Parent Calendar

You will find the parent calendar for this academic year attached to this newsletter. This is the same version that was shared with you earlier this year, however it has been brought to my attention that an incorrect version has been up on the website. I apologise for any confusion this may have caused. The correct version will be up on the school website by the end of the day.

Key dates coming up:

- Thursday 25th Nov 3.00pm, Year 5 Palm Class Assembly, Palm class parents welcome to attend.
- Friday 26th November, non-uniform day raising money for the Children's Society
- Friday 10th Dec, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



Reminder of Christmas activities

The below is a reminder of all the Christmas activities coming up for children and for parents.

All parents will be able to come in to watch their child in their nativity. Nursery will have their own Christmas performance, and Reception will have their own nativity. For the other children, we will have a nativity performance with years 1 to 3, and a separate performance with the children from years 4 to 6.

For the years 1 to 3 and years 4 to 6 performances, the nativity will be performed twice by all the children. This is to avoid overcrowding in the hall. You will see in the table below which performance you are able to attend, but please be assured that both nativities will be exactly the same.

In order to ensure that the audience does not become too crowded, and so that all parents get to see their child properly and clearly, please only attend the performances designated for your child's class. We kindly ask that no more than two members from each household attend to watch the nativity.

Below are the times and dates for each performance:

Performance	Date and time	Audience	Location
Nursery Christmas performance (morning children)	Wednesday 8 th December, at 11am	Parents of children who attend Nursery in the morning	Early Years
Nursery Christmas performance (afternoon children)	Wednesday 8 th December, at 2pm	Parents of children who attend Nursery in the afternoon	Early Years
Years 4-6 nativity	Monday 13 th December, at 2pm	Parents of children in Aspen, Palm and Willow classes	School hall
Years 4-6 nativity	Tuesday 14 th December, at 2pm	Parents of children in Spruce, Cherry and Cypress classes	School hall
Years 1-3 nativity	Wednesday 15 th December, at 10am	Parents of children in Maple, Birch and Lemon classes	School hall
Years 1-3 nativity	Wednesday 15 th December, at 2pm	Parents of children in Beech, Ash and Oak classes	School hall
Reception nativity	Thursday 16 th December, at 2pm	Parents of both Reception classes	School hall

In addition to this, we will also be taking part in the National Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 10th December**, and will also be raising money for the Children's Society through a Christingle on **Friday 26th November**. The Christmas lunch for the children will also be on **Friday 10th December**.

We are supporting the Children's Society this Christingle. To try to hit our fundraising target of £300, we will hold a non-uniform day on Friday 26th November. Children should wear their brightest clothes as we look to shine amongst the darkness. As usual, a voluntary donation of £1 on the non-uniform day would be greatly appreciated and the children should give this to their class teacher.



We have also set up a Justgiving page if you are able to offer any further support to the Children's Society:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/St-Lukes-Christingle>

Thank you for your generosity!

Finally, we will be finishing this term on Friday 17th December. Because we no longer have staggered start and finish times, school will end at 2pm on this date, when all children will need to be collected. There will be no Energy Kidz on this date. The last Energy Kidz session will be on Thursday 16th December.

Reminder of Keeping Children Safe Online session

The Tower Hamlets Parent Engagement Team are delivering a free session to support parents with all aspects of internet safety. I have attached a leaflet with further information. The session is for parents of St. Luke's and takes place via Zoom on Friday 3rd December, between 1 and 2pm. Please find the Zoom details below.

KCSO - Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89182908888?pwd=ekNaMGZWd1c0ZmhxQmMxY3pOckxNQ09>

Meeting ID: 891 8290 8888

Passcode: 1pLZ6i

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School

Class catch-up

On Tuesday 9th Nov. 2021 a group of 35 children from St. Luke's took part in Tower Hamlets Cross Country Competition. The spirits were high. All the boys and girls proudly represented our school and supported each other beautifully.

Congratulations to Jara in Year 3 for completing the Year 3 girls race in 3rd place and Martin in Year 5 for winning the year 5 boys race!

St. Luke's School finished the competition in 5th place out of 15 schools. A result to be proud of.

A massive thank you to all parents who were able to support the children during the event.

Days like this fill me with pride and joy of being part of St. Luke's family.

Anna Adamczyk.



Written piece by Maya Yr 6:

On Tuesday together with 34 other children I went to the cross country running competition. It was an amazing experience as I got to be there with my friends and we supported each other. A mixture of excitement and impatience filled the air.

Being a girl in year 6 I had to watch every other race and wait tensely for my turn to race at the very end of the day. Going on the starting line my heart almost drifted up to my stomach but I had no idea what I was about to run.

I had never ran 1km without a break before so I didn't really know what to expect running a 1.5km race without stopping against 70-80 other girls all my age.

When I ran the first 100m I thought I would come last when seeing the crowd of girls in front of me. By the time I had run around half the course it was hard for me to keep my pace, breathing and very soon I saw a girl laying on the ground this made my mind flutter.

It's simply impossible to explain how I felt by the finish, all I thought of doing was taking my number and laying on the grass by my bag and that was exactly what I did.

Against 70 other girls I came 31st place but St Luke's primary school won two medals- Jara from year 3 and Martin from year 5. In overall results St. Luke's finished 5th out of 15 schools.

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This week year 6 were given the opportunity to participate in the Junior Citizenship Scheme. They were able to focus on developing independence and good decision-making skills. They really enjoyed learning about first aid, bus and rail safety, fire safety, crime, vandalism, anti-social behaviour and internet safety.



Class catch-up

In Year 5, Cherry class, George has written a poem based on a Christmas Carol.

Once upon a Christmas Night
Scrooge was in his bed when something gave him a fright.

He peered over the covers and saw a ^{green} light
The figure was very blinding and bright.

The figure said she was the ghost of Christmas past
Scrooge hoped this visit ~~was the last~~ ^{would be the} last.

Scrooge was greedily counting his cash
Meanwhile, the poor were searching through the trash.

Scrooge was cold at heart
Also at Christmas he never took part.

Scrooge was sullen and bitter
On the streets he would always litter.



Scrooge ~~was~~ saw a figure as tall as a tower
All this time, he thought he had the power.

She showed him his past
Scrooge was shocked and he gasted.

Scrooge started to cry
While the glorious Christmas went by.

Excellent rhyming couplets 😊
You've worked hard
on your editing -
well done.

Class catch-up

This week in Year One we have been systematically exploring number bonds, building up our fine and gross motor skills, and writing our own unique picture books!

