



Newsletter 19.06.20

Our values this week:

Respect and Responsibility

Nursery has seen some amazing home learning, with so much creativity and hard work from the children and parents. A huge well done to **Mimo** and his family for their superb home learning. Mimo has made a beautiful miniature garden and his passion for numbers continues to impress all of the Nursery team. Well done you guys!

Year 2 Ash class—Alesha has been working really hard on her home learning, taking responsibility for the excellent quality of her work and always trying her best. She's always respectful of her family, teachers and classmates and I'm really proud of her. Well done Alesha!

Year 2 Birch class—Stevie has shown respect and responsibility every day this week. She has listened to all adults, followed instructions and respected all the new procedures around school, with a big smile! Well done Stevie!

Year 5 Palm class have nominated **Farha Sabah** for consistently showing respect and responsibility. Farha has been in school working with different members of staff who have commented on how hard working and respectful she is to the adults and her peers. Farha has also shown great responsibility in striving to complete her work and helping others. Well done Farha!

Year 6 Cypress class have nominated **Chloe B.** for the value of the week as she has been logging in everyday, completing work. She has produced some brilliant writing based around *The Tempest*. Well done Chloe!

Star of French this week:

Amelia in Year 5, for combining two activities and creating a meme about the origin of the word 'biscuit'! She even added her voice to say 'biscuit' in French! Bravo!

Aaryan K. in Year 6, for his great contribution to our Quiz-About Yourself, writing more than one interesting question with a translation and a picture! Bravo!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We trust you are all keeping well. We are now at the end of the 13th week of lockdown in this country, an experience that none of us could have prepared for or known was coming until it hit us. We are acutely aware that this pandemic crisis is causing widespread worry and uncertainty for families, and in many cases significant and unplanned for hardship. Please know that we at St. Luke's have access to various sources of food, however we do not always know who would welcome the support. If you are struggling, please do not be afraid to get in touch. We are here to help and if you contact us, we will do our very best to assist you.

Now that more children have returned to school, our school office is open from 8 am – 4pm each day. A lovely lady called Makda is taking calls to the school, and if you contact us, she will let Christine and I know that you have called and we will call you back.

Progress with welcoming children back to school_Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

It was great to welcome children in Year 6 back to school this week, two groups, each for 2 days.

We have risk assessed each of the Bubbles, and by the time you read this newsletter, if you have requested a place for your child in school, in the second phase of returners, you should now have received a letter from us to confirm arrangements.

We will welcome the additional children into **Nursery and Year 1 on Monday 22nd June** and into **Reception on Wednesday 14th June**.

Please note, that for Nursery, Reception and Year 1, after 3 surveys and two rounds of admissions, we are now full to capacity in each of the Bubbles. If you decide you would like your child to return, all we will be able to do at this late stage is add your child to the waiting list, and it would require someone to cease attending before they could be admitted.

For **Year 6**, we still have some places, so if you change your mind and would like your child to attend, please let us know by Tuesday 23rd June and we will seek to include them from Monday 29th June.

The **Key Worker provision** continues, so as always, if you are under pressure to suddenly return to work, please let us know and we can try to include children from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 as well as other year groups in that provision instead.

Return to school arrangement for children from Year 2, 3, 4, and 5

As said in last week's newsletter, we are looking at a model so that the children in each of these year groups get to return to school for a fixed period of time (hopefully a week) so that they can have closure to this academic year and be prepared for the new academic year in September.

We cannot plan this safely without exact numbers. If you would like your child to return to their year group, please email as follows, no later than **5pm on Tuesday 23rd June**. *Please note that we have to be strict with deadlines and therefore we will not accept any requests after this date and time.*

- Years 2 and 3: nimesha.nagahawatte@st-lukes.towerhamlets.sch.uk
- Years 4 and 5: cristina.king@st-lukes.towerhamlets.sch.uk

We will confirm arrangements for the next phase of returners by close of day on Thursday 25th June.

Remote home learning will continue for all year groups throughout this half term.

School to school support

I am pleased to share with you that the governors of St. Luke's School have agreed a partnership for two years with the Governors of Harbinger School here on the Island, from 1st September 2020.

This means that in the new academic year, I will be working as an Executive headteacher across both St. Luke's and Harbinger Schools. To enable both schools to have consistent leadership, every day, each school will have a Head of School.

- The Head of School for St. Luke's will be Cristina King.
- The Head of School for Harbinger will be Nimesha Nagahawatte.

Each Head of School will then be supported by other leaders in school and any further changes will be shared with you once the new year starts. Ms. N. will continue to have a presence at St. Luke's to ensure continuity of the great work she does in our school generally and specifically in relation to Computing.

