



St Luke's News

March 2024

Dates

March

Monday 4th

School Council visiting Parliament in London; SASWT leading worship re the Bible/World Book Day

Tuesday 5th

School Nurses to see Y6 re health survey

Wednesday 6th

Rec to the Atkinson Theatre - Gruffalo

World Book Day:

Wear onesies or dress as a book character £1 suggested donation; World Book Day; FOSLS story-telling evening, 6.30pm

Monday 11th

Rev Mat leading worship; Miss Hesketh's Mindfulness after-school club starts

w/b Monday 11th

Science Week

Tuesday 12th

Sefton Schools; cross country Race 4 Bootle

Wednesday 13th &

Thursday 14th

Some Y4/5 pupils taking part in Range High School's Spring Spectacular;

Friday 15th

Red Nose Day—red MUFTI, £2 suggested donation;

Lunt Meadow and Chester University presentation to Y3 re Stone Age

Monday 18th

Open the Book Team leading worship

Wednesday 20th

Y1 local spring walk; Sefton schools' cross Country Championships

Dates cont'd over

School Council Visit to Westminster



It was well worth the early start (leaving school at 6.40am!) for our tour of the Houses of Parliament. We took the minibus to Runcorn Station and then the train to Euston. Navigating the Underground, we arrived at the Education Centre just in time to go through security and begin our tour. Our guide, Peter, was really informative and we saw inside the House of Commons (the green room) and the House of Lords (the red room), as well as the Lobby and Westminster Hall, where the Queen had lain in state after her death.



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Dates cont'd
March

Friday 22nd

Y1 Pirate Day;
Y3 singing performance to the school with Finley Gordon, Liverpool Cathedral Choir

Monday 25th

Y5 show to the school;
Rev Matt leading worship

Tuesday 26th

No Hugh MacAuley football today

Tuesday 26th, 2pm and Wednesday 27th, 6.15pm:
Y5 Show to parents

Wednesday 27th

Church: Easter Services led by Y4—9.30am 4C, 10.15am 4WM

Thursday 28th

Wear a Hat to School Day, £1 suggested donation for Brain Tumour Research;
Y6 to *Mission Impossible Southport: the Easter Story*; Term ends 2.00pm
After-school club closes at 5pm

Holiday Club open 8th-12th April

Summer term starts on Monday 15th April

April

Monday 15th

Y4 Mr Egypt visit

Wednesday 17th

Mini marathon Day—sports
MUFTI £1 donation to #kNOwKnifeCrime

Wednesday 24th

Cathedral Choir singing with Y4;

FOSLS meeting at Queen's Road Social, 7pm

Thursday 25th

Class Photograph Day

w/b Monday 29th

SWACA workshops re healthy relationships: all classes

Tuesday 30th

3R overnight visit to Catalyst

May

Wednesday 1st

3H overnight visit to Catalyst

Monday 6th

May Day Bank Holiday: school closed.

More dates will be added—keep checking the newsletter!

School Council Visit to Westminster cont'd

We then took part in a workshop about democracy and the children were brilliant in their role-play in debating a Bill to create a new Law about banning smoking. Jennifer

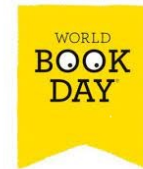


acted as the Speaker of the House and wore a wig and gown that had actually belonged to Betty Boothroyd, the first, and to date, the only woman to serve as Speaker. Towards the end of our visit, we were joined by our MP Bill Esterson, and the children really impressed with their questions..

A quick photo outside Big Ben and it was time to get the train home. We were exhausted - but what an experience! A big thank you to Mrs Dwan for organising the visit, including all the travel arrangements; also to Mrs Edger and parent helper, Mrs Madigan for accompanying the children.



World Book Day 2024



We had great fun in school, dressed as book characters or in our pyjamas, ready for lots of different reading activities. The day began with our Masked Reader competition, with children having to guess the identity of each masked member of staff

reading lines from Julia Donaldson's *The Highway Rat*. The answers were then revealed in our whole school assembly.

Read Your Way Photo Competition Winners

Over 50 children took part in the competition and they found some wild and wacky places to read. We had readers on mountains, on slides, on escalators, on Iron men, in trees, in cages, in the bath, in a box, upside down, on cars, in cars, with animals real and make-believe – including (The) Beatles! They certainly found 'their own way' to read.



