



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been celebrating 'Book Week' here at St Luke's. We began with a visit from PC Leeming our Community Police Officer for Camden Safer Schools. He visited each class and read a 'police themed' book and told the children about his role as a police officer.

Over the last few weeks, the children have been exploring books by Berlie Doherty in preparation for her virtual visit on Thursday. Each class thought of questions they would like to ask and I think she was quite impressed by how thought provoking the questions the children asked were.

Today, we had our dress-up day where the children could come to school dressed as their favourite book character. It was great fun trying to guess which characters they were in the lunchtime queue.

On Wednesday, our PFA parent helpers held a second hand uniform sale. If you were not able to come to the sale, but you are in need of some items, you can contact the PFA at

pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk

Next week, our KS2 Choir will be performing at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the LDBS Prom Praise.

Thank you to all the parents that have helped the children to learn their songs and actions. All the resources can be found on the Prom Praise 4 Schools website using the password that was emailed out.

Please remember to book your parent consultation evening slot on **child's** Google Classroom calendar and let us know if you need a Zoom link for a virtual meeting.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

Spring Class



We have had a very exciting Book Week in Spring Class. We had some special guest readers at story-time and listened attentively to our virtual author visitor, Berlie Doherty. Now that it is March, we have been learning about signs of Spring indoors and outdoors. We have been reading 'It's Quacking Time!' by Martin Waddell. The children made their own ducks and eggs and thought how the characters felt about the new baby duckling in the story. We have also been learning more about time by looking at and making clocks, and timing activities in our classroom.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class we had a special visitor. PC Matthew Leeming came into our class to read 'Cops and Robbers'. We had the opportunity to ask him questions about being a police officer. In English, we looked at using the -er and -est suffixes to create comparative and superlative forms of adjectives. In Maths, we were finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and looking at even and odd numbers. We also explored the events of Good Friday in RE.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we have been getting a little silly and letting our imaginations run wild! Using funny faces as inspiration, the children have crafted some delightful descriptions of themselves in their poetry. In computing, we've been diving into the world of Microbits, programming them to create instant LED light images from code. Book Week has been a highlight, with the class coming together to craft our own stories and engage in lively discussions about our favourite characters.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, our Year 6 students have been continuing with their revision for SATs, focusing on calculation in Maths and word groups in Grammar. Meanwhile, Year 5 have concentrated on solving problems involving time whilst continuing their unit on the book, 'How to Train Your Dragon' in English. For World Book Day, we were excited to welcome our visitor, PC Matthew Leeming, on Monday, who answered a range of questions about his work as a Police Officer. We also prepared questions for the author, Berlie Doherty, whose book, 'Street Child' has been our focus during group reading.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Marco
For working and playing well with all of his classmates.

Charlotte
For great independent writing.

Summer Class

Seraphina for working collaboratively with her partner.

Grayson for his great effort in Maths this week.

Autumn Class

Zara for your lesson input and great questions this week for our Book Day guests.

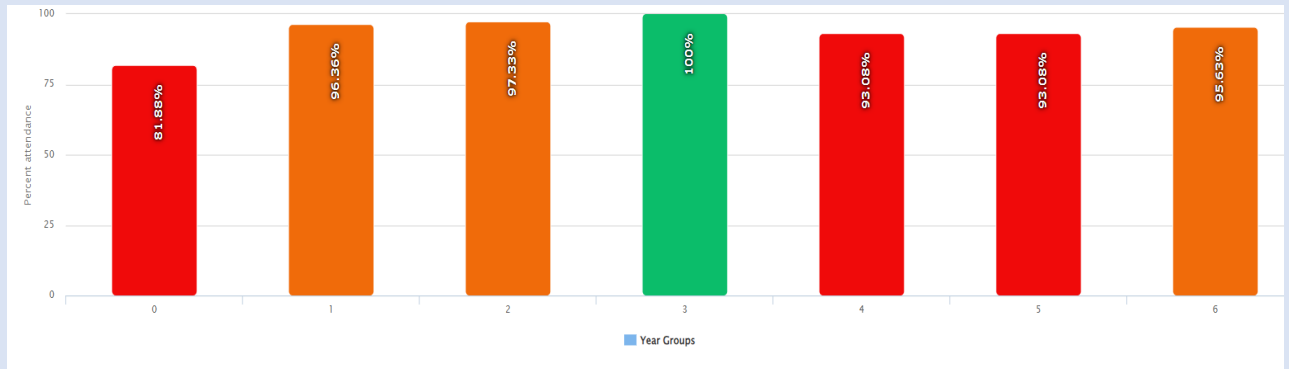
Freddie for your great ideas in English; creating noun phrases.

Winter Class

Bobby for his excellent partner talk in English this week.

Yara for showing great maturity in her approach to learning and revising this half term.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week



Year 3
with
100%



Happy Birthday



Vanessa in Winter Class



Dates for Diary 2023

Term dates are on the school website. Additions are in blue; Changes are in red.

8 th January	INSET DAY
9 th January	Start of Spring Term
10 th January	RSE Parents meeting on Zoom
12 th January	African Drumming Workshop
w/c 15 th January	RSE Lessons for Year 5 & 6
16 th January	Year 3 & 4 out at Apollo Music Concert
17 th January	2:30pm Spring Start of Term Service
29 th January	History Week
31 st January	Y5/6 Sports Match
1 st February	LDBS Service
2 nd February	History Dress-up Day
5 th February	Fluoride Treatment
6 th February	Winter Class Assembly
6 th February	E-Safety Day
6 th February	8:45am PFA Selling Pancake Breakfast Tickets
9 th February	PFA Pancake Breakfast
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term
21 st February	Y5/6 Sports Match
27 th February	Autumn Class Assembly
29 th February	Big Sing at All Souls Church
4 th March	Y5/6 Sports Match
6 th March	PFA Uniform Sale
8 th March	World Book Dress-up Day
12 th March	Royal Albert Hall – Prom Praise 4 Schools
12 th & 13 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings
12 th March	Spring Class Trip to West Hampstead Library
15 th March	Autumn Class Visit to St Margaret's – Apollo Music
18 th – 22 nd March	Year 6 Residential Trip
28 th March	End of Term – 1:30pm

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.



At St Luke’s we believe that all children deserve an education of the highest quality in order to flourish and enjoy a life filled with meaning and purpose. To support us with this, we ask parents to ensure their children are in school and on time every day. The school gates are open at 8:50am and children should be in their classrooms to be registered at 9:00am. The latest statutory guidance for schools, **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023**, has a specific paragraph addressing children who are absent from school.

Children who are absent from education

175. Children being absent from education for prolonged periods and/or on repeat occasions can act as a vital warning sign to a range of safeguarding issues including neglect, child ... exploitation - particularly county lines. It is important the school or college’s response to persistently absent pupils and children missing education supports identifying such abuse, and in the case of absent pupils, helps prevent the risk of them becoming a child missing education in the future. This includes when problems are first emerging but also where children are already known to local authority children’s social care and need a social worker (such as a child who is a child in need or who has a child protection plan, or is a looked after child), where being absent from education may increase known safeguarding risks within the family or in the community.

Our **whole school attendance target is 96%** which allows for 8 days of illness over the year.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed

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Parent Coffee Morning

Wednesday 20th March



For all parents and carers of St Luke's School, after morning drop off.
A chance to catch up and meet other parents from the school.