St. Augustine's CE Primary School Newsletter 12 - Friday 18th March 2022



Message from the Head of Primary

While walking around the school over the past few weeks, visiting classrooms and talking to the children, it has been wonderful to see how engrossed our pupils are in their learning. They are really happy and engaged in their lessons and are eager to talk about what they are doing in class.

It's also really important that children have the opportunity to learn outside the classroom as well, so I'm pleased that teachers are once again able to organise class trips, including the Year 2 trip to the Transport museum and the Year 5 visit to the Science museum, alongside Forest school visits for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. It was also fantastic for us to be able to take a group of children from KS2 to watch a performance of the Lion King last Wednesday.

Please remember that the last day of the Spring term is Friday 1st April and that we will be finishing at 1:45pm.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary



Science Week

I would like to say thank you to Mr Fansler for organising a full programme of activities and investigations to celebrate Science week this week. We started the week with an

inspiring science-themed assembly, led by Mr Fansler, during which the children demonstrated an amazing amount of knowledge about science and scientists. During the week, the children had the opportunity to carry out scientific investigations, research and discussions around the theme of 'Growth'.

Shining Stars

Reception - Inaaya

Year 1 - Elena

Year 2 - Doha

Year 3 - Ali J

Year 4—Inayah

Year 5 - Hasan

Year 6 - Reewa

Wonderful Work

Reception - Zeen

Year 1 - Khalifa

Year 2 - Noah

Year 3 - Zaynab

Year 4 - Yasmin

Year 5 - Maher

Year 6 - Amal



Attendance

I was extremely pleased to see that attendance was 97.2% last week, which is fantastic. Unfortunately, it was only 93.7 this week. Lets try to be above our target of 96% for the final two weeks of term. Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 2 who have won the attendance cup over the past two weeks.

Our school vision is, 'To be the best that we can be in faith, hope and love so that we may live life in all its fullness.'

Our Value for this half term is Inclusion

This week, we have been thinking about the story of The Good Samaritan.



Parent Meetings

Parent Meetings will now be taking place in person on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th March, from 3:50-6:00pm. This is a slight change of dates from our original plan. A parent mail message will be sent on Monday about arrangements for signing up for a parent meeting with your child's teacher. Please make sure that you book an appointment, as this is a really important opportunity for you and the teaching staff to share information about your child, their learning, their targets and their achievements. It will also provide an opportunity for you to discuss ways that you can support your child's learning.

The Lion King

Last Wednesday, we visited the Lyceum theatre to watch a performance of The Lion King with a group of children from Years 3-6. It was a fantastic show and the children were amazed by the singing, dancing, sets and costumes. I'm sure that the memories of this amazing show will stay with them for the rest of their lives.



Dates for Your Diary

Red Nose Day Friday 18th March Parents' Meetings Monday 28th and

Year 5 Science Museum visit Thursday 24th March (3:50-6:00pm) Tuesday 29th March

Year 2 Transport Museum visit Monday 28th March End of term 1:45pm finish Friday 1st April

Start of Summer term Tuesday 19th April

Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

We have really enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day today. It was wonderful to see the children coming to school in their superhero and personal hero costumes, or wearing their red noses. We're so grateful for all of their donations, which we will be sending to Comic Relief.



We had a real treat in the afternoon watching our amazing pupils perform in the talent and comedy show. A range of talents were on display, including acting (a wonderful performance of the witches scene from Macbeth performed by a group from Year 6); dance groups from Year 4; poetry recitals by Year 3; a fabulous piece of artwork from Year 6; a fusion of street dance and gymnastics by a group from Year 5; and lots of wonderful singing (none of us can get, 'Let it Go' from Frozen out of our heads!). Remember, 'funny is power'.









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Headteacher's Award

Well done to the children who have been awarded the Bronze Headteacher's certificate over the past two weeks. This means that they have achieved 100 Dojos for demonstrating our school values:

Reception: Ali Y

Year 3: Hamoudy

This child has been awarded the Silver Headteacher's certificate for achieving 200 Dojos.

Year 3: Rijad

These children have been awarded the Gold Headteacher's certificate for achieved 300 Dojos

Reception: Cebrail, Daniel, Fatima, Mathias, Ramh

Year 1: Shahla, Amr, Ema, Malek, Jasmine and Ziad

Year 3: Georgia

These children have achieved the platinum Headteacher's certificate for achieving 400 Dojos.

Reception: Wessam and Klea



Parent workshops

There are a range of on-line parent workshops coming up over the next few weeks, delivered by the NHS Speech and Language Team, that you will find really helpful and informative. Please see the school website for details of these meetings. Go to the Parents section—Recent Events.

- 1) Talking about feelings Wednesday 30th March, 12-1pm via Microsoft Teams
- 2) Speech sound difficulties Thursday 31st March, 10-11 am via Microsoft Teams
- 3) Story telling Friday 1st April, 1-2pm via Microsoft Teams

These workshops are suitable for the parents of all children.

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