

ST AUGUSTINE'S

PRIMARY SCHOOL

28 APRIL 2023

Newsletter



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

Although it is difficult to believe, considering the rather wet weather that we've been having recently, we're now into the Summer term and rapidly approaching the end of the school year.

This term includes the SATs tests and teacher assessments for children in Year 2 and Year 6. I know that the children and their teachers are busy preparing for these and would like to thank the teaching staff who came in to deliver the Easter school for children in Year 6 this year – Mrs Laouar, Mrs Toussaint, Mrs Al-Assum and Mrs Erana – and congratulate the Year 6 children on their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank all of the parents who attended the Year 2 SATs meeting on Monday. The PowerPoint slides for this meeting and some other useful information has been sent to all Year 2 parents. I would also like to thank the parents of children in Year 1 who attended the workshop about the Phonics Screening Test with Mrs Sorbello-Bali.

As you well know, I believe that it's vital that all children are in school, on time every day, in order for them to be able to reach their potential and this is

particularly important for the children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 at this time. If you have any questions about the tests that your child will be taking, please speak to their teacher.

The half term ahead of us will be packed with exciting events and learning, so please talk to your child about their topic for this half term.

Finally, I would like remind you that the next two Mondays – 1st and 8th of May – are bank holidays, so the school will be closed.

Ruth Vince
Head of Primary

WONDERFUL WORK - 20TH APRIL

Reception: Hakim
Year 1: Layan
Year 2: Jamario
Year 3: Almas
Year 4: Year 4 Class!
Year 5: Aryanna
Year 6: Yasmeen

SHINING STARS 28TH APRIL

Reception: Seren
Year 1: Miral
Year 2: Amr
Year 3: Sajed
Year 4: Lanwe
Year 5: Ibrahim
Year 6: Rayyan M



ATTENDANCE

I am very sad to report that attendance was only 92% during the first week of this half term, mainly due to the large number of families who did not return to school on time following the Easter holidays. I need to remind you that holidays must not be taken during term time and are recorded as unauthorised absences. We met with the Local Authority Attendance officer last week and she will be issuing fixed penalty notices to families who take their children out of school during term time for unauthorised holidays or visits to relatives. However, I am pleased to report that attendance was 95.7% this week, which is a huge improvement, and I would like to say well done.

On a more positive note, our congratulations go to Year 6 and Year 1 who have won the attendance cup over the past two weeks.

SUPER CITIZENS

Our School Councillors have each chosen a child from their class who consistently demonstrate our school value of Wisdom, which was the focus over the past half term. These children were awarded with the Headteacher's Super Citizen certificate during a special Super Citizens assembly.

Year 1: Maya and Qais

Year 2: Maria & Riza

Year 3: Abdulrahman & Nasra

Year 4: Amir & Hajar

Year 5: Joyce & Jafar

Year 6: George & Salma

NURSERY CITY FARM TRIP

The nursery children went to Kentish Town City Farm in Gospel Oak, as part of their spring term 'Farm Animal' topic. The children enjoyed participating in farm life, tending to some animals including rabbits and donkeys. They observed goats, cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, quails and guinea pigs in their shelters, and explored various materials: hay, straw, wool etc. They also got to see some quail eggs. We were lucky to see tadpoles in the pond.

Mrs George



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES



You will be able to purchase a leavers' hoodie to mark the end of your child's journey through primary school. The cost of the hoodie including postage is £18. A letter will be sent to parents soon, to request more details about size and colour.





AMAZING ATTENDANCE!

Congratulations to our amazing 100% attenders for the second half of the Spring term, who were awarded certificates during our special attendance assembly on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see that 77 children have achieved 100% attendance. These children will be attending a very special 100% attendance event with Ms Bettoni. I hope that even more children will achieve 100% attendance over this half term.



Nursery: Leen

Reception: Zayaan, Mohammad, Monaco, Mark, Alexandra, Seren, Hakim, Yara, Rayan, Jad and Adam
Y1: Zeen, Wessam, Ibrahim, Rahm, Qais, Muhammad and Adam

Y2: Basma, Amr, Elena, Ema, Zakariya, Layan and Adam

Y3: Amira, Abdul-Rahman, Casalina, Amanda, Mahdi, Mikail, Sajed and Mariam

Y4: Joshua, Malak, Zakaria, Zaynab, Ahmed, Aseel, Lanwe, Mustafa N, Janine, Georgia, Abdallah and Bakr

Y5: Ramzi, Naba, Shaam, Jafar, Ibrahim, Sophia, Aryanna, Jawid, Abdelrahman, Inayah, Brianna, Rafif, Aiyana and Islam

