



Newsletter

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Attendance

Our target is 96%.

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

	W/B 04/11	W/B 11/11
Mango (Nur)	94%	94%
Peach (Rec B)	94%	94%
Apple (Rec N)	95%	95%
Beech (1L)	97%	97%
Maple (1S)	94%	95%
Birch (2B)	97%	97%
Ash (2C)	96%	96%
Oak (3B)	98%	98%
Lemon (3C)	96%	96%
Aspen (4G)	97%	97%
Spruce (4L)	96%	97%
Palm (5D)	93%	93%
Cherry (5S)	95%	96%
Willow (6G)	97%	97%
Cypress (6S)	96%	96%



Collective Worship on Monday 18th November will be led by Year 4 Aspen Class, linked to our value of Courage.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I am sharing with you the fifth image created by the children in our school designed to represent the Christian Concept of Salvation: Jesus' death and resurrection effect the rescue or salvation of humans. He opens the way back to God. Christians believe that through Jesus, sin is dealt with, forgiveness offered, and the relationship between God and humans is restored.

Much has been going on this week. You may have noticed that the front playground was finally laid. There are a few snagging details to address but soon that area will be open for use by the children again. School trips are in abundance at the moment, with Year 6 undertaking the Junior Citizenship Scheme and the whole of Year 3 going to the British Museum as just two examples. One I particularly wanted to mention is our Years 3 and 4 Gymnasts:

On Tuesday this week, our Year 3 and 4 Gymnasts competed against other teams in the borough. They did really well, especially given this was the first time they had competed together. Anna Adamczyk said they behaved impeccably throughout the day displaying the school's values clearly throughout. Well done to Alexander, Betsy, Martin, Ayla, Jayda and Sophie. You did yourselves and the school proud.



Parent Governors The tenure of a governor for our Governing Body is four years. After that time, the person can ask to be nominated again or to stand down. For the last four years, Hylton Bellinger has been serving our school and we are so grateful for everything he has done. In particular he has held the link governor role for Health and Safety, encompassing On Line Safety as well, a role he has performed with care and diligence meeting regularly with members of the school's staff to keep aspects of the school tightly under review.

Coming to the end of four years means that we now have to open that position up for election.

I would like to emphasise that for a Church of England Primary School, the governors are the leaders of the school and the employer of the staff. On our governing body, we have a variety of governor positions that include: a staff governor, a Local Authority Governor, Foundation Governors representing the LDBS and Deanery Synod as well as two parent governors.

A key requirement in the role, is to attend a minimum of four full governing body meetings a year, which are held at 6:30pm across the academic year. Ideally however, a governor also attends the meetings for a committee (4 for finance and 3 for curriculum) and performs a link role, where they support and challenge the school on an identified priority, for example 'safeguarding' or 'SEN'.

Currently, Father Tom is our Chair of Governors and Jennifer McMillan is our Vice Chair of Governors and so if you wanted to know more about the role, I'm sure they would be delighted to share it with you.

The purpose of this, is to ask you all to consider whether you would like to be considered for the role of Parent Governor for our school.

Attached to this newsletter, is a form for you to express your own interest in the role, or for you to use to nominate someone else. Please read the form carefully, because it details who is eligible to apply for the role. If you would like to nominate yourself or another, please complete the form and return it to the school office by Friday 29th November.

At that point, if we only receive one nomination, we will seek to appoint that person to the role, or if we have more than one nomination, I will then write to you to organise a ballot.

Thanking all of you for your consideration of this important role.

Important dates

- On Friday 22nd November we are holding a **Curriculum Coffee Morning** from 9am. This is so that we can share with you, all of the work that we are undertaking to develop the wider curriculum, beyond the core subjects of reading, writing and maths, at St. Luke's. Please do come and join us to find out more.
- Our **Winter Concert** will take place on Thursday 5th December from 2:30pm. We hope to share a programme of performers with you next week. Our **Early Years Christmas Production** will take place on Tuesday 10th December at 2:30pm
- The **Years 4—6 Nativity** will take place at 9:30am and then repeated at 5pm on Monday 16th December in Christ Church.
- Due to the general election, we have had to move the scheduled **Years 1—3 Nativity**. This will now take place on **Wednesday 18th December at 2:30pm** in school.

