



## Newsletter

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### Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Attendance to date from  
September 2018.

Please note difference	W/B 04/03	W/B 11/03
Mango (Nur)	90%	90%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	95%	94%
Beech (1E)	95%	96%
Maple (1T)	96%	96%
Birch (2R)	95%	96%
Ash (2S)	97%	97%
Oak (3B)	93%	94%
Lemon (3D)	95%	95%
Aspen (4KN)	95%	95%
Spruce (4L)	96%	96%
Palm (5A)	96%	96%
Cherry (5S)	96%	96%
Willow (6G)	96%	96%
Cypress (6S)	93%	93%



**Class Oak  
Mass Monday  
9.15am**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a very heavy heart that I find myself writing this newsletter this morning, having heard on the news, of the deeply shocking and tragic events that have unfolded in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Today, staff will have provided the children with the opportunity to have an age appropriate reflection on what has happened. For the older children, we find BBC Newsround is a useful reference point, to provide a clear and factually accurate account of what has happened. Teachers will then provide a safe space for the children to ask questions and to discuss any feelings that such an event provokes in them.

I would urge you to keep a very careful eye on what your children are exposed to online. Our children are so vulnerable online as you know, and we also know that the internet is one of the main mechanisms for exchanging violent and extremist views, precisely the views that we want to protect our children and young people from.

Certainly, we at St. Luke's take the view that events such as these absolutely underline the importance of our school values—particularly of kindness, respect, responsibility and partnership. Today the children have also been given the space to pray for the victims and their families as well as for kindness and peace.

If you are concerned that your child has been deeply affected by these events and you would like some advice on supporting them, please do not hesitate in speaking to us and we will do all that we can to support. It goes without saying, that we are here for all of you too. My view is that our response to events such as this should be to educate against hate and to seek to strengthen the cohesion of our vibrant and rich community.

### HSBC

I wanted to thank Chumki Shetty, whose daughter is in Year 1, for being one of our dragons this week for our event in partnership with HSBC. Our children rose to the challenge and were grilled by Chumki and two dragons from HSBC on business plans for community projects. One team were selected to represent the school in a couple of weeks time at the HSBC building where they will pitch their ideas in competition against the other Island schools. Our best wishes go to that team. Congratulations to all the children who did our school proud this week and also our thanks to Ms Ahmed and Ms. Sorrell and Lou and Cristina, who are worked so hard with the children to get to this point. Fingers crossed for a few weeks time.

### Isle of Dogs Children's Choir

The THAMES-run Isle of Dogs' Children's Choir 4-5pm on Wednesday evenings at St Edmund's Primary School has made an excellent start. We think it would be a wonderful opportunity if some more KS2 children from St Luke's were able to attend so we are able to offer a member of staff to take a few children to St Edmund's on the bus straight from school each week. The children would need to be collected by a named adult from St Edmund's at 5pm each Wednesday.

To register interest, please take an Isle of Dogs' Children's Choir form from the school foyer and return it to the office or speak to Mrs McLucas.

### Parent Consultations

A reminder that we have parent consultations next week on Wednesday and Thursday, please sign up to see to your child's class teacher. Sign up sheets are up in the school foyer. If you are not available on either of those dates or times please arrange a specific time directly with your child's class teacher. As well as sharing with you your child's progress in learning, we will also be seeking your views on what improvements we should champion with the Local Authority to improve safety on the streets around school for your children particularly at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Please look out for and complete our survey when you attend your meeting.

### Ethical Beans

To all the Coffee, Chocolate and Tea drinkers within our community, please stop by the Saunders Ness Entrance, every morning, before or after drop off. You will find a friendly barista with a coffee cart called Ethical Beans.

Ethical Beans is a mobile coffee stall, created by parents in our local community. They aim to provide delicious, speciality coffee whilst bridging the funding gap of our school, by donating the profits to the PTA.

The coffee is single-origin blend, ethically sourced from some of the best coffee regions around the world. Open Monday– Friday, during term time, from 7:30-9:30am.