Y6: Reyhan, Emmanuel, Isaiah, Sawsan, Amir, Maryam, Jonas, Jonathan, Muhammed, Keyaan, Lynn, Las, Rayyan, Nabil, Sarina, Sarah, Yasmeen

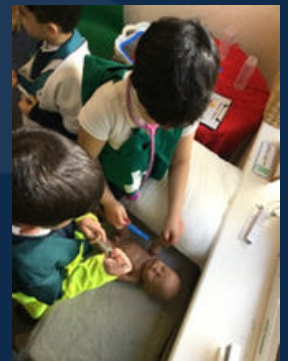
Special congratulations to Year 6 who had the highest number of pupils with 100% attendance. 17 children in Year 6 achieved 100% attendance for the second half of the spring term.

RECEPTION: AT THE ZOO

In our new topic this term, we will be learning all about wild animals, their diets and habitats. We kicked off our topic by looking at the features of some animals and decorating them for our class display. We have also turned our role play area into a doctor's surgery - the children have loved treating their sick patients!

We loved our forest school trip last term as we got to see tadpoles hatching, and we are looking forward to our next trip to forest school on the 25th May. We are also very excited for our visit to London Zoo on the 16th May, and we will be having Zoo lab visit us on the 26th May to show us lots of creatures such as frogs, millipedes and tarantulas!

Mrs Sorbello-Bali



YEAR 1 AMAZING ARCHITECTS IN-DAY

This term, Year 1's topic is Amazing Architects. Year 1 had a brilliant day being architects, just like how the three little pigs were. Year 1 had to work in teams to design and build the strongest house using only lolly pop sticks, straw and tape. At first, they found it tricky, but they persevered and built fantastic structures.

Ms Ludolf





TOPICS THIS HALF TERM

Nursery: Minibeasts
Reception: At the Zoo
Year 1: Amazing Architects
Year 2: Green Fingers
Year 3: Treasures of Ancient Egypt
Year 4: Escape to the Country
Year 5: Flight
Year 6: The Circle of Life

HALF TERM VALUE: HONESTY

Honesty builds trust. We need to be able to trust our friends and the people around us and, if we tell a lie or don't tell the whole truth, people will find it hard to believe us. Honesty means doing the right thing even if no-one is around. It also means being able to share honestly how we feel. During this term, we're going to be thinking about the importance of being true to yourself and what you believe in. We will also be talking about having the courage to tell the truth and knowing that sometimes telling the truth, even though we have been told not to tell, is the best thing to do.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Well done 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 received the Silver Headteacher's certificate for achieving 200 Dojos.

Year 2: Hassan and Hossein
Year 4: Mustafa N
Year 5: Omar
Year 6: Janiah, Jonathan, Sarah and Hadi

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

Reception: Fatema and Rayan Year 1: Layan and Aahil Year 2: Ahmed, Ziad, Aliya, Jasmine, Malek, Lareen, Judy and Elena Year 4: Abdullah, Ahmed, Ali J, Amir, Aseel, Aya, Bakr, Barraaq, Ceila, Fatemeh P, Georgia, Hajar, Khloe, Malak, Mustafa K, Rijad, Tamim, Zakaria, Zaynab and Hamoudy, Year 5: Aiyana, Aryanna, Aya S, Ayah O, Elyas, Inayah, Joyce, Sara, Shaam, Hassan, Ibrahim and Jenell

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

Reception: Year 1: Dior, Shouq and Hussein Year 2: Madhvi, Maria and Basma Year 3: Joshua V, Malaak, Nourhan, Nour and Mikail Year 4: Aleema, Amira, Bruno, Janine, Joshua, Aya, Georgia, Zaynab, Lanwe and Omahn Year 5: Yasmin & Islam

These children have achieved 'Values Champion' Badges for achieving 800 Dojos:

Year 3: Casalina & Raef



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 1st May
NEU Strike (school closed)	Tuesday 2nd May
Year 1 class Assembly	Friday 5th May
Coronation Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 8th May
Year 6 SATs tests	Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May
Year 5 class assembly	Friday 12th May
Year 2 SATs week	Monday 15th - Friday 19th May
Walk to School Week	Monday 15th - Friday 19th May
Reception Zoo Trip	Tuesday 16th May
Y2 Allotment Garden trip (Forest school)	Wednesday 17th May 1:00-3:00pm
Year 4 class assembly	Friday 19th May
Y4 Sayers Croft Residential visit	Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th May
Reception Forest School	Thursday 25th May
EYFS and Y1 Zoolab workshops	Friday 26th May
Half term (school closed)	Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
Start of Summer 2	Monday 5th June