



Newsletter

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Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Attendance this week has been much better. Everyday counts. Please keep this up!

Please note W/B W/B
difference 16/09 23/09

Mango (Nur)	98 %	96%
Peach (Rec B)	95%	96%
Apple (Rec N)	95%	95%
Beech (1L)	95%	96%
Maple (1S)	91%	92%
Birch (2B)	97%	97%
Ash (2C)	93%	94%
Oak (3B)	97%	98%
Lemon (3C)	94%	96%
Aspen (4D)	98%	98%
Spruce (4L)	91%	92%
Palm (5D)	89%	90%
Cherry (5S)	94%	95%
Willow (6G)	97%	97%
Cypress (6S)	96%	95%



Mass

All Welcome

Monday

9.15am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Website

I am pleased to announce that it looks as though the website migration has finally happened. Certainly, we are able to access the updated site from some of the school computers. 24 hours from now, all users should be able to access it.

Most of the information on there now is current and up to date. We will be continuing to add to pages on the site in the weeks to come, particularly in relation to the school curriculum, so please bear with us.

Importantly, this process has enabled us to take control of the site, so that we can make the changes we want ourselves. This means going forward it can be more dynamic.

Once again, thank you for your patience over the last few weeks, and thank you to Ms. Nagahawatte who has led on this work.

Welcome to the new academic year and plans—from the PTA

The PTA have kindly provided the following update:

‘The PTA raised over £23k for the school last year and have funded the construction of the new climbing frame in the back playground. We would like for more parents to be involved and are hosting two meetings to discuss plans for 2019/20 to which everyone is welcome. These are on:

Tuesday 1st October at 6pm in the Community House

Friday 4th October at 9am (after drop off) in the Community House

We will be running a fruit and bake sale after school today (Friday 27th September) – please support us by donating baked goods (homemade or shop bought (NUT FREE) and bringing your change!

PTA Multi-cultural afternoon

The PTA are hosting a multi-cultural afternoon at the school on Thursday 10th October from 15:45 – 17:00 to celebrate the school’s inclusivity and the pupils’ diverse heritage. The afternoon will have food from around the world, performances by children and parents, and an opportunity to wear national dress. Entrance is free to the event and is open to the whole school community.

We are asking for food donations for the event, be that your national dish, a family favourite or shop bought goods if you prefer. These can be sweet or savoury dishes, and any quantity would be great fully received. We would request that your dish is NUT FREE. If you are able to bring or donate a dish, please can you give to the school reception on the day.

We are also looking for performers for the event. This can be anything from singing, dancing or reading a poem. Even if you do not want to perform, please feel free to come in your national dress. If you or your child would like to perform, please email StLuke’sPTA@hotmail.com or sign up on the sheet in the school’s reception.

Lastly, we are running a competition to “Design a flag for St Luke’s to represent our diversity and inclusion”. There will be three winners on the night (one from EYU, Years 1-3 and Years 4-6) with the prize being a £10 Amazon voucher. Please use the template sent home with your child today (and attached to the newsletter) and return any entries to the main school reception or your class teacher before the event. In addition, we will be running a few games stalls on the day to raise money for the playground redevelopment, so please bring along your spare change! We look forward to welcoming you there.

Singing Club

We have exciting news! St Luke’s School will be starting a new club to encourage more children to take up and enjoy singing. The club will be for children in Years 3,4,5&6 in the first instance. We hope this will enable us to bring a song or two to every occasion the school has.

One of our parents, Clare Cochrane, is a singing teacher and has also been a performer herself. She came to us with the idea to start our own singing club. This is a great opportunity for your children to build confidence, make new friends and have a ‘feel good’ time.

We have to charge a nominal fee to enable us to run this additional club and that is £1 per week. (After the half term holidays we have 8 weeks so for the Autumn term this is only £8 altogether)

This club will initially run during the school day, on a Tuesday, at lunchtime. We hope that by doing the club during the school day, it will give more children a chance to get involved. The children will be split so we will run it for Years 3/4/5 between 1pm-1:30pm and then Year 6 between 1:30pm-2pm.

With sufficient interest, we would like to start this from 29 October.

If your child would like to be a part of the choir then please fill in the form attached and return it to Pat or Absana in the main school reception or email it to: admin@st-lukes.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Please note that this is not instead of the Isle of Dogs Choir, instead it will compliment it.

Lego Robotics Club

An invitation for you to sign your child up to the eagerly awaited clubs with Engineering Minds will follow over the weekend. There will be two clubs, each for up to 12 children in the first instance. One will be for children in years 1—3 on a Monday each week and the other for children in years 4—6 on a Thursday. Watch this space because there is a lot of interest in these clubs and places will fill up fast!

