



## Newsletter

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### Attendance

Our target is **96%**.

Attendance to date from  
September 2018.

Please note difference	W/B 29/04	W/B 06/05
Mango (Nur)	90%	90%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	94%	94%
Beech (1E)	95%	95%
Maple (1T)	96%	96%
Birch (2R)	96%	96%
Ash (2S)	97%	97%
Oak (3B)	93%	93%
Lemon (3D)	95%	95%
Aspen (4KN)	96%	96%
Spruce (4L)	96%	96%
Palm (5A)	96%	96%
Cherry (5S)	96%	96%
Willow (6G)	96%	96%
Cypress (6S)	93%	93%



**Ash Class Mass**  
**Monday 9.15am**



**Apple Class Assembly**  
**Thursday 3.00pm**



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by sharing with you that on Friday 17th May, St Luke's will be celebrating Christian Aid week by hosting our very own Big Brekkie. We will open the gates to the Key Stage 2 playground at 8:30am to allow for parents and carers to purchase cakes, tea and coffee to help raise money for Christian Aid. Christian Aid will use that money to try to reduce the effects of poverty in the UK and world wide. We really hope that you will join us and we thank you in anticipation for your support!

### Community Safety

This week, George Green's School hosted a conference called: 'Staying Safe in the Local Community'.

The conference was held following issues raised by the community here on the Isle of Dogs. Ms Ahmed took a group of Year 5 children to the event and reported back that they were great ambassadors for our school and their local area; demonstrating our values of partnership and enthusiasm through active participation and suggesting ideas surrounding safety here on the Island. The children said: 'Ask us about safety tips and we will be more than happy to share them with you.' They even won the mini football tournament as well!

At the event, our team worked with Councillors Mufeedah Bustin and Andrew Wood, as well as representatives of the local police and the headteacher of George Green's, Jill Baker.

This was a great demonstration of excellence from the St. Luke's team! The icing on the cake was when I received the following feedback from George Green's Deputy Headteacher: 'I am writing to thank you for allowing your impressive student leaders to attend our 'Staying Safe in the Local Community' conference today. Their thoughtful responses and enthusiasm were really inspirational and genuinely heart warming. Well done Year 5, you are a credit to our school.'

### Contributions to school trips

As you know we like to take the children on trips. This is because we find that the trips add enormous value to the children's learning and in particular, once equipped with new experiences and associated vocabulary, the children's writing is greatly enhanced.

With the strain on school budgets however, we cannot afford to pay for the children to attend the trips so this is an appeal to you that when we ask for a contribution, you do try to meet the cost. If we do not get enough payment back from yourselves, we will have to spend the precious little we have too quickly and this will mean fewer trips.

We do try our best to get a good price. The Year 5s went to the London Aquarium this week, with a price lower than the normal admission fee, and with a fantastic workshop led by the Aquarium staff included.

Thank you for your support on this vital aspect of the children's learning.

### Polling Day

This is confirmed for **Thursday 23rd May**. Regretfully this means that we must close to all children on that day. Please make a note of this school closure and also make sure that you have made alternative child care arrangements for that day.

### Ramadan

We are conscious that dear members of our community are now fasting: children, parents and staff. We want to wish you well with your fast and remind you that we are here to support you if there is anything that we can do to help. If children are fasting, please can I remind you parents, to notify us by contacting the school office. With thanks.

### Next week

School will be open as normal for the full week. During that time the children in Year 6 will undertake their Key Stage 2 SATs tests and the children in Year 2 will also continue with their national assessments. They have worked so hard all year. Please say a prayer for them this weekend or wish them, and the staff, well.

