



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

At St. Luke's we believe that Online Safety is a really important topic. This week we invited Digital Wizards in to school to deliver sessions to the children in Key Stage 2. I asked for some feedback, and it is clear from the comments below that the children really enjoyed the sessions, which is really important when addressing such a serious topic as online safety.

They had lots of positive comments to make.

Digital Footsteps, this was a really good idea because it made me understand that when we post lots of things online, people can trace it back. You shouldn't post personal information. (Sophia Year 5)

Digital Wizards presented this information in a fun and exciting way, which is really important as these are life lessons. (Stanley Year 6)

We really enjoyed the games we played. We did Breaking News, it showed us that we can't always believe everything we read. (Jacob Year 3)

He shared lots of fun apps . (Iris Year 4)

Sometimes people send you links and if you don't know who it is, it is best that you don't click on it. (Sophia Year 5)

Overall, they said, we thought these sessions were brilliant, definitely 10/10 and if possible, we would give it 11/ 10.

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In the afternoon our Junior Leaders brought cake to each of the classrooms, everyone enjoyed a celebratory piece of cake. They also presented each child with a card to remember the day, with our school mission statement and an image of St. Luke.

Thank you to Friends of St. Luke's who organised the very successful Halloween Disco. Thank you also to all our families and staff who supported this event. The children clearly enjoyed themselves.

Yesterday afternoon, we welcomed PCSO Neil Flannagan to school. Along with our Junior Safety Officers, he shared very important safety messages about Bonfire Night. As we are getting closer to November 5th, we are very grateful that he was able to visit with us. Our Junior Safety Officers said the two important messages that they want to share is

Be Aware and Never go back to a Firework.

This morning the pupils in our Yew Tree class were due to visit the Library, however, due the heavy rain we decided to postpone. This will now take place on the Friday 3rd November.

Fingers crossed that this weather does not continue into the half term break. Whatever you are doing, we hope you have an enjoyable time.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **93.5%**.

Across the school, **36 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
Reception Year 3	Year 1 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Year 2

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Pupil Voice

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St Luke's Lion Cubs

We have enjoyed our visits from St Luke's Lion Cubs this half term. We are closed next week for half term but we return the week after.

Recommended Read

A member of Year 6 recommends **Dairy of a Wimpy Kid Double Down** because it is easy to pick up and it is really funny.

3 words to describe this book would be:

Funny, enjoyable and relatable



Little Church

Come and join us at little Church this week during 11am mass on Sunday.

Cherry Class

This week Cherry class have enjoyed presenting their homework projects focusing on an influential person relating to Black History. The children have been so enthusiastic to present their work, ask questions and find out more information.

In maths year 1 have been investigating different ways to make different numbers and how represent them in different ways. Reception have been creating and copying different patterns.

We have been creating our final pieces of artwork after studying the artists Romero Britto (year 1) and Paul Klee (Reception) and making decisions about what to create and which materials to use.

We had a nice visit from our year 6 buddies this week and we love spending time with them and sharing stories.

We had a lovely day celebrating the Feast Day of St Luke this week. We visited church and we continued to celebration with cake at school!

We enjoyed the Halloween disco this week too! We dressed up, played some games, danced and had more cake!



Elm Class

Elm Class have had an amazing and fun filled week!

In English, we have been writing our own story in the style of Troll Swap. In Art, we have created our final portraits using all the skills we have been learning. In Maths, we have carried on looking at addition and subtraction, using different equipment to help us. In 'The Way, The Truth and The Life' we have acted our 3 stories we have looked at this half term (Abraham, Moses and Daniel). In History, we have been looking at Florence Nightingale and why she is important.

On Wednesday we celebrated Feast Day by visiting St Lukes Church and in the evening we attended a fabulous Halloween disco!

We have also celebrated Black History Month by presenting our homework - fabulous work, well done!

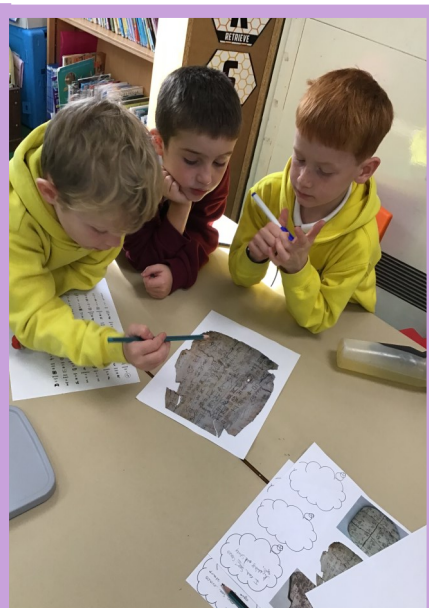


Yew Class

What an exciting week Yew Class have had! In history we have carried on learning about our topic of The Shang Dynasty. This week we looked at 'Oracle bones', the children had lots of fun interpreting the symbols on the bones to try and discover what questions the Shang kings were asking the Gods.

On Wednesday, we also had a special assembly from our PCSO about keeping safe during the coming weeks of Halloween and bonfire night.

Year 3 and 4 have also been learning about keeping safe online. On Thursday, both year groups took part in an online safety workshop. Year 3 looked at how to create a strong password to protect personal information online. Meanwhile, Year 4 explored misinformation online through fake news. Both year groups had a fantastic session being digital wizards!



Cypress Class

We have had another great week to end our first half term together in Cypress Tree Class. After planning our science investigation last week, we enjoyed conducting our experiment to find out 'Which beak is the most suitable?' linked with Charles Darwin's finches. We planned it very carefully to make sure it was a fair test and got some interesting results.

On Tuesday, Mr Strickland from Digital Wizards visited our class and delivered really interesting workshops that came with very important messages about how to stay safe online.

Wednesday was a very special day for our school as we celebrated St Luke's Feast Day. After a beautiful mass in the morning, we all enjoyed a delicious slice of cake in the afternoon and received a special prayer card to take home.

Throughout the week, the children have been presenting their homework based on Black History Month. The amount of research and effort that has gone into the homework pieces has been incredible with so many excellent pieces of work presented. Well done, everyone!

As we finish our first half term as a class, we have also come to the end of our first class novel together. We have thoroughly enjoyed 'Wonder' and it has been an amazing book to start off the school year. If you haven't read the book yet, we would highly recommend it! We can't wait to read our next novel when we return after our half term break.



Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...Please note we can only invite parents/carers of headteacher and subject award winners

Headteacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Awards

