



Newsletter

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Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Attendance to date from September 2018.

Please note difference	W/B 25/03	W/B 01/04
Mango (Nur)	90%	90%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	95%	95%
Beech (1E)	95%	95%
Maple (1T)	96%	96%
Birch (2R)	96%	96%
Ash (2S)	97%	97%
Oak (3B)	94%	93%
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%

We open on
Tuesday 23rd
April



Dear Parents and Carers,

Autism awareness week

This week a high number of staff and children came in to school in 'silly socks' to celebrate this National week. Thank you for raising awareness by supporting this week.

Spring Concert

We had more than 120 children participating in the Spring concert and they all put on an amazing performance. It is always inspiring to see the children show such courage and enthusiasm. Many of the children who played yesterday only started playing their instrument at the start of the year! Madame McLucas also showed great courage too by showing the children how she is getting on learning the bassoon. Thank you to Madame McLucas, Mr Griffiths and all of the tutors who enabled the event to happen and well done to everyone who took part.

Tower Hamlets Numeracy Challenge 2019

The Tower Hamlets Business Education Partnership, who act as coordinators and provide links between local schools and businesses, organised a borough-wide Numeracy Challenge this year. At St. Luke's we entered a Year 6 team of four children: Jasmine, Rayna, Abhimanyu and Henry. The competition was entered by 50 schools across Tower Hamlets, the first three rounds of which were held in school. Our team scored so highly that we made it through to the Grand Final, which was held yesterday at the offices of a business in the City of London. The children were such excellent ambassadors for our school and took part in four very challenging problem solving rounds. I am delighted to inform you that they came second. It is great to see our children achieving so highly at events like this, and to see their love and enthusiasm for mathematics shine through. A very well done to all of you!

Mobile Phones

If you send your child to school with a mobile phone, please can you ask them to hand it in to the school office as soon as they arrive and before they go into the playground to wait with their classes. We hope this will avoid incidents where phones are being used inappropriately at that time of the day. The children can collect them again to travel home. We may have to remove phones that have not been handed in as requested. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lost property

We have a high number of lost property items again. This will be washed over the Easter holidays, laid out on tables in the first week back and then any unclaimed items will be forwarded for charity. Please make sure that you label your child's clothing. When we know who it belongs to, we return it.

Parking and the Police

Please be aware that the Police came into school on Wednesday. They walked into school and asked to speak with us. Their concern was over parking around the school site, and in particular cars that block the entrance to their car park behind the Police Station. I would anticipate them taking action if they catch drivers doing that so please be warned.

Staffing

Today we say 'Good bye' for a short time to Ms. Erler and Ms. Rothon who both begin their maternity leaves as the term finishes. This is such an exciting time for them and their families, to be welcoming their first children into the world. I know that you will join with me in wishing them well on the next stage of their journey. We all look forward to catching up with them soon and hearing their news. Ms. Bell will be taking Year 2 Birch class after Easter and Ms. Chandler will be taking Year 1 Beech. They are well known to all of us now and we look forward to working with them going forward.

Best wishes to you all for a lovely Easter, Rebecca Abrahams

Class catch-up

<u>Bonjour</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>
<p>La phrase de la semaine</p> <p>«J'ai fini! / As-tu fini?»</p> <p>(«Jeh finnee / Atchoo finnee?»)</p> <p>= I've finished! / Have you finished?</p> <p>Music: We had more than 120 children participating in the Spring concert and they all put on an amazing performance. Well done to everyone for your enthusiasm and courage!</p>	<p>We have now completed our topic on Transport and will be moving onto our next topic which will be Growing and Mini beast! The children have been working really hard this week with their sound of the week 'm' and making Easter pictures. We had a great time at our Easter hat parade with some "eggsordenary" hats!! We ended our term having a delightful teddy bears picnic together, sharing stories and having fun. Have a great Easter and see you all in a few weeks.</p>	<p>In Literacy this week we read the Easter story and decorated crosses. We also wrote Easter cards. In maths we have been learning to tell the time (o' clock). We looked at the life cycle of a chicken and decorated lots of Easter eggs. The Easter Bonnets were amazing! Thank you so much for your efforts! It's hard to believe that we've come to the end of the Spring Term already. We wish you all a very happy Easter.</p>	<p>On our last week building up to Easter we have been busy bunnies. The children have been working really hard to write their own version of Rumpelstiltskin. They have created characters and added some amazing detail. In Maths this week we have been exploring the dimensions of 3D shapes. The children designed and constructed their shapes, explored the faces, edges and vertices and played a great sorting game. In P.E we practised throwing and catching different items without dropping them. The children thoroughly enjoyed drumming in the spring concert. Thank you for all the amazing half term projects, we love the creativity! Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break!</p>

<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<p>In Year 2 we have had a very exciting last week of term and celebrated our learning with a Pirate Day on Thursday in which we learnt to walk, talk and dress like a pirate in a variety of exciting activities! When we return, in Literacy we will begin exploring the text 'The Disgusting Sandwich'. In Science we will be focusing on Habitats and in Maths we will begin by recapping Number. We hope you have a very enjoyable Easter break!</p>	<p>We have had such a busy week in year 3! Everyone had a great time on our trip to the Unicorn theatre to see the very funny show, 'The show in which hopefully nothing happens.' Everyone represented the school so well and showed excellent behaviour. We have finished ;published our letters and they are all looking amazing! WE hope everyone has a great and restful break! See you in summer term!</p>	<p>Year 4 have worked really hard over the final weeks of this term. In English, we have written poems about a 'Magic Window', using techniques such as alliteration and personification. In Maths, we have continued to develop our skills in reading 12-hour and 24-hour clocks. In Geography, we have learnt about the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn and time zones and made our very own mini globes! In RE, we wrote and designed our own prayers about love and peace as we come to an end of our Easter topic. In PE, we have enjoyed developing our skills and techniques in netball and swimming at Tiller swimming pool! We hope you have a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term!</p>	<p>It's been a busy final week in Year 5. We have completed our biography of Napoleon, which the children were extremely interested in. Ask them about the battles he was involved in. For maths we have been focusing on translations: the moving of shapes from one location to another. We have studied what happens during Lent and Easter in R.E, and was intrigued by the giving of 'Maundy' money. Our topic in geography has been on France; we have looked at various locations (Alps, Normandy and the Riviera), tried French cheese (Brie and Camembert) and made croissants. Concluding with our wonderful Spring Concert. Have a wonderful Easter break.</p>	<p>We have been busy preparing for our upcoming exams. The hope is that the more we practise the better prepared the children will be to give a good account of themselves alongside our exam practice the children have been excited to complete some drama work around the idea of the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. This week we also wrote up our World War 2 diaries and wrote letters considering the role of women and how it changed during the war. It has been a great term and we hope you and the children have a wonderful Easter holiday, please encourage the children to take some time to complete homework, DoodleMaths and some writing about what you get up to over the break - we'd love to read it!</p>

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.

