



Newsletter

13th January 2023

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 12/12	W/B 09/01
Mango (Nur)	78%	97%
Apple (Rec M)	72%	88%
Peach (Rec C)	83%	88%
Beech (1G)	77%	98%
Maple (1B)	86%	95%
Ash (2R)	82%	98%
Birch (2W)	78%	95%
Lemon (3S)	72%	95%
Oak (3N)	96%	96%
Aspen (4C)	80%	96%
Spruce (4A)	76%	89%
Cherry (5A)	80%	96%
Palm (5D)	70%	99%
Cypress (6W)	85%	93%
Willow (6L)	87%	97%

Value of the week

Mango (Nur)	Aishah
Apple (Rec M)	Whole class
Peach (Rec C)	Whole class
Beech (1G)	Vaun
Maple (1B)	Whole class
Ash (2R)	Ostap
Birch (2W)	Hero
Lemon (3S)	Whole class
Oak (3N)	Dennis
Aspen (4C)	Whole class
Spruce (4A)	Olivia
Cherry (5A)	Calvin
Palm (5D)	Sadat
Cypress (6W)	Umar
Willow (6L)	Max



Hearts overflowing with truth and love

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are having a good week.

We are bracing ourselves for a return of the very cold weather again next week. Please make sure that the children come to school with a warm coat so that if it is dry, they can still go outside and get some fresh air, safely, during the week.

School vision

We have started the year, wanting to do some work with the children to help them to better understand the school's vision: At St. Luke's, we are standing up for the truth of Christ and love of God' which is captured in the school motto "Hearts overflowing with truth and love".

Father Ed kindly agreed to help us to do this.

To start this work he led a Collective Worship with the children on Tuesday. Once he had the children's full attention by looking at the messages on a packet of Love Heart Sweets, he explained: "We are going to gather all our different expressions of Truth and Love together and have them overflowing from our 'Truth and Love Heart'. But it's up to all of us to do this work together, gathering together our knowledge so that the school's Truth and Love Heart can be truly overflowing."

Then on Wednesday, Father Ed visited each of the classes, who had been working on different stories from the Bible, to discuss the examples of Truth and Love in the Bible that they had found.

Throughout the rest of this week, classes have been writing up examples of Truth and love, and have been adding these to a display.

Next week, Father Ed will again join us for Collective Worship on Tuesday, to celebrate the examples that have been shared and to circle back to the Emmaus disciples' exclamation 'didn't our hearts burn within us...?': i.e., to discuss with the children, how these examples of truth and love will help our own hearts to overflow with truth and love this year. They will consider together, how understanding this vision will help us to live this out in our school and in our lives in the coming year in tangible ways.

When I saw Father Ed on Thursday, he was keen to share with me, how impressed he was with the responses and insight from and of the children in all year groups, even the youngest in Year 1.

If you have a child in Years 1—6, you may wish to invite them to share this work with you over the weekend.

All the discussions that happen at home, really serve to embed the children's ideas and thinking in relation to their work in school.

Trips

We are starting the year, hoping to enable the children to go on trips to enrich their learning in the curriculum.

Already this term, both Year 4 classes have been on a Computing trip to Microsoft. Next week, Year 3 are undertaking a trip to Wagamama's.

To manage trips safely, it helps if parents are able to attend. Please let class teachers know if you think you are available to support trips. Knowing there is support there will be hugely reassuring for staff when they are planning for these trips to happen.

Collecting children

Please note that the procedure for collecting a child at the end of the day is to come on site and make sure that the teacher knows that you have collected your child. Occasionally recently, parents have tried to stay off site and indicate through the fence that they have collected their child. I must ask please, that you don't do that. Our procedures exist for the safety of the children. A loosening of procedure will create risk of something going wrong, and that is a risk that I am sure none of us want to take.

ENTHUSIASM

Dates for next year

We finally received the proposed term dates for the 2023.24 academic year, this week, from Tower Hamlets. I aim to work on these next week, and hope to publish dates for our school, next year, in Friday's newsletter next week. Thank you for your patience. I realise the importance of sharing this information so that you can plan essential travel for the holiday periods.

And then on a final note: all home work for this half term and spellings will be with you today.

Take care and have a lovely weekend, Rebecca Abrahams

Additional links for your information

London Youth Games Team Tower Hamlets Trampolining 2023 - Open Sessions *FREE to Attend*
Competition Date: 26th Feb 2023 Represent your borough at the games! Please click these links for more info [Poster](#) and [flyer](#)

Swim School Holiday Courses at Tiller - Why not keep the kids active this holiday while learning a new life skill with Tiller Swim School Holiday Courses, [please click this link](#) for more info

Energy Kidz - February half term, Energy Kidz are on a mission to make memories that last a lifetime with amazing holiday experiences for children! [Please click this link](#) to see what they will be offering this half term.

Key dates coming up:

Spring term 2023

17	Monday 09 January	Epiphany 06/01 World Religion Day 15/01	Monday 09 January	Epiphany Mass – children will attend church this morning	Years 1 - 6
18	Monday 16 January	Chinese New Year 22/01	Tuesday 17 January at 1:00pm on Zoom	Year 2 SATs Parent meeting	Year 2 parents and carers
			Thursday 19 January 1:00pm on Zoom	Year 6 SATs Parent meeting	Year 6 parents and carers
			Thursday 19 January	Year 5 Cherry Class Assembly	Parents and carers of children in Cherry class
19	Monday 23 January	Holocaust Memorial Day 27/01	Thursday 26 January	St. Paul's Service for all schools in the London Diocese	Children will be selected to attend and represent St. Luke's
20	Monday 30 January	NSPCC Maths day 03/02 Children's Mental Health week	These will be held on Wednesday 01 and Thursday 02 February between 2 and 6pm in	Parent Consultations for children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 - 6	All parents and carers
			Friday 03 February	NSPCC Maths Day	Whole school community
			Wednesday 08 February at 2:30pm in school	Reception Daily Supported Reading Workshop	Parents and carers of children in Reception
21	Monday 06 February	Safer Internet Day 07/02	Thursday 09 February	Year 4 Spruce Class Assembly	Parents and carers of children in Spruce class
			Monday 13 February	Half term: Energy Kidz Holiday scheme in operation	

Epiphany Service

On Monday children gathered for our service on Epiphany. This was the first church service of our new school year and links with our value of the week, enthusiasm. Mother Tracy and Father Tom spoke about the enthusiasm that the wise men showed in following the star to see Jesus. They spoke about how Epiphany was an opportunity to show Jesus off to the world.



Nursery have also been working hard this week:

Nursery has shown great enthusiasm this week we have all been super busy with our topic Creatures Great and Small and we have produced some wonderful work on the walls please take a look. We have done lots of craft using collage materials. Our Math's focus this week has been number ordering, RE we have been learning the story of Noah's Ark. We also started Jolly phonics where we have been learning the S sound along with the action "slither down the snake" this helps us learn to form our letters. All the children have been wonderfully engaged and our sound for next week will be A and the action is "ants on my arm" you can find the assisting song on YouTube. Wishing you all a wonderful safe weekend !

Nursery Team