Very best wishes to you all, Rebecca Abrahams

## Class catch-up

### Bonjour

**French:** La phrase de la semaine: Tu peux le faire! / Bon courage! = You can do it! / Good luck (courage)!  
Pronounced: "Tyoo peuh luh fair / Bong coo-rarjsh! Merci Monsieur Griffiths for your suggestion to say to the Y2 and 6 children doing SATs.  
**Music:** EVFS enjoyed a visit by our THAMES guitar tutor on Friday who played and sang some songs with the children. All THAMES instrumental lessons except for drumming will take place as usual this coming week so children should still bring their instruments and attend. Y5 and 6 Theory children, remember to bring in papers and files on Tuesday! Year 3 recorder club will be 1.10-1.30 on Wednesday lunchtime this week not Thursday.

### Nursery

This week in nursery we have been busy germinating our broad beans in our little window green houses. The children will be learning how to look after them themselves and taking ownership of making sure they are wet and have the right growing environment, hopefully we will end up with some that we can plant and grow Beans to taste later in the term!! Our sound this week has been "g"  
Polite reminder that we change story books on a Thursday, please can you ensure that books are returned on this day please. All money for our Baby Bach concert need to be in by next week Thank you.

### Reception

This week in Maths we have been learning to halve. We made playdough cookies and cut them in halves making sure that both halves were the same size. We found out that halving means sharing between 2. In Literacy we are continuing to read Elliot Midnight Superhero and thinking about making up our own superhero stories. What fantastic ideas we came up with! Apple Class had a successful first trip to the library. A special thank you to all those parents that accompanied us to the library. Peach Class will be going next Tuesday. It's also Apple Class assembly next Thursday...we hope to see you there. Have a great weekend!

### Year 1

We have had another busy week exploring the story of the smartest Giant in Town. The children have retold the story and written the giant a letter. In maths we have been working hard to partition numbers and add them together. Congratulations to Beech class on their amazing assembly about the 4 Seasons. The songs were fantastic and the children worked so hard. Also thank you to all the parents that attended. In history we have gone back in time to learn all about our first famous person Henry the VIII. We wish you all a lovely weekend!

### Year 2

This week in year 2 we have been making our own disgusting sandwiches! We enjoyed selecting our disgusting ingredients and then making an advert to encourage people to try our sandwiches. We have focused on the inverse relationship between multiplication and division in maths, solving lots of missing number sentences. We are practising our retrieval and inference skills in reading, thinking about how and why a character might be feeling that way. We have also started making a comic strip of Rosa Park's life. Have a lovely weekend!

### Year 3

This week in maths, we have been looking at 2 step word problems. Each day we have solved different problems that have sometimes been quite tricky but we have persisted and everyone has been very successful in their learning. We have continued with studying the Sheep Pig and this week we have written our own play scripts based on a scene for the story. We have learnt how to use a semi-colon and include stage direction in brackets. Next week we will be writing a newspaper report based on the sheep dog trials!

### Year 4

This week in year 4 we have been continuing to write the story of Romulus and Remus in our own words. In Maths, we have been studying place value, which will lead well into next week's work on addition and subtraction. We have continued to find out more about the Titanic, and in RE we have studied the story of Ruth and Naomi, to help us to discuss tough decisions and sacrifices made for others. Have a lovely weekend!

### Year 5

This week we have been investigating aspects of Ancient Greek life by examining artefacts and pretending we were archaeologists! We made connections to other Ancient periods and stories taught previously. We have been looking forward to our class trip to the Aquarium where we will learn about the importance of protecting marine life creatures from threat of extinction. Have a great week!

### Year 6

Year 6 have been working really hard towards their SAT's and we continue to be impressed by the effort they put in to them. We have worked on grammar, spelling, reading, reasoning and arithmetic by completing practice questions from previous years. Alongside our SAT's prep we have been able to continue to focus on tennis in PE and Buddhism in RE, ensuring the children receive a balanced curriculum. We would like to wish all children completing the SAT's a restful weekend so that they are fresh on Monday to do their very best.

## 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.



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**3.30 - 5.30PM**

**AT**  
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ENTRY VIA. COPLEY STREET GATE