

# St. Augustine's CE Primary School

## Newsletter 1 - Friday 16th September 2022



### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the new school year at St Augustine's Primary. I hope that you and your family have had a wonderful summer break and that your children are ready for another exciting year ahead. I know that the staff have really enjoyed welcoming them back and hearing about what they have been doing over the very hot summer! It has also been fantastic to hear that the children have returned to school with a great deal of enthusiasm and are clearly ready for the year ahead. Once again, I am looking forward to sharing with you, over the coming year, all the wonderful things that are happening across the school.

Of course, the start of the school year has also been marked by the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II last week. We pay tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and our thoughts go out to her family and friends. On Friday 9th September, we held a special assembly to remember the wonderful life that she led and to say thank you for her many years of dedicated service and the amazing legacy that she leaves behind her.

As I explained in my message at the end of last term, I am unfortunately not able to be in school at this time, as I am having to work from home due to treatment that I am receiving. I am pleased to say that I am responding very well and that I hope to be able to be back in school full-time sometime in the Spring term. Although I continue to work from home, our Assistant Head Teachers, Ms Bettoni and Mrs Cunnington, have taken over the day-to-day running of the school and are being supported by Mr Moriarty - our Head of Federation - and by the rest of our Senior Leadership Team (SLT): Mrs Sorbello-Bali, Mrs Laouar and Mrs Toussaint. Please remember to email the school office if you need to contact me and not use my school email.

I know that this is going to be another fantastic year at St Augustine's Primary and I look forward to sharing with you all the amazing achievements that our children make over the coming year.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

### New School Badge

You will have noticed that we have a new school badge, which reflects both our federation with St. Augustine's CE High School and our shared school vision of faith, hope, love and growth.



#### Shining Stars



Year 1 - Shyla

Year 2 - Jasmine

Year 3 - Year 3 class

Year 4 - Fatima S

Year 5 - Aiyana

Year 6 - Atifa



#### Wonderful Work



Year 1 - Zeen

Year 2 - Maria

Year 3 - Sukayna

Year 4 - Ali K

Year 5 - Aryanna

Year 6 - Reem



**Attendance:** Congratulations to Year 5 who have won the attendance cup twice for the best attendance over the first two weeks of term. What a fantastic start, Year 5!

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## Our Value This Half Term is Friendship



This is a value that is at the very heart of any community. As a school, we are proud of how inclusive, welcoming and supportive we are of all those in our school community and the wider community.

Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus. Through exploring this value further, we will work with the children to explore what makes a good friend and how we can nurture friendships and overcome the challenges we may face together.

## Topics this Half Term

Nursery and Reception: All About Me



Year1: The World of Our Senses



Year 2: Time Detectives



Year3: Footprints From the Past



Year 4: Masks and Minotaur's



Year 5: A Victorian Education



Year 6: Magnificent Mountains



## Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale



Annual Macmillan coffee mornings across the country have been highly effective in making sure that nobody faces cancer alone and, once again, St Augustine's Primary would like to support this wonderful cause by hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022** from 9am to 10am in the Dining room and a cake sale at the end of the school day. We would like to welcome all parents and members of the local community to catch up over a cup of tea or coffee while enjoying some scrumptious treats! Through these events, we will be collecting funds to provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support for people facing cancer, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. It would be great if you could come along to this wonderful event and bring along other family and friends to sponsor such a good cause.

## Attendance and Punctuality

At St Augustine's, we know that regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to make the most of the educational opportunities available to them and that good levels of attendance and punctuality are vitally important for every child. Every day that your child is absent from school, or arrives late, is an opportunity missed. Good attendance is therefore essential if children are to achieve their full potential, so please make sure that your child is in school, on time, every day.

If your child is absent from school, please inform the office by 9:10am. If we do not hear from you by that time, you will receive a phone call from the office requesting an explanation, so that we can ensure your child is safe.

## Back to School Fair - Thursday 22nd September 3:30 - 5:30pm

The school fair is next week and we are so excited! We have: a bouncy castle, face-painting, glitter tattoos, henna art, a toy stall, a book stall, a school clothes stall, a lucky dip, popcorn, cakes, drinks, ice-poles and ice-cream. There is also the most brilliant raffle, with a strip of tickets only costing £5 and the chance of winning some amazing prizes, such as a night at the Marriott Hotel, £100 M&S voucher, a year's free gym membership!