A message from the PTA The PTA would like to thank everyone who came to the Firework Disco, and those who were able to help us on the day!

We hope that the children enjoyed the disco and that you all enjoyed the firework display.

We would like to re-iterate our thanks to Chestertons Estate Agents for their generous contribution towards the cost of the fireworks and to Hylton Bellinger for providing his DJ skills.

The event raised £1,430.22 towards the ongoing playground re-development!

Our next event is the Christmas Fayre on the 17th December and we will be holding a planning meeting for this soon. Any questions, please get in touch with us on: pta@st-lukes.towerhamlets.sch.uk

With best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Class catch-up

<p><u>Nursery</u></p> <p>In Nursery this week we have made poppy's using rice and playdough for remembrance day, had a PJ day for children in need and have been really enjoying our new construction area outside. Next week we will be building on our learning outside talking about size: Big, Small, Tall, Short and comparing our masterpieces. Christmas is fast approaching so we will be continuing with our Christmas songs for our singalong. Please see the notice on the door regarding our parent drop in sessions next week. Have a good weekend!</p>	<p><u>Reception</u></p> <p>Next week in Reception we will be learning about Christmas. We will be reading the Christmas story and discussing our favourite parts. In maths we will be counting and recognising numbers to 20. In phonics we will be learning: f and b. We are busy learning songs for our nativity and the children are really doing well! Have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p><u>Year 1</u></p> <p>Next week we will be carrying on with our story, 'When will it be Spring?' We will be sequencing the story, writing a diary entry in character, working on our full stops, finger spaces and capital letters and choosing our own animal that hibernates. This will get us ready to write our own version of the story the following week. In maths we will keep on looking at subtraction. We will be using a number line to take away, looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction in fact families and finding the difference between two numbers. In geography we will learn about the characteristics of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and in science we will be making a weather station. We hope you have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p><u>Year 2</u></p> <p>Next week we will be carrying on with our story, 'When will it be Spring?' We will be sequencing the story, writing a diary entry in character, working on our full stops, finger spaces and capital letters and choosing our own animal that hibernates. This will get us ready to write our own version of the story the following week. In maths we will keep on looking at subtraction. We will be using a number line to take away, looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction in fact families and finding the difference between two numbers. In geography we will learn about the characteristics of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and in science we will be making a weather station. We hope you have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p><u>Year 3</u></p> <p>Year 3 had a brilliant trip to the British Museum finding the actual artefacts that we had studied in our topic lessons. Next week we will be making sure we can use speech marks and speech punctuation correctly when rewriting one of Aesop's fables. We will be focusing on planning a piece of writing, and what makes a super sentence, including: precise nouns; adjectives and adverbs; a range of conjunctions. A reminder that on Thursday we would like to welcome parents in to class to read with your children at 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>	<p><u>Year 4</u></p> <p>We have had another great week in year 4 this week. We have had lots of fun looking at the perimeter of shapes in maths, and working hard on our spelling, punctuation and grammar in English. Looking ahead to next week, we will be focusing on multiplication and division in maths. In English we will be retelling the story of Rapunzel written from the perspective of the witch. Also note, that we have adjusted the homework project for this half term. So please keep an eye out for the new one in the homework books. Have a great weekend!</p>	<p><u>Year 5</u></p> <p>Next week in maths we will be looking at multiplication and division, much to the children's delight. Please encourage your child to practise their multiplication skills as this will be helpful for maths next week. In science we have been busy investigating gravity and conducting our own experiments exploring weight and mass using a Newton meter. Our DT lesson has transformed into a tea-time treat! We have been investigating and deconstructing biscuits (in the name of learning-of course). The taste test was absolutely essential! Children have explored different biscuits from around the world and the history behind a jammy dodger! We wish you a restful weekend!</p>	<p><u>Year 6</u></p> <p>Next week Year 6 will complete their animal reports and begin planning a survival guide for live in the jungle based on our book, 'The Explorer'. The children will continue to build on their knowledge of fractions and would greatly benefit from practising thinking about equivalent fractions at home. Our RE lesson will continue to focus on the way in which Christians would want Christmas to be advertised and in Geography we will be looking at Brazil. It is road safety week next week so we will talk in circle time about the importance of safe travel. 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 Wednesdays 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.



In support of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day, pupils and staff wore odd socks to celebrate individuality and what makes us unique!