These are our worthy winners with their book prizes:

Sand Dunes, Scarlett K;

Pinewoods, Scarlett G;

1P, Sophia; 1FO'N, Mason;

2M, Elliot; 2GN, Lottie;

3H, Heidi; 3R, Edward;

4C, Billy; 4WM, Iris;

5W, Lily; 5H, William;

6H, Tom W; 6G, Tom C



Thank You Barratt Homes!

Ahead of World Book Day, Merseyside housebuilder Barratt Homes has donated a lovely collection of 25 positive mental health-themed books to our school.

The donated books include a range by Usborne Publishing, which aims to support children's understanding of subjects such as racism, diversity, bereavement, fears, worries and friendships. Our Librarians enjoyed a photoshoot with a professional photographer provided by Barratt. Later, our Year 3 classes browsed these books and gave them all a big



'thumbs up'. The junior library is being extended to include a non-fiction section and these books will make a welcome addition. Thank you, Barratt Homes!



More Book News!

Thank you to our fabulous FOSLS volunteers for helping with the book fair. We sold over £900 worth of books, many as rewards for children for their glowing reports and parents' evening! This means we will receive over £450 of free books which Mrs Edger and our Librarians will choose. Thank you for all your support in book-buying!



Fuzzlehogs Find a New Home at St Luke's.

If you've visited school recently you may have noticed some new additions – our Fuzzlehogs walls!

Designed by Alicia Everett at Hovia, a Liverpool wallpaper and mural specialist, the Fuzzlehogs have made themselves very comfortable on the walls in our library areas. We were chosen to receive these amazing artwork murals and had them installed in our three library areas just in time for World Book Day.



Alicia and Hannah from Hovia visited our Y1 and Y2 classes last week to share the Fuzzlehogs' storybook (written by Alicia) and then showed the children how to draw a Fuzzlehog. The children thought she was "a very good artist and a great story-maker."

Our thanks go to Alicia and Hannah from Hovia for kicking off our World Book Day celebrations in style and leaving us with a lasting souvenir: the beautiful murals and some copies of the book. Thank you, Hovia!

Contribution to Design Technology Activities

At the start of the school year, we asked parents and carers from Y1-Y6 to donate £10 per pupil in order that we can fund all the additional materials for DT projects, including buzzers, batteries, motors, etc and children can then take home the finished products. Several payments are still outstanding. Please check on Spider and make your payment as soon as possible. Thank you!



Science Week at St Luke's Week beginning 11th March

For several years now, we have alternated a science week and an arts week in school, where the usual curriculum is collapsed and enhanced by a range of activities, many involving professional visitors to school. This year is the turn of Science Week, and our science subject leader, Miss Murdock, has been extremely busy organising the different events for each year group. These include virtual reality experiences, a mobile zoo, "Silly Science" and science-themed buddy time. The cost of all the activities is fully funded by the school budget and FOSLS, so there is no additional cost to parents and carers. In addition to the activities, each class has been given the name of a scientist to research and Miss Murdock has contacted all parents via Spider about **the plastic challenge** - a reminder of the links:

[How young people can take part in The Big Plastic Count 2024!](#)

[How to count your plastic – The Big Plastic Count 2024](#)

[Tally sheet](#)

A big thank you to Miss Murdock for what promises to be an exciting week!



SOUP KITCHEN / FOODBANK – EASTER EGG APPEAL

We are supporting this appeal for Easter Egg / chocolate donations for children and families of low-income who have known nothing but poverty throughout their lives, often through no fault of their own. Yet many of our children say they get more Easter Eggs from friends and family than they can eat! Donations can be left in the porch at St Luke's Church or left on the tables under the canopy at the front of school any time from now up until the end of term, 28th March. Thanks for your support.

London Marathon 2024 and #kNOwKnifeCrime

On Wednesday 17th April, we will be holding a Mini Marathon event, where each class will run a total of 26 miles around the running track, meaning we will run 14 marathons as a school!

In addition to this, we have teamed up with #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign, alongside 81 other schools across Sefton, to support fundraising for bleeding control kits and cabinets to be installed outside schools in Sefton. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will be having a virtual assembly from the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaigner Laura Hughes, to



educate the children on the campaign's efforts to keep our community safe and well-resourced in the event someone needs medical assistance. The purpose of teaming up with this campaign is to raise awareness of the dangers of carrying a knife and to raise money to purchase bleeding control kits in our local community.

A Sefton Headteacher, Christina Greaves from Kew Woods Primary School, and one of our own St Luke's former parent governors, Michelle Palmer, will be running the actual London Marathon to raise money for this cause.

