

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 3 - 14th October 2022



Message from the Head of Primary

It is nearly half term already and it's amazing to look back over all that has happened this half term in school. We have enjoyed welcoming a number of visitors, including two authors, and it was wonderful to have so many families attending the Autumn Fair and supporting the MacMillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale. We are rounding off the half term with our Year 6 pupils visiting Cumbria for a week for their Year 6 school journey. I know they will have an amazing week and that this experience will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Thank you for your wonderful support for the school and for our fantastic staff team, who continue to work so incredibly hard to ensure that the children are safe, happy and making fantastic progress in school. I would also like to thank you for the kind messages of support that I have received and to assure you that my treatment is going very well. I do not yet have a return date, but I hope that it will be sometime in first half of the spring term.

Have a great half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31st October for the new half term.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

Morning Drop-off

I would like to remind all parents/carers that the set time for opening the school gate in the morning is 8:45am and that you must not to leave your children unattended before this time if there is not a member of staff on the gate. If older siblings attending the High School have been asked to drop off siblings, they must wait with them until the gate has been opened.

Celebrations Assembly

Shining Stars

Year 1 - Shouq

Year 2 - Ema

Year 3 - Doha

Year 4 - Fatemeh P

Year 5 - Sevim

Year 6 - George



Wonderful Work

Year 1 - Ali S

Year 2 - Elena

Year 3 - Noah

Year 4 - Amir

Year 5 - Ayah O

Year 6 - Maryam



Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to **Year 6 and Year 5** who have been the winners of the attendance cup over the past two weeks. Attendance has been disappointingly low over the past few weeks and was only **93.8%** last week and **93.5%** this week, which is well below our expected target of 96% and very concerning. While the majority of children have very good attendance, there are some pupils who have already missed a great deal of school this half term. It is vitally important that everyone works together to make sure that all children are in school, every day and ready to learn next half term. I would also like to remind you that holidays or visits to relatives are not to be taken during term time and that taking your child out of school without authorisation can lead to a fine (a fixed penalty notice).

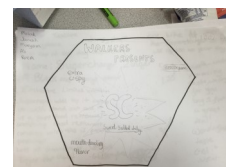
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Our value this term is friendship



In our Values Collective Worship, we have looked at the importance of friendship and that everyone wants to have faithful friends. However, there can sometimes be disagreements within friendship groups, or we can be disappointed in our friends because of the decisions they make. This has led us on to looking at the Bible stories: 'David and Jonathan' and 'Ruth and Naomi'. These stories link to Christians believing that the Bible tells us that God always loves us. He knows what we are and what we can be. He is a friend who promises to be with us forever. Ms Ludolf

Black History Month Visit



Elisha, a successful advertising and salesperson for a well-known company, visited the children in Years 5 and 6 as part of our Black History Month focus. She discussed her career journey and how she encountered many hurdles but remained determined and persevered in order to achieve her goals. The children also had an opportunity to design their own adverts. It was great to have such an inspirational role model visiting the school to inspire our children. Mrs Laouar

School Photos



All children will have their school photograph taken during the first week after half term on **Wednesday 2nd November**. Please make sure your child is **smartly dressed in their school uniform** on that day so that they look their best! If your child has PE on that day, please send them to school in their proper school uniform. They should bring their PE kit in a bag and change into it after they have had their photo taken. If you have more than one child in the school and would like a photo of your children together, please speak to Mrs Wiggins in the school office to arrange this.

Librarians

Congratulations to Nabil, Leah and Maryam in Year 6, on becoming St Augustine's Librarians! Ms. T was so impressed with your applications and we know that you will keep the library looking fantastic. We can't wait to see some of the wonderful changes that will take place.



Dates For Your Diary

Half term:	Mon 24th - Fri 28th October
Y6 Secondary transition deadline	Monday 31st October
School photos	Wednesday 2nd November
Year 6 Sharing Assembly	Friday 4th November
School Discos	Friday 4th November
Children in Need non-uniform day	Friday 18th November
Year 2 Sharing Assembly	Friday 25th November

Dates For Your Diary

Year 1 Sharing Assembly	Friday 2nd December
Parents' meetings	Mon 5th/Tue 6th December
INSET day (children not in)	Wed 7th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thurs 8th December
End of autumn term	Friday 16th December
Christmas Holiday	Mon 19th Dec - Tues 3rd Jan
Spring term begins	Wed 4th January

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Secondary Transfer

Thanks to all parents/carers who attended the Secondary Transfer meeting with Douglas Shaw this week. We hope you found this useful. The closing date for applications to secondary schools for 2022 is **Monday 31st October**, which is just over two weeks away. Parents of children in Year 6 **must** submit an application form by this time, otherwise your child will not be considered for a place until after everyone else has accepted their places in March or April of next year. Please remember that you **must** complete the application form if you wish your child to attend St Augustine's High School. The easiest way to make your application is online. If you need help, please see Mrs Laouar or Mrs Wiggins as soon as possible,

Headteacher's Awards



Well done to all of 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:

Year 1: Ali S, Faiyaz, Mazim, Ibrahim, Wessam, Miral and Zeen

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Year 3: Raef, Doha, Fatimah, Nasra, Milena, Maria, Nour, Abdulrahman, Akif, Almas, Amanda, Casalina, Amira and Chloe

Year 5: Aiyana, Aryanna, Ayah O, Ramzi, Sara, Sevim, Sophia and Yahia

Sports Council

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 pupils who are now representing the school as our Sports Councillors! Mr. V is so happy to have you working alongside him and supporting the school with all of our sports activities and responsibilities.

Year 5 - Ayah O, Inayah, Ibrahim & Rafif

Year 6 - Hassan, Keeyan & Lynn



Year 1 Forest School

Year 1 had a brilliant time at Forest School on Monday; they were looking at all the leaves around them and thinking about the autumn season. They looked closely at comparing the shapes and colours of the leaves. Finally, they had a fantastic time at creating their own mobile leaves.



School Council

Congratulations to our new School Councillors who have been elected by their classes to represent each year group and the school. The councillors have already discussed their roles and responsibilities and how we were going to be the best that we can in the position that we hold.

Y1 - Zeen & Wessam

Y3 - Sajed & Milena

Y5 - Sophia & Hassan



Y2 - Madhvi & Adam

Y4 - Fatima & Malak

Y6 - Sawsan & Jonas

Take One Artist

During the first week of this term, all classes took part in 'Take One Artist', a whole school project which involved every class having the opportunity to study the work of an artist and to produce their own artwork. I am pleased to say that this has now been displayed around the school and would like to amazing displays with you.



School Discos and Non-uniform Day - Friday 4th November

Don't forget to buy tickets for our school discos which will be taking place on Friday 4th November. These discos were originally planned to take place at the start of the term, but were rescheduled due to the death of the Queen. If you bought tickets for the discos in September, these are still valid and can be used for the discos taking place in November. If you haven't already bought tickets, they can be purchased from the school office.

KS1 3:30-4:30pm

KS2 - 4:45-5:45pm

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