



Newsletter

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Attendance

	W/B 03/02	W/B 10/02
Mango (Nur)	91%	92%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	91%	91%
Beech (1L)	96%	96%
Maple (1S)	95%	96%
Birch (2B)	96%	96%
Ash (2C)	95%	95%
Oak (3B)	98%	98%
Lemon (3C)	96%	96%
Aspen (4G)	96%	96%
Spruce (4L)	97%	97%
Palm (5D)	95%	95%
Cherry (5S)	95%	95%
Willow (6G)	97%	97%
Cypress (6S)	95%	95%



Ash Wednesday Service

Led by Father Tom
Monday 24th February
All welcome

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THANK YOU

Key dates coming up:

Please refer to the School Calendar on the school website for the date of Class Monday Collective Worships and Thursday Class Assemblies planned. Additionally please note the following:

- **Half term** is the 17—21 February 2020 and the **Easter holidays** are: 06—17 April 2020;
- Thursday 05 March will be **World Book Day**—where the children are invited to dress up as a book character. There will be activities planned for the children during the day and an assembly to celebrate.
- Friday 13 March will be **Sport's Relief**—details to follow next half term.
- Thursday 26 March will be our **Spring Concert** from 2:30pm.
- Friday 03 April, there will be a further **Early Years Open Classroom**. Contrary to what is published in the School Calendar, this will start at 1:15 and finish at 2:00pm.
- The last day of the Spring term is Friday 03 April when we will close at **2pm** and there will be **no after school clubs**.
- We are closed for **Polling** on Thursday 7th May 2020 and a Bank holiday on Friday 8th May 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for sending your children in today wearing red. Please ask them about the work done in school this week, on Climate Change. Hopefully, following our assembly today, they will be keen to discuss small changes that we can all make in our lives that together can seek to make a difference.

Today, Ms. Sutherland and all of the teachers, put together an Art Gallery to celebrate the children's achievements in art this half term. Look out on the school's website in the coming days for pictures of the works exhibited.

Would you like to be a reading volunteer at our school?

We've just started working with **Bookmark**, a charity that is helping children develop the reading skills they need to succeed in school and beyond. Their six-week programme provides two, 30-minute face-to-face reading sessions each week for a child with a fully vetted and trained volunteer. Bookmark's volunteers come from a range of backgrounds and all share a passion for reading and supporting their local communities.

If you would like to become one of our reading volunteers, more information is available at

<http://www.bookmarkreading.org>

Our school also has a dedicated Bookmark Community Manager, Claire Bourke, and you can feel free to contact her with any questions you have about becoming a volunteer: Claire.Bourke@bookmarkreading.org

If you have any other questions, please feel free to see Mrs. Sutherland or Miss. Nagahawatte. We look forward to getting our reading programmes up and running and would love for you to get involved!

Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Competition

Looking for something fun to do over the half term?

The Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Competition is an annual event for students in the borough, aged 6 - 16. It is run by the Tower Hamlets Library Service, with the aim to encourage young people to express themselves through writing. This year, Tower Hamlets has received Arts Council funding to provide free writing workshops that will be hosted by Idea Stores. The table below lists the workshops at each of the Idea Stores over the half term break and the year group that the content will be targeted at. The workshops are being run by authors and poets and provide practical advice on writing short stories and poems.

Store	Date/Time of session	Year group	
Bow	Tuesday 18 th 2.30-3.30pm	Year 3-4	Gareth P Jones, author
Canary Wharf	Monday 17 th 2.30-3.30pm	Year 5-6	Gareth P Jones, author
Chrisp Street	Wednesday 19 th 2.00-3.00pm	Year 5-6	Gareth P Jones, author
Watney Market	Tuesday 18 th 2.15-3.15pm	Year 1-2	Ifeoma Onyefulu, author
Whitechapel	Thursday 20 th 3.00-4.00pm	Year 3-4	Adisa, poet

The competition theme is "**This Hidden Island**" and the deadline is the end of the spring term with prizes to be won. More information can be found at <http://www.towerhamlets-sls.org.uk/cwc20/>

School uniform

Mid way through the year is a useful time to remind everyone that we have a school uniform here at St. Luke's and all children are expected to wear it. As we progress through the year, I have noticed an increasing number of variations on the uniform that include: white jumpers, shoes/trainers/baseball boots where the predominant colour is not black but instead white, black clothing rather than navy blue and so on.

Please can I ask that over the half term break, you make sure once again, that your children have a full uniform to come to school in. If you are unclear as to what the expectations are please refer to this page on our website:

<https://www.st-lukes.towerhamlets.sch.uk/uniform>

We will look very closely at this when we return after half term, and contact you if there are any issues.

