



Newsletter

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 22/11	W/B 29/11
Mango (Nur)	84%	89%
Apple (Rec A)	85%	96%
Peach (Rec C)	88%	97%
Beech (1S)	89%	91%
Maple (1R)	93%	90%
Ash (2R)	89%	95%
Birch (2N)	94%	97%
Lemon (3C)	92%	95%
Oak (3B)	95%	93%
Aspen (4D)	86%	90%
Spruce (4A)	98%	94%
Cherry (5B)	98%	96%
Palm (5G)	96%	94%
Cypress (6W)	93%	79%
Willow (6L)	93%	95%

Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Jude James-Semaine
Apple (Rec A)	Alexandra Simmonds
Peach (Rec C)	Damian Czaplicki
Beech (1S)	Saara Sardar
Maple (1R)	Arya Palmer De Wit
Ash (2R)	Mariana Herrera Lopez
Birch (2N)	Thomas Wilson
Lemon (3C)	Elise Won
Oak (3B)	Nusrat Islam
Aspen (4D)	Violet Hill
Spruce (4A)	Saydee Clynes
Cherry (5B)	Arthur Cappi
Palm (5G)	Rocia Chee
Cypress (6W)	Lilan Ayekpa Bally
Willow (6L)	Stanley Porter

Dear parents and carers,

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

Coronavirus

You will no doubt be aware of the concern around the new Omicron variant and the rise in cases across the UK. This has led to the government implementing some stricter regulations, such as bringing back mandatory mask wearing in certain indoor settings. So far, the guidance for primary schools remains unchanged.

We do however maintain the health and safety of our school community as our top priority. As such, any visitors, including parent and carers, will be required to wear a face covering if coming into the school building. This will include when coming in to watch the children's nativity performances. Thank you for your cooperation with this. You will also see below that the PTA have amended the plans for the Christmas Fayre on the 9th December.

If your child does develop symptoms of Coronavirus, please keep them off school and arrange a PCR test for them as soon as possible, and please inform the school if they test positive. Children and fully vaccinated adults no longer need to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case, but it is advised that they get a PCR test in this circumstance. Parents will be notified, by email, if there has been a positive case in their child's year group.

I also wanted to clarify the DfE requirements for providing children with work when they are off school:

- If a child is off school for any reason unrelated to Covid, then schools are not required to provide them with work.
- If a child is off school because they have symptoms of Covid, and they are isolating while they wait for a test result, then the school will provide them with work until the Covid test result is received.
- Once a test result is received, schools are no longer required to provide work. This is because if a child tests positive, they are then classified as being unwell and would not be expected to do work while off school unwell. If the test is negative, the expectation is that they would return to school. If, despite testing negative, they remain unwell then work would not be provided as the child is off school because of illness.

Christmas Fayre – update from the PTA

After consultation with the school, we have made the decision to cancel the planned Christmas Fayre next week. We've done this in light of the new COVID variant and in order to make sure everyone stays safe in the run up to Christmas. Instead we will be hosting an outdoor bake sale, tombola and games stall on Thursday 9th December after school at the front and back gate. PLEASE support us by donating backed goods we can sell (these can be home made or shop bought) and leave them at Reception. Bags of cookies, doughnuts, cupcakes etc. would all be gratefully received. We have also sent home raffle tickets with the children, and can now confirm more prizes, including: £100 Amazon Voucher, £50 M&S voucher, family ticket to the London Lions, theatre tickets, ice skating tickets, M&S Hamper and more! Please see the attached poster for details. The raffle will still be drawn on the 9th December. All money raised will go to buying a new stage for the main school hall.

Key dates coming up:

- Wednesday 8th Dec- Nursery AM performance, at 11am, in the Early Years Unit, for all Nursery parents
- Wednesday 8th Dec, Nursery PM performance, at 2pm, in the Early Years Unit, for all Nursery parents



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Value of the week

This week we have been focusing on the value of **fairness**. As always, it was a pleasure to hear of all the different ways that children demonstrated this value this week. A big well done to the children named!

Visit from the Mayor of Tower Hamlets

Yesterday the Mayor of Tower Hamlets, John Biggs, visited St. Luke's and met with some children. He was here to see the impact of the School Streets project, where Glenworth Avenue was pedestrianised, and a new Zebra crossing was created. The children he met spoke enthusiastically about how much they enjoyed cycling to school, and how much safer it felt to cycle with the Zebra crossing and without the cars on Glenworth Avenue. Anna, our PE leader, also met with John Biggs and shared how children in older years are taught to cycle in school, following the Bikeability programme. You can see photos from the visit below.

