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Dear St Luke's families,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. January has flown past! The children have settled back into school well, and we have welcomed some new families to our school community. Children have been hard at work over the last few weeks, learning about space in Reception, electricity in Years 1 and 2, recreating famous artworks in Hedgehogs Class, and WWII in Years 5 and 6. Read on for photos and more information about our learning this term, as well as some important reminders.

Very best wishes,

From Sarah Barnes and the St Luke's Team.

Houses and Values

This term, we have been talking with the children about another of our school values; **honesty**. We have discussed how challenging it can be to be honest, but how important it is in building relationships with others and demonstrating our own trustworthiness. Staff have been on the look out for children displaying honesty in schools, as well as those who are working hard or being kind to others, and have awarded House points accordingly. Currently, **City** House are in the lead, but a final total will be taken at half term.

City House have chosen to have a non-school uniform day as their reward from last half term. This will take place next Friday, 6th February, for all children in **City** House. Please ensure non-school uniform is named and suitable for a day in school.

KS2 Results (SATs) 2025

Revised KS2(SATs results were published shortly before Christmas, and we are so pleased to announce that St Luke's were well above the national average once again. The table below shows how our results compare to other schools in Cambridgeshire and to the national averages.

	St Luke's	Cambridgeshire	National
Reading (average score)	111	106	106
Maths (average score)	110	105	105
Reading, writing and maths combined	79%	59%	62%

These results put us 18th out of 252 primary schools in the whole of Cambridgeshire and **the highest performing school in our local area**. We are incredibly proud of the effort and hard work – from both pupils and staff – that has gone into this achievement.

Pancake Races

Our annual 'pancake races' will take place at 2pm on Friday 13th February – parents are welcome to join us, and if children can bring a named frying pan on the day, this will be beneficial.

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Young Voices

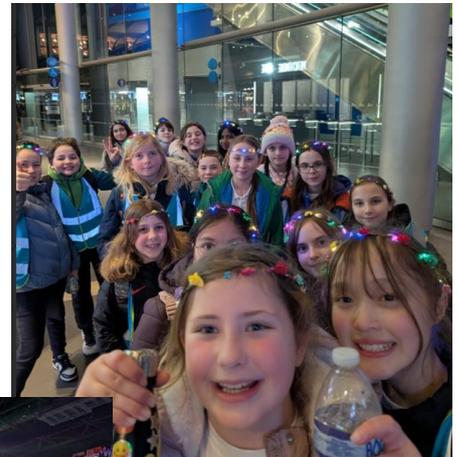
Last week, Mrs O'Connor and I, accompanied by two parent helpers and one of our parent governors, Mrs Atkins, took a choir of 20 children to the O2 in London to participate in Young Voices, one of the world's largest children's choir events, with thousands of children performing. Read on to discover what some of our choir members thought of the day...



From the second that the lights came on, the arena filled with excitement. The difference between the rehearsal and the live show was immense and absolutely fantastic, particularly when we sang Starazing. Afterwards, we wore funny floral crowns that lit up and a security guard in a neon-orange hi-vis jacket did karaoke with us so that we did not get bored. All in all, it was an incredible experience that I'll never forget. - Agnes Y6

Alice (Y5) said, "My time at Young Voices was so fun, except when the chair broke during the concert! My favourite song was Disco Fever. I got

the Young Voices t-shirt too!"



Young Voices

The thrilling experience started on the ride to the coach where we picked up Babraham primary school. Once the choir arrived at the O2, we had lunch and then started rehearsing. It feels truly magical when the 8,000 children all sing together.

After dinner the show began, everyone sang loudly and we loved watching Urban Strides performance to 'Golden'.

The surprise guests were Super-Jen and the song that was written was exciting.

As we left the feelings were bittersweet. It was the year 6's last O2 trip, but it was amazing. I loved it!

- Molly, Y6



The young voices trip was EXCELLENT!!! There were colorful lights illuminating the O2 arena, songs sung by people all over the world and even famous people. We sat close to the front. It was very loud, so many people brought ear-defenders. There was tons of parents and family watching and approximately 8,000 children. The dancers were amazing too.