Have a great half term break everyone. Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Class catch-up

<p><u>Nursery</u></p> <p>After our amazing journey around space, we are now landing back on earth ready for our next topic. Our topic next half term will be Transport, we will be learning how to sort different types of transport in Maths in Literacy we will be listening to stories and learning how to make marks for a purpose using story props, roleplay and different media. The children are really embracing phonics and will be continuing to learn new sounds and start to blend the sounds together to make words. Please remember that our weekly sound sheet is available for you to use at home if you wish, please help yourself. Please could you encourage your child not to bring any items from home into school, as children are getting upset when they are lost or broken or used by other children. Your child only needs to bring in their story books and spare clothes. Thank you for you support this term, have a good break. The Nursery Team.</p>	<p><u>Reception</u></p> <p>What a fantastic half term we've had learning all about Space! Next term, our topic will be transport. In Literacy, we will be reading the Train Ride and writing sentences about the story. In Maths we will be learning how to find out one more than a given number. In Phonics, we will be learning the sounds 'ch' and 'sh'. In RE, our topic will be Easter. We hope that you have a restful and enjoyable half term!</p>	<p><u>Year 1</u></p> <p>What a busy week in Year 1! We have had a fantastic time designing and building our Bug Hotels - which we are hoping some residents will move in to over the holiday! We have also been writing non-fiction texts all about homes from around the world.</p> <p>When we return after half-term our Geography topic will see us learning all about our local area. In Science we will be looking at our own bodies and thinking about our five senses.</p> <p>In English we will be reading, writing and following simple sets of instructions. Please have a fabulous half-term and enjoy a well earned rest, Year 1.</p>	<p><u>Year 2</u></p> <p>What a super week we've had in Year 2! We hope you all enjoyed tasting our artisan loaves, we put so much effort into creating interesting and original recipes. We come back after the half term holiday to explore measurement in Maths, looking at height and length. In Literacy we'll begin a new text called the Sea Monster and are really looking forward to all the imaginative descriptions we will create. In RE we will begin investigating our new big question - How do Easter symbols help us to understand the meaning of Easter for Christians? We will continue to investigate our other big question - What are some big changes that have happened in London? through our Geography topic entitled 'It's a Wonderful World'. In Science we will begin our new topic about plants. We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 24th February for our educational visit to St Paul's Cathedral.</p>
<p><u>Year 3</u></p> <p>Wow! What a busy and productive half term. This week we planned, wrote and published our version of the Romulus and Remus story. We also discovered what the Romans did for us, which was a lot of things. Can I also thank you for the wonderful projects we have received the children have clearly enjoyed taking part in these. Next term we look forward to learning all about rocks and minerals.</p> <p>Can the Year Three team wish you all a happy, peaceful and restful half term.</p>	<p><u>Year 4</u></p> <p>We have had an amazing last week of this half term, which has included poetry writing, attending the whole school art gallery and creating Ancient Egyptian headdresses. Next term, we look forward to learning about rivers around the world (we now know a lot about the river Nile). In English reading and writing, we will be exploring the story Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. In Maths, we will be further exploring fractions and then moving on to decimals. The Year 4 team would like to wish you all a happy and restful break. Don't forget to keep up with your reading and times table practice.</p>	<p><u>Year 5</u></p> <p>What a busy last week we have had before we break for the half term. Our persuasive letters are on their way to HRH Queen Victoria, asking for her help in persuading her government to abolish child labour. In maths we have worked out how to convert mixed fractions to improper and vice versa. Our science topic on Earth and Space has concluded with finding out how we have day and night and how the Earth moves.</p> <p>Next term we will be looking at descriptive writing using a text book about France, which links well with our Geography topic on Mountains. Not to mention finalising our HSBC projects, culminating in a visit to the Canary Wharf branch of HSBC.</p> <p>We wish you all a fun but restful half term break. See you on the 24th.</p>	<p><u>Year 6</u></p> <p>We hope you all have a lovely half term and that the children get a chance to enjoy themselves. When we come back from half term we are looking forward to a talk from Cardiologist's from St Bart's hospital on the Monday afternoon which will be a great introduction to our new science topic on humans. In Maths we will be looking at converting units and in English we will start our new class book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Our new RE topic revolves around the question, "What does it mean to be a Buddhist?" and our focus in PE next half term is on dance. We look forward to seeing everyone back raring to go on Monday 24th February. 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.

Employability Course: Tuesdays 9:00am-11.30am. This course is in preparation to returning to work. Building skills and confidence.

Engineering Minds

During February half term Engineering Minds will be running LEGO Robotics & Stop Motion Animation Clubs that will encourage children to discover and explore engineering and coding techniques, building robots and testing them in different environments. Children will also spend at least 2.5h outdoor, in the amazing parks next door to our clubs, running in fresh air and engaging in numerous outdoor games. For children attending more than 1 club we offer 10% discount.

Greenwich club still has a few places available, contact us today to book your place.

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