Christmas events

You will be aware of the Christmas events we have coming up in school from previous newsletters. Next Friday 10th December, is National Christmas Jumper Day. This is in aid of Save The Children, so we are asking children to bring in a minimum donation of £1. Please hand this over to class teachers. Children will also have their Christmas lunch on this day.

We would also like children in years 1-6 to wear their Christmas jumpers for their nativity performances, if they do not have a part that requires a different costume. You will be aware if your child requires a separate costume. Please send your child into school with their normal school uniform on, on the day of their performance, and ask them to bring in their Christmas jumper to change into. The rest of their clothing will be required to be their usual uniform, so please do not send children in with a change of shoes, or trousers or skirt.

Entry and exit points

Please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up at the gate allocated for their year group. We have a 15-minute window at the beginning and end of the day to allow for parents to drop off and collect children from different gates. We have these staggered points in place to reduce congestion across the school, and staff will only dismiss children from their class' allocated point so they can ensure that all children are safely handed over to a parent or carer.

Medication in school

This is a reminder that if a child needs to have medication in school, a form must be completed and handed to the school office. We are not able to give children any medication in school without this. Louise Emms is our first aid lead. Please see the school office if you wish to speak to her with any questions or concerns that you may have with regards to this.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School

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Here are some of the photos taken from the visit by the Mayor, John Biggs:

