



We want all of our community to have equal opportunities to experience life in all its fulness (John 10: 10). We encourage all community members to “be the best we can be” in every aspect of their lives as we grow in, and reflect on, the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Love (1Corinthians 13).

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY

As we come to the end of a very busy term, it's been wonderful to be able to visit classes and talk to the children about their learning this term. They have been working hard and have clearly been enjoying their learning, judging by the work that they have produced. I want to thank our amazing staff team who continue to do such a fantastic job, helping the children to be the best they can be.

We've had a lot of fun over the past few weeks, preparing for Christmas. We all enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch last Thursday and it was great to see so many fabulous Christmas jumpers last Friday. We're now looking forward to our Nativity performances, which will be taking place in St Augustine's church tomorrow afternoon, and I hope that many of you will be able to join us (see below for details). The term ends at **1:30pm on Thursday**.

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and a very Merry Christmas to those of you who celebrate it. Children return to school on **Monday 8th January**.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

We're really looking forward to our Christmas Nativity performances which will be taking place in St Augustine's Church tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday 20th December) and hope that you will be able to join us. Doors open from 1:15pm and we will be collecting £1 from each adult on entry.

The children will be returning to school following the performances to change and can be collected from the playground at 3:30pm.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Year 3 who won the attendance award last week.

Our attendance was 94.4% last week and overall attendance has been 94.6% since the start of the academic year, which is higher than at this time last year. However, I know that we can do even better and I hope that we can work together in the new year to continue to improve our attendance.

We will also be focusing on punctuality in the new year. Please remember that the soft start begins at 8:45am and that all children must be in school by 9:00am. Too many children have been arriving after 9:00am over the past few weeks, which means that they are recorded as arriving at school late. This has an impact on the start of their day and can make it difficult for children to settle into the school day.

WONDERFUL WORK 14TH DECEMBER

Reception: Mariam

Y1: Alex

Y2: Wessam

Y3: Maria

Y4: Milena

Y5: Aseel

Y6: Brianna



100% ATTENDANCE PARTIES

Yesterday, we held our 100% attendance awards Collective Worship where all children with 100% attendance for the second half of the autumn term were awarded a special certificate. We also had amazing attendance parties for all of children with 100% attendance, during which the children enjoyed eating popcorn and drinking hot chocolate while watching a film. Children in KS2 also had a 100% attendance disco in the hall and Ms Vince and Ms Bettoni were very impressed by the children's dance moves! Well done to all our 100% attenders.

Nursery: Ishmail

Reception: Fatima A, Adam C, Nader, Mohamed, Anayia and Leen

Year 1: Caleb, Manessa, Stephanie, Aleen, Seren, Sultan, Yad and Rayan

Year 2: Zeen, Maya, Wessam and Qais

Year 3: Fatima, Riza, Basma, Jasmine, Judy, Amr, Hossein, Elena, Ema, Jamaro, Emraan, Awss and Adam

Year 4: Amira, Abdul-Rahman, Fatimah, Jeziah, Nourhan, Casalina, Amanda, Khatab, Malaak, Nour, Sajed, Raef, Layane, Almas, Joshua S and Sukayna

Year 5: Joshua, Amira, Aleema, Ali, Aseel, Lanwe, Mustafa, Fatima and Bakr

Year 6: Ramzi, Aryanna

Hamidollah, Jawid, Yasmin, Shad, Lea, Ayah, Brianna, Bilal, Rafif, Aiyana, Jenell and Islam





CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We celebrated Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December. Everyone came to school looking very colourful and festive!

We had a competition for the best homemade Christmas jumpers.

Congratulations to Mahsa (Reception), Jad (Year 1), Ahmed (Year 3) and Almas (Year 4) for winning first prize! Well done to Malek (Year 3), Casalina (Year 4) and Lea (Year 6) for winning a prize as runners up. It is lovely to see how creative our pupils can be!

Ms Bettoni



RECEPTION VISIT FROM FATHER AMOS

The children enjoyed a visit from Father Amos on Monday. The Reception children shared what they had been learning in their R.E lessons, as well as recounting the Nativity story for him! Father Amos showed us an advent wreath and we talked about lighting the candle every Sunday before Christmas. Mrs Sorbello-Bali



OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM HAS BEEN RESPECT



NURSERY PARENTS APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Please remember that your application for a Reception place for your child for September 2024 must be made by **15th January 2024**. If your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still complete an online application form to secure a place in Reception for September 2024, so it is really important that you make your application as soon as possible. The online application form and a Hints and Tips' guide can be found by clicking the following link: www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions.