The newsletter keeps filling up fast each week. Next week, I will update you on the curriculum as well as the significant investment we have made in ICT over the summer.... Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Class catch-up

<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
<p>We have had another great week settling in your children even in the rain! All children are continuing to build in their confidence and make new friends. Can I please remind parents to make sure that their children have a spare set of clothes in school. Next week children will be able to chose a book from our book collection to take home and share with you. Our book changing day will be on a Friday. We will be continuing with our All about me topic by talking about our families, making pictures and sharing stories.</p>	<p>This week in Reception we have enjoyed sharing our favourite stories with the class, as well counting using the counting rhyme '1,2 buckle my shoe'. Next week, we will be learning the sounds 'p, n, c, k'. In Maths, we will be exploring 2D shapes and in Literacy, we will be talking about our families and what makes our families special. We hope you have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p>Next week we will consolidate our understanding of greater than and less than, then move onto ordering numbers. We will be using the language greatest and least when looking at objects and greatest and smallest when looking at numbers. In English we will be starting our new story 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. We will be making predictions, describing characters and making a wanted poster. This story is inspired by the Museum of Childhood, and we are really looking forward to our trip on Wednesday! In RE we will continue looking at how we can care for the world we live in and in ICT we will be animating the pictures we have taken of our toys. Thank you to everyone who came to parents evening this week, and please do sign up for next week if you haven't already! Have a lovely weekend.</p>	<p>We've had a very busy and exciting week in Year 2 with more to come next week. In English, we will be starting our new text, Traction Man Is Here. We will be making predictions and writing a character description. In Maths, we are continuing to develop our depth of knowledge of place value. In Science, we are thinking about what humans need to survive and welcoming a special visitor. In History, we will be recalling what we learnt on our fantastic trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum. Huge thanks to our parent volunteers for helping those days run smoothly! In Art, we are making animal finger puppets, linked to our Science topic. Lots to look forward to! Have a wonderful and restful weekend.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<p>We have now finished reading Hansel and Gretel and have improved our vocabulary with lots of feelings and descriptive words. Next week, we will put this all to use when we begin planning our own ideas for an alternative ending to the story. In our reading lessons, we will move on to a book linked to our history project of the Stone Age. In RE we will continue finding out about the Bible's big stories and why Christians find the Bible special.</p>	<p>We have continued our time in year 4 with another brilliant week! Next week in maths, we will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000. In topic, we will be writing about the Viking invasions from the perspective of a Viking soldier. In English, we will be looking at instructional texts, specifically how to make things. This is in preparation for a thrilling final topic lesson (Keep your eyes peeled for that in the coming weeks)! Have a great weekend year 4.</p>	<p>We have morphed into Lady Macbeth here in Year 5 and revealed all in our little book of secrets. Next week we will be focusing on features of a suspense text to continue the clandestine theme that Macbeth draws upon. In maths we will be continuing to develop our understanding of place value looking at rounding, comparing and ordering. We have all become lepidopterists! Our caterpillars have completed their life cycles and metamorphosed into beautiful butterflies now we have witnessed this incredible transformation we will be looking at the life cycles of other animals. Continuing our R.E. focus of miracles, we will look at which miracle of Jesus means the most to us and explain the reasons why.</p>	<p>Next week in Year 6 we will be continuing to explore the characters of Tom and William Beech in Goodnight Mr Tom and completing our letters as evacuees. In Maths, we will be looking at long division and factors as we build on our understanding of the four operations. In RE we will be looking at the way different religions react to death. In History we will be looking at the role of women in World War 2 including heroes such as Vera Leigh who was part of the special operations executive. In Art we continue our perspective drawings of world war 2. We hope you have a great weekend! Team Year 6.</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 9.00am-10.00am in school. Crèche available on site.

ESOL Life Skills Course: on every Thursday, To develop your English Language Skills for work, further learning and everyday life. Assessments to take place on Thursday 10th and 17th October between 1.00pm-3.00pm in the Community House

Employability Course: Tuesdays 9:00am-11.30am. This course is in preparation to returning to work. Building skills and confidence. Assessments to take place on Tuesday 8th and 15th of October between 1.00pm- 3.00pm in the Community House.

French and Music News

French: La phrase de la semaine: "Est-ce que je peux aller aux toilettes, s'il vous plaît?" =

Can I drink water, please?" Pronounced: "Esk-uh juh peuh all-eh oh twa-lett, seel voo pleh?"

All Music lessons should be as normal next week including cello and double bass lessons.