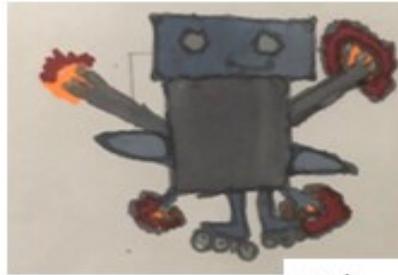
This is an exciting opportunity to share practice across the two schools, to enable on going school development for both. As a church school, we exist to support those that need us in the community, and so we are pleased to be able to work with Harbinger in this way. Wishing you all a restful and safe weekend. Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

I was so pleased when the teachers in Year 2 chose to share some work this week. Despite the challenges of working remotely, the children are continuing to work creatively! What memorable learning!

In Year 2 our maths lessons have focused on learning about shape this week. Here are some creative pictures using 2D shapes.



Nika



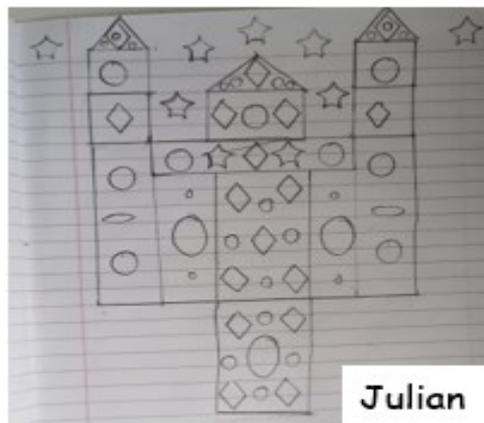
Ethan



Sini



Iris



Julian



Alesha

In Year 2, our art lessons have focused on Africa (to link with our Geography topic). This week we have made amazing African masks!

We are sure you will agree they are wonderful!



Emma



Betsy



Alex



William

Goodness me—well done Year 2. It is so wonderful to see the creative work that you remain engaged with despite having to work remotely now for 10 whole weeks!

This is a fabulous selection of masks—if we did not have your names we would struggle to work out who you are!

And what an array of different images we can make when we know our shapes!

Thank you for continuing to put so much enthusiasm into your work.

Well done Year 2.

Madame Col, in addition to the children she highlighted for the value of the week, is really pleased with Year 3 this week. Here is her special message to you:

'Félicitations! Congratulations to the following Y3 children for contributing and/or completing assignments at least once in French:

Martin, Alexander, Kayleigh, Morgan, Nidhi, Beatrice, Aria, Quinten, Tanisha, Louie, Elina, Mim, Angel, Judah, Imogen, Gauri, Cyrus, George, Patrick, Faizah , Aryan.

The following Y3 children have completed many activities including challenges! : **Morgan, Alexander**

Congratulations to all of them, Mme Col is extremely grateful and proud of all your efforts and amazing work! Keep it up!

PS: If your name is not here, it might be because Mme Col hasn't had the pleasure to read or see what you have completed yet and she is looking forward to see and read your work!

An update from the Year 6 team:

Worried About Secondary School?

It is an unusual time for our Year 6 children. Usually, they would be visiting their new schools and getting ready to take part in introduction days. While we will be discussing secondary school transition with your child, they may still have worries. This week, you will receive an online copy of a booklet produced by The Tower Hamlets Educational Psychology Service. The booklet is intended to support parents and carers with addressing worries that your child may have. It contains some ideas about preparing for secondary school and what to do if worries stick around for a long time. There are contacts within the booklet to provide extra support.

If we can help with anything else, please do get in touch. Ms. Sutherland, Mr. Griffiths, Nina, Jill and Steve.

A message from the Royal London Hospital and NHS:

Dear Schools of East London,

Some months ago I emailed asking for help from you and the young people of our community. The response received was far more than we could have dreamt for.

I can't begin to tell you how much the wave of kindness has meant to our staff. Our corridors are covered with pictures that never cease to improve the wellbeing of staff on the way in and out of work. A huge heartfelt thank you from us.

Best Wishes

Marc Robinson

There is a special thank you poster also attached.

Process for getting a Covid—19 test done:

We have had feedback from a member of our community who did a Covid—19 test and we thought it would be helpful to share this with you as a useful point of reference in case any of you need to take one.

GP surgeries are not able to help.

You need to follow this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

After clicking on <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> the process is self explanatory and straightforward to follow and complete. Within 48 hours you receive the COVID 19 kit delivered via Amazon. It is then picked up the day after, once you have taken the test, by a Royal Mail courier so you don't need to leave the house and it's all free of charge.

I would suggest that the test be taken as close as possible to the collection time as the results will be more accurate.

If you are sending your child into school with a packed lunch, please remember that we are a nut free school. Please avoid putting products with nuts into the lunches as this could cause an allergic reaction for another child on site. Thank you for your help.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU

