

# St. Augustine's CE Primary School

## Newsletter 15 - Friday 13th May 2022



### Message from the Head of Primary

I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children who have been sitting their KS2 SATs tests this week and to all the staff who have been working with them over the year to prepare them for the tests, particularly Mrs Laouar. It's been wonderful to see the confidence and maturity with which the children approached the tests and I am confident that this has helped them to do really well.

Children in Year 2 and their teachers have also been busy preparing for their KS1 SATs which will be taking place over the next two weeks. It is essential that the children are in school every day so that they don't miss any assessments. It's much better for the children to do these tests with others in their class, rather than having to catch up later. If you have any questions about the tests that your child will be taking, please speak to their class teacher or to a member of the leadership team.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

### Road Safety Puppet Show

Yesterday, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a visit from Muffin the Cat and his

puppet friends, who did a wonderful performance about how to stay safe when travelling on and around the roads as pedestrians. They know that they have to Stop! Look! and Listen! before they cross at the zebra crossing, so they can be a safe pedestrians.



### Shining Stars

Reception - Aahil

Year 1 - Adam

Year 2 - Raef

Year 3 - Aseel

Year 4 - Elyas

Year 5 - Amir

Year 6 - Ahmad



### Wonderful Work

Reception - Maya

Year 1 - Emraan

Year 2 - Mahdi

Year 3 - Amir

Year 4 - Joyce

Year 5 - Emmanuel

Year 6 - All of Year 6



### Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 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 Honesty

In collective worship and in class over the last two weeks, the children have been exploring our value of honesty and what it means through the biblical stories of Adam and Eve and of Esau and Jacob. We have been thinking about the common saying, 'Honesty is the best policy,' and the importance of owning up to our mistakes rather than blaming others. We thought about the link between honesty and respect and how our own dishonesty doesn't just affect us, but also other people around us.



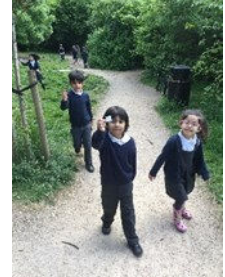
### Year 1 Forest School

Year 1, have been learning about the story The Minpins. The Minpins are tiny people who live in the forest. One day, a dragon came and scared them and so they no longer felt safe. So, during our time at Forest school, Year 1 created some new homes for the Minpins to make sure they would be safe.



### Reception Forest School

Reception also went to Forest School last week and had an amazing time investigating tadpoles. They enjoyed searching for tadpoles and, when they found some, using magnifying glasses to look at them really closely. They also had a treasure hunt where they had to find conkers, pine cones and interesting stones.



### Jewellery

Please remember that **children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school**. If your child wears earrings, only plain gold or silver studs may be worn – no shapes or designs. No other jewellery is allowed, except for watches.

### Dates for Your Diary Summer 1

Year 2 KS1 SATs	Tues 17th—Tues 24th May	Year 4 Sayers Croft	Wed 25th - Fri 27th May
Year 6 Chessington Trip	Friday 20th May	Residential Visit	
Year 5 RAF Museum trip	Friday 20th May	Year 5 Sharing Assembly	Friday 20th May
Reception London Zoo trip	Tuesday 24th May	Year 1 Sharing Assembly	Friday 27th May
Year 3 British Museum Trip	Wednesday 25th May	Half term	Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June

## Headteacher's Award

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 received the Silver Headteacher's certificate for achieving 200 Dojos:

Year 2: Mariam, Nourhan, Ali, Mikail, Adam, Almas, Nour, Joshua, Mahdi, Even, Jeziah, Fiona, Hala, Raef

Year 3: Khloe and Rijad

Year 5: Ali

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

Reception: Inaaya, Adam and Anita

Year 1: Awss and Lojain

Year 2: Amanda, Milena, Chloe, Casalina, Doha, Nasra

Year 3: Bakr and Omahn

Year 4: Ayah O

Year 5: George and Jonas

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

Reception: Maya

Year 1: Ahmad

Year 3: Aya, Joshua, Zaynab, Malak and Amira

Year 5: Janiah and Malak



## Year 5 and Year Author Visit

On Wednesday 27th April, Years 5 & 6 went to St Augustine's High School library to meet the author Graham Whitlock. He read parts of his new book - 'The Crystal Palace Chronicles' - and talked about being an author. The children asked some great questions about his experiences as an author and some children purchased signed copies of his book. They really enjoyed the experience. We are hoping to run another author event in the second half of the summer term.



## Attendance

I am very concerned by the current level of attendance which, at only 93.2%, continues to be below both our school target and the Government's expectation of 96%. I will be sending letters to the parents of children classed as persistent absentees (children whose attendance is below 90%) next week and arranging meetings with parents to discuss ways to ensure that children's attendance improves.

Children have a right to an education and an attendance level below 90% means that children have missed the equivalent to at least a month of school (20 days or more). This has a very serious impact on their ability to learn and make progress.

Children should not be taken out of school for family holidays and permission will not be given for this. Fixed penalties may be issued for families taking children out of school without permission.