All the money raised is going to provide enrichment experiences for our children, so please do come and join us.



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## Take One Artist

During the first week of the autumn term, all classes took part in Take One Artist Art Week. Every class had the opportunity to study the work of an artist and to produce their own artwork, which will be displayed around the school. The children had a wonderful time, learning about the work of some of the world's most influential artists and produced some wonderful work.



## Year 5 - Njideka Akunyili Crosby

Year 5 are off to a brilliant start! During Art Week, the children studied Nigerian-American visual artist, Njideka Akunyili Crosby and produced their own pieces of artwork inspired by Crosby's artistic style. The common features of her work are the use of collage and African-inspired patterns to showcase normal homelife for Nigerians, both in Nigeria and abroad in the United States and elsewhere. The children's artwork reflects this by using collage and African-inspired patterns to reflect their own lives in the UK.



## Year 6—David Hockney

Children in Year 6 have been studying British artist, David Hockney. One of the most famous artist of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Hockney has been known for his pop art *Garrowby Hill*. We have spent time analysing this painting before reproducing amazing art using different mediums: pencil, crayons, paint and felt tip. Children went on to write his biography, created a timeline of his life and finally looked at enlargement in maths by expanding a part of the painting *The Arrival of Spring*, using scale 10. The children really enjoyed the cross-curricular learning while getting to know their teacher.



## Year 3 - Frida Kahlo



During Art Week, Year 3 studied Frida Kahlo. Frida Kahlo was a Mexican painter, who was famous for her self-portraits. The children produced their own self-portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo. The work that they produced was amazing.



## Reception - Jackson Pollock

The children have had such a great start to the year! They have settled in so well, made friends and are learning to navigate their new classroom and outdoor environment. We have seen some lovely turn taking and sharing from the children already!

Last week was art week - the children had a great time exploring different techniques used by Jackson Pollock to make artwork. They then used these techniques to make their own 'splatter' works of art - it was so much fun!



## 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for Reception and Nursery

Next week Reception and Nursery will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents and carers. This is a great opportunity to get to know the staff that work with your child, and to learn some important information about what goes on in the classroom. Please try to attend!

Nursery 'Meet the Teacher' - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 11.45am - 12.15pm.

Reception 'Meet the Teacher' - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2.45 - 3.15pm

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## Year 1 - Wassily Kandinsky

During Art Week, Year 1 looked at the artist Wassily Kandinsky. They first investigated his artwork and looked carefully at the shapes and colours he uses in his art. They mixed primary colours to make secondary colours. Also, they created lots of amazing abstract art using 2D shapes. They even recreated their own fantastic versions of Wassily Kandinsky's art.



## Year 1 In Day



This term in Year 1, our topic is The World Through Our Senses. For our in-day activity we were exploring our 5 senses – hear, smell, sight, touch and taste. We thought about how we use all our 5 senses every day. We had a go at smelling with our noses, hearing with our ears, tasting with our tongues, touching hard and soft things with our hands and finally seeing things with our eyes.



## Labelling School Uniform

I was shocked to see the amount of un-named uniform that was left in school at the end of last term. Please remember to write your child's name on **every** item of their uniform and personal belongings with a laundry marker or a name tag.

## Dates For Your Diary

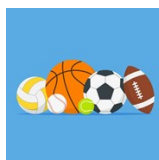
Author Visit	Fri 16th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning/Cake Sale	Fri 30th Sept
Nursery Meet the Teacher	Tues 20th Sept	National Poetry Day	Thurs 7th Oct
Reception Meet the Teacher	Tues 22nd Sept	Y6 Outward Bound Week	Mon 17th - Fri 21st Oct
Back to School Fair	Thurs 22nd Sept	Parent Coffee Morning	Wed 19th Oct
Harvest Festival	Tues 27th Sept	Half term:	Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct

## PE Days

Year 1: Tuesday and Friday

Year 3: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5: Tuesday and Thursday



Year 2: Tuesday and Friday

Year 4: Thursday and Friday

Year 6: Friday (and swimming)

## Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, you must ensure that it is a **healthy** packed lunch. Please do **NOT** send any nuts, crisps, doughnuts, cream cakes, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks, American muffins, jam, peanut butter, chocolate spread, fruit juices or food purchased in fast food restaurants. If you do send any of these items, your child will not be allowed to eat them and they will be sent back home with a note.