If you need any help with making an application, please speak to Mrs Wiggins, Mrs Shah or Ms Vince. We will be very happy to help.



SUPER CITIZENSHIP AWARD AUTUMN 2: RESPECT

Congratulations to these children have been chosen by our school councillors for the way in which they demonstrate our value of Respect, which we have been focusing on during the second half of the Autumn term.

Year 1 – Alexandra & Hakim

Year 2 – Klea & Wessam

Year 3 – Ema & Zakaria

Year 4 – Raef & Chloe

Year 5 – Ali K & Amira

Year 6 – Bilal & Jenell



YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 ANGLO-SAXON WORKSHOP

In last week's Anglo-Saxon workshop, our young historians immersed themselves in a captivating exploration of the past, living a day in the life of an Anglo-Saxon. Engaging in hands-on activities linked to daily life, tools, and the Viking impact, the children honed critical thinking skills by assessing the reliability of historical sources. They also delved into the outcomes of the Norman Conquest.

Activities included defending their "village" in a shield wall and exploring war, conquest, immigration and settlement.

From replicating artefacts to understanding early Anglo-Saxon Gods and Christianity, our young time-travellers gained a comprehensive view of the people who shaped the age and of the transformative events of 1066.

Ms Adams





HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the children who have been awarded Headteacher's certificates over the past two weeks for demonstrating our school values.

These children have earned 100 Dojo points, which means that they have received the Bronze Headteacher's certificate.

Year 3: Ali and Hossein

Year 6: Aya, Ayah, Ibrahim, Islam, Rafif, Shaam, Shad, Sophia and Yasmin

These children have earned 200 Dojo points, which means that they have been awarded the Silver Headteacher's certificate.

Reception: Adam Y, Ibrahim, Kroi, Natalia, Omran and Yasmin

Year 3: Amir, Fatima, Jamario, Jannah, Judy, Lojain, Nadine and Rina

These children have been awarded the Gold Headteacher's certificate, which means that they have earned an amazing 300 Dojo points!

Reception: Maya H

Year 3: Adam, Aliya, Basma, Ema, Jasmine and Madhvi



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN RECEPTION

The children in Reception are very excited about the upcoming Christmas celebrations. In class, we have been making a range of Christmas decorations such as paper chains, baubles and snowman biscuits! They all had a turn to hang something on our Christmas tree in class, and they really enjoyed their Christmas lunch with crackers. They are very excited for our Christmas party on Tuesday afternoon – thank you to all the parents who have brought something in to share with the children. Mrs Sorbello-Bali



LOST PROPERTY

During the Christmas holiday, please make sure that all items of school uniform are labelled with your child's name. You can use a name label or simply a marker pen. Many thanks for supporting us .



Y1 TRIP - THE TOWER OF LONDON

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to The Tower of London. They saw the magnificent crown jewels and they had a brilliant workshop where they learnt facts about The Gun Powder Plot. They sang the rhyme, 'Remember, remember the 5th November, Gunpowder, Treason and Plot! They discussed the meaning behind each word in the rhyme and then acted out the Gun Powder Plot.

Ms Ludolf



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform before they return to school in January. They must be wearing the correct shirt (polo shirts for Reception – Year 2 and a white shirt **with a tie** for Years 3–6). PE trousers and sweatshirts must be navy blue (**not black**). Please make sure that your child's shoes or trainers are all black. Please do not send your child to school in shoes or trainers with white or coloured trims.



NEXT TERM

Don't forget that we have an INSET day on Friday 5th January, so please do not bring your child to school that day. We look forward to seeing all of you again when the new term begins for the children on Monday 8th January 2024.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 Nativity in the Church (afternoon)

Year 4, 5 and 6 Nativity in the Church (afternoon)

End of term – 1:30pm finish

INSET day (Children not in school)

Start of the Spring term (Children return to school)

Year 2 Science Museum Trip

Leaders' Development Day at St Augustine's High School

MIND – SEND Awareness Workshops for Year 2 – Year 6

LDBS St Paul's Cathedral Annual Service 2024

Safer Internet Day

Wear your SCARF to school day

Wednesday 20th December

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Thursday 21st December

Friday 5th January

Monday 8th January

Wednesday 24th January

Thursday 25th January

Wednesday 31st January

Thursday 1st February

Tuesday 6th February

Friday 9th February