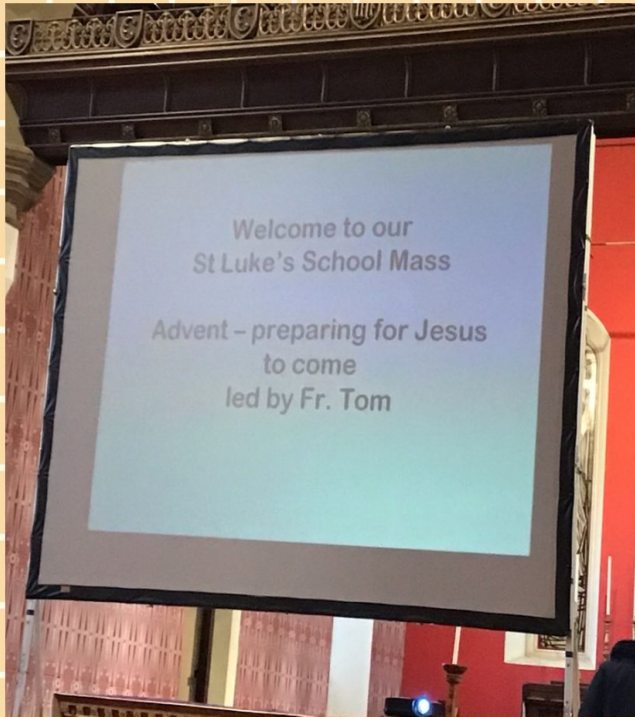


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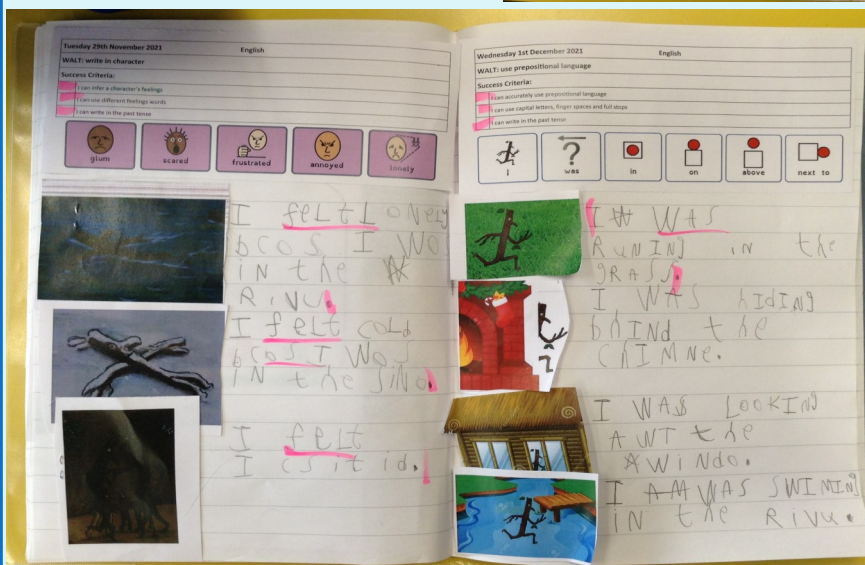
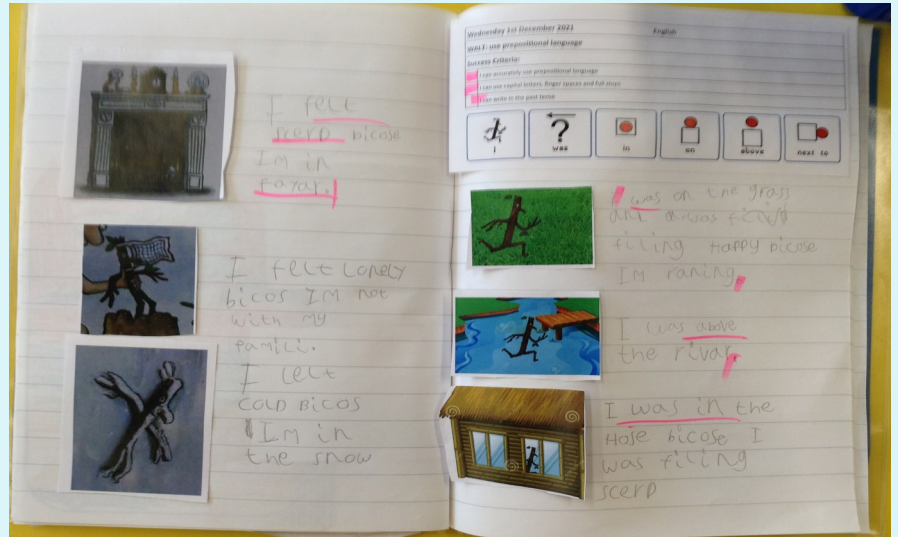
Class catch-up

Year 1—6 went to Church for Advent Mass on Monday, which was led by Father Tom. We learnt all about the significance of Advent in the Christian calendar, and Father Tom lit the first of four candles as part of the count-down to Christmas.



Class catch-up

In Maple class this week, the 1st of December marked the day we could start getting excited for Christmas! After a wonderful advent service in church on Monday, we learned more about the nativity story in RE. We made traditional pomanders, which were tricky fine motor development too, and used sponges and paint for Christmas-themed artworks. Everyone has worked hard on being fair all week, sharing, including, and taking turns whilst making pretend Christmas "biscuits" with playdough! And just look at all the writing we've done in English!



Class catch-up

In Oak Class this week we've been learning about muscles in our science lesson. We created a model of an arm using paper, split pins and elastic bands. We learned that the muscles in your arms work in pairs. As you lift your arm, the biceps on the top of your upper arm bone contracts, while the triceps relaxes. When you lower your arm and straighten it out, the opposite happens. We loved feeling our muscles do this!



Class catch-up

In year 5, Shoya wrote a suspense scene from A Christmas Carol.

Metaphor / *g.s.*

CLANK! CLANK! Heavy chains were dragged across the concrete hard floor! W-Who are you? Suddenly, the clanking noise faded away... Scrooge's bulky, eyes bulging eyes darted. The door knob started to turn! Something in that room was trying to bulge out! Left and right, the old, rusty door knob started to turn relentlessly. Scrooge was in shock and horror. "Who is there?" Scrooge ~~grozed~~ ^{groze} What is it? He groze *short sentences* in year. The silence was tremendous. The old, boney Scrooge moved his hand gently... *tremendous* *ellipses*

Super Work

Lots of features of suspense - well done.



Class catch-up

Tower Hamlets Girls Football Tournament (Tuesday):

Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament—we came 4th out of 25 teams. Our games were amazingly fair and the team members demonstrated great sportsmanship. Ellie, Ami and Anna helped us complete our journey getting close to the top 3 teams. All of the players were nervous about playing against different schools. All the techniques were shockingly good. We had won the rightful 4th place and we did it with a smile. Thank you to the girls on the football team for representing St. Luke's so well. By A'Niyah Yr 6