- Connie



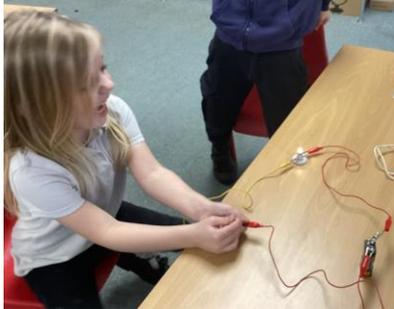
Young Voices

Starting in higher seats, we rehearsed every melody. Seeing all the people, a whole 8,000 children was insane. My favorite song we rehearsed was 'Shalala', which began with a rap. Later on, we were moved to the front which was incredible. I would absolutely, would go again. We wore headbands with glow sticks and also flower headbands. The O2 was loud but in a good way. It was fun seeing everyone enjoy this experience!

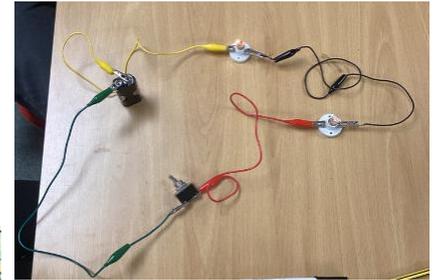
- Shikha



Squirrels Class



We have been very busy in Squirrels class. Year 1 and 2 have been looking at electricity in science. We looked at what electricity was and although it is very useful, it can also be very dangerous. We looked at how we get electricity and what uses it. After looking at how a simple circuit is made, we then made one of our own. We even added a switch and looked at how the light does not come on when the switch is off!



In Reception, we have been looking at space. The book we have been focusing is Whatever Next! As well as making moon pictures and planning a picnic on the moon, we have also sequenced the story by putting the pictures in the right order and talking about each part of the book.



Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs Class created their own version of 'The Scream' by Munch. Students have been studying expressionism and how art can show emotion. They created the marbled background with watercolour paint. Like Munch, the background features complimentary colours. Their screaming faces were modelled after the expression you make while riding a rollercoaster.



"I liked getting to choose the complimentary colours we could use." - Ariya

"I liked using the complimentary colours, too. I even noticed the hockey team I was watching was a green team vs. a red team." – Alexander

Muntjac Class

On Tuesday 27th January, we marked Holocaust Memorial Day. This year's theme was 'Bridging Generations.' Children joined together in special in-class assemblies to reflect on the importance of kindness and respect, and in the value of sharing and passing on memories and stories. Muntjac Class also read and listened to survivors' testimonies, and will build on this knowledge over the course of this term as we learn about World War 2.

Ramadan

When we return from half term, many of our Muslim families will be observing Ramadan. In the past, some of our Year 6 pupils have fasted. If this will apply to your child, please let us know in advance so that we can share our fasting protocols with your and support your child through this important time. Similarly, for families celebrating

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Eid al-Fitr in March, please complete a leave of absence form ahead of the day so that teachers can plan for your child's absence.

General reminders

- Please remember that **school lunches** and **After School Club** should both be **booked in advance** via MCAS.
- Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with a fruit / vegetable snack for break time. If children in KS2 (Y3 – 6) would like a break time snack, they will need to provide their own **fruit or vegetable snack**. Please note that crisps and cereal bars are *not* a suitable snack for break time.
- PE days: Squirrels on Tuesday, Hedgehogs on Wednesday and Muntjacs on Thursday. Children should **change into their PE kit for the PE lesson**: plain t-shirt, shorts or joggers / leggings, a sweater and a pair of trainers. No jewellery or hoods – Y6 hoodies are school uniform, not PE kit! It is chilly at the moment – please include a jumper!

Further information can be found on the uniform pages of our website: <https://stlukes.demat.org.uk/uniform>.

- We have a couple of cases of head lice in school – please check your child's hair regularly and treat if needed. Wearing hair up and encouraging children not to touch heads can help prevent the spread of head lice. For further information visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

Social Media

Finally, please like and follow us on Instagram! <https://www.instagram.com/stlukes.school/>

