



St Luke's Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

You may recall me mentioning, a few weeks ago, that we were to have a review of teaching and learning at the school with two external inspectors coming to spend a few days with us. This visit was last week and was very rigorous, seeing all staff observed and most staff interviewed about the priorities for the school now and in the future. We have come out of the process tired but with clear directions forward to keep the school improving and I'd like to thank all the staff and inspectors for their honest opinions.

Homework and revision guides arrived this week for all the Y6 children and have gone out to families. These should really help our Y6 children do their best in the SATs in May. But please bear in mind that these resources were expensive, so please make sure your child is using them and getting the most from them.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs Tarbuck and Mr Jennings for organising our World Book Day celebrations and Environmental Day - and special thanks to our Y6s for taking over the rest of the newsletter this week. Hope you enjoy it. (This might have given me an idea...)

Y6s' Friday News TAKEOVER!

WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP

By Jeremiah Oyediran, Keriane N'da and Yasmin Paul

Today we celebrated World Book Day, one of our favourite days of the year, with every child dressing up as their favourite book character. Across the school, from Reception to Y6, children enjoyed a wide range of literacy activities. Reception were making masks, designing hand-puppets and drawing. All of the Reception students were very excited about being allowed to dress up. Y1 and 2 were overjoyed by their parade in front of judges at

assembly (those with the winning costume will receive a prize of a book token). They really liked the fact that they could use their imagination to change into a character that they adore, and expressed their love for books. Elsewhere, *The Prince of Poetry* (Mr Nathan) was encouraging the lower school to develop a love of language.

Our guest artist, Vicky Thorneton, was also showing us how to develop our art skills, inspiring us to become illustrators in the future.

Finally KS2 also participated in a range of

making, acting role plays and photography - this newsletter 'takeover' is one of the results.

Today has been the most successful book day yet. Overall, everybody had a tremendous time including the teachers. Mr Huntingford (appearing as one of the many 'Wallys') said, "*The reason I like World Book Day is because it encourages children to read and remind people how much enjoyment you can get out of a book rather than looking at screens.*"

ALWAYS TRY YOUR HARDEST - AND NEVER DROP YOUR HEADS!

St. Luke's Fight for the League Cup

by Dillon Onasanya and Soleil Stephen

On Wednesday evening, the boys and girls football team went to play at West Ham foundation Ground in a primary school football league cup tournament. To prepare themselves, the boys had to warm up and practise their skills in accuracy and passing. They managed to play four matches and come 2nd in their group. Unfortunately, even though this was supposed to be a mixed tournament, no other schools brought a girls team along so sadly our girls were unable to play - but they showed great support to their classmates and encouraged the boys in their game.

Out of the whole tournament, the boys came 7th out of 20 schools, winning two, drawing one and losing one (against Mr Hipperson's old school!).

Next Monday the boys and girls A-team will be playing Keir Hardie for the league. Previously, the boys drew 1-1 and the girls beat them 3-0. In the league the boys are 3rd and the girls are 1st.

The girls' biggest achievement is coming third in a tournament with extremely hard teams. Our aim is to reach the top of the table and to come home with the league cup. Our next step is once we score, we shouldn't be overconfident and drop our heads when the opposite team scores.