### Dates coming up

**4 April 2019:** Spring Concert, 2:30pm

**5 April 2019:** Easter Bonnet Parade, Early years children, 1:30pm, front playground.

**5 April 2019:** Last day of school, school closes at 2pm, no clubs.

With warm wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

## Class catch-up

### Bonjour

French - La phrase de la semaine: J'ai chaud. = I'm hot (literally I have hot) pronounced "Jshéh shoh."

Mme McLucas (Y3-6 French teacher / Music Provision Coordinator) is also available for some appointments at Parents' Consultations. Please sign up in the foyer.

Music: Angelina, Kavin, Giuliana, Efe, Alice, Dua and Aarian R will be attending the THAMES Awards Orchestra Rehearsal on Wednesday 20th March.

### Nursery

In nursery this week we have been busy creating pictures of forms of transport, as well as learning a new sound 'e'. We have now started our Easter celebrations with learning about the first signs of spring and making an Easter bunny!! The children are working really hard at swimming, can we ask that easy clothes are to be worn on Wednesday and remember book change is on Thursday. Thank you had a great weekend.

### Reception

In Literacy this week we looked at Mr Gumpy's Outing and wrote a list of the animals that went on his boat. In maths we created and recreated patterns using familiar objects and shapes. In Phonics this week we learned these diagraphs: oi (coin) and ow (cow). Thank you very much for supporting Red Nose Day. We are looking forward to meeting with you next week. Have a great weekend.

### Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have enjoyed starting a brand new topic in Maths. We have been mastering multiplication using arrays and getting the hang of it really well! In English we have been starting to retell the story of Rumpelstiltskin focusing on adjectives and repeated language, ready for creating our own versions next week! This term's topic in Geography is interesting for us as we are learning all about the weather and weather forecasts - this week we have been thinking about weather around the world and how it differs! Have a good weekend.

### Year 2

This week we have been enjoying writing our own pirate adventure narratives in Literacy based on Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs. In Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division. Next week we will be focusing on fractions. A big thank you to all of the parents who came to see Birch Class's assembly this week, it was fantastic to see so many of you and was much appreciated!

### Year 3

Linking with our geography topic on volcanoes, we read a story set in Pompeii (Italy) which follows the story of a young boy witnessing the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We have been exploring using powerful nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives in preparation for writing our own recounts next week. In maths we have been practising key number facts involving halving, as well as solving money problems. We have also been discussing the topic of forgiveness, based on the friendship of Peter and Jesus in the Bible.

### Year 4

It's been another busy work for year 4! In our English, we have been writing persuasive letters to ensure that zoo animals are kept in the best possible environments. Our maths focus this week has been on understanding money. We are continuing to look at the Easter Story and Holy Communion in our RE lessons. We have also been busy preparing for our documentary film, which we are working on with the Rich Mix Cinema. Finally, it was great to see so many children wearing red in support of Red Nose Day and Comic Relief! Have a lovely weekend.

### Year 5

In Year 5 we have been writing setting descriptions. We have been looking at calculations in Maths. IN French we are practising our French songs for the big concert! A really big well done to all the children who took part in the HSBC event. It was absolutely inspiring and the children were fantastic!

### Year 6

Year 6 have been busy empathising with Headteachers during World War 2 who would have had to prepare letters to parents persuading them to send their children to the safety of the countryside as part of operation Pied Piper. They have refreshed their understanding of area and perimeter in maths and we are also pleased to let you know that we have full access to Doodle Maths an online revision tool for all the children until the SAT's so please do try and encourage your child to use this at home. Next week we will be having an immersive lesson where children should get to experience an idea of what it would have been like to be a child evacuee in World War 2. Have a great weekend!

## Community House News

**Coffee Morning** on Mondays from 9.00am in the Community House, please come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

**Keep fit:** on Thursdays 9.00-10.00 in school. Crèche available on site.

**ESOL Life Skills Course:** on every Thursday, To develop their English Language Skills for work, further learning and everyday life.

**Employability Course:** Mondays 9:00-11.30. This course is in preparation to getting back into work. Building skills and confidence.



## **Autism Awareness**

**Wednesday  
3rd April 2019**  
we will be hosting an Autism

**Awareness coffee morning in the Community House from 9am-10am. We will be joined by our Phoenix Outreach Worker, Athina Stamou. All parents are welcome.**