The 82 schools across Sefton will be taking part in a relay event, running between schools with a bleed control kit as a baton. Our leg will be run by four pupils and two members of staff. The event will be covered by the media and supervised by the police across Sefton.

To support the campaign, we are requesting a donation of £1 per pupil, payable on Spider. In return, children can wear Sports Mufti on the day of the event, Wednesday 17th April. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this worthwhile cause.



Roots and Shoots Donation

from Formby Parish Council Community Fund

Formby Parish Council has kindly approved our application for grant funding for an amount of £425 to provide toys and other resources for our weekly Roots and Shoots stay-and-play group.

The group, led by Mrs Dwan and supported by other St Luke's staff, meets in the school hall every Wednesday morning, from 9.15-10.45. Parents, grandparents and childminders bring along children from babies right up to school starting age, and enjoy a variety of songs, games and play activities.

Team Around the School (TAS)

A reminder of this support system for families: TAS aims to make sure that worries are dealt with at the earliest point and families receive the help they need. Some examples of worries we can help with include: family routines, health, drug/alcohol misuse, emotional wellbeing, housing support, parenting, speech and language development, money worries, managing behaviour and parental relationships. This is not an exhaustive list!

If you'd like a chat, please contact:

eileen.lloyd@sefton.gov.uk or rachel.traynor@sefton.gov.uk

Parent Support Workshops

Team Around the School in Formby is planning some joint meetings for parents of all the Formby schools, targeting some of the common issues raised by several parents.

The hall has been booked at the Ravenmeols Community Centre (also known as PDC) on Park Road for the first two of these meetings:

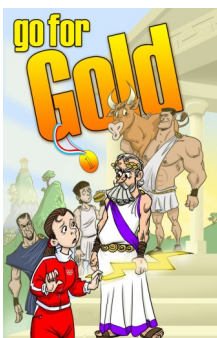
Friday 10th May 1pm - Screen and Sleep

Friday 17th May 1pm - Managing parents' worries about transition to high school

We hope to get lot of parents coming together from all our schools, so please tell your friends! There will be future meetings planned on other issues, so if you have any ideas, please contact Mrs Govan at school.

Sheets for togas!

The Y5 production, Go For Gold, is taking shape and due to be performed in the last week of term. It has an Olympics/Ancient Greece theme, so



we are in need of any plain white bedsheets you may have finished with to transform into togas! If you can help, please send them into Mrs Harper in Y5.

Used Clothing Collection

Please save any clean used clothing



for our next collection, which will be just after the May half term holiday. The last collection raised over £80 for school funds and it is really is money for nothing!

It also saves several people trips to the council tip, which can only be good for the planet!



Wear a Hat to School Day
Thursday 28th March
&
Red Nose Day / Lent Collection
Friday 15th March



We are aware that these national charity days come close together and we have also listened to John Gelder from Church telling us all about the Lent Project, supporting our partners in Shyira, Rwanda. We are aware that we are asking for quite a few donations this term, but hope that as many families that can afford to give are able to support.

We are inviting all staff and pupils to donate **£1** to wear a hat to school on **Thursday 28th March** in support of Brain Tumour Research. This is a charity close to our hearts, having lost staff, parents and relatives to this disease. On **Friday 15th March**, we will be telling jokes and wearing anything red or Red Nose Day merchandise. This year we are asking for a donation of **£2**, so that we can split the money raised between Comic Relief and our Lent project. Thank you in anticipation of your support..



Reminder: Church Services

Y4 pupils take the responsibility for our Easter Services on **Wednesday 27th March**, 4C leading the 9.30am service and 4WM at 10.15am. We will make sure siblings in school attend the service involving their brother or sister.

FOSLS 100 CLUB

Here are the latest winners of the 100 Club

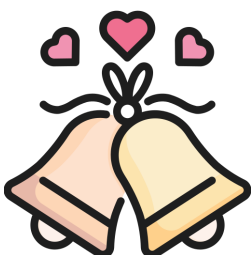
JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH WINNERS:

1st Prize (£35): K & J Sefton / Carol Kerr / K Walls

2nd Prize (£20): G McNeil / Mrs E Jones / Mrs D McTeague

3rd Prize (£15): Carol Kerr / Jean Cox / Carolyn Platt

Congratulations and thanks for your support!



Wedding Bells for Miss Nelson!

Miss Nelson will return to school next term as Mrs Avis, as she and her partner Tom will be getting married during the holidays. We wish them lots of happiness and sunshine on their big day!