

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 4 - 22nd October 2021



Message from the Head of Primary

I can't believe that it's already half term! The past two months have flown by as we have settled back into a new and exciting school year. Thank you for your continued support for the school and our fantastic staff team, which we all value and appreciate. I would also like to say well done to all of the children who have been chosen by their teachers this half term to share their wonderful work or for being a shining star. It has been fantastic to see the amazing work that the children are producing and to hear how our children demonstrating our school values of friendship, respect, wisdom, inclusion, honesty and courage.

Have a great half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st November for the new half term.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

School Photos



Please don't forget that all children will have their school photograph taken during the first week after half term on **Thursday 4th 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, you must speak to

Mrs Wiggins in the school office.

Celebrations Assembly

Shining Stars



Year 1 - Maria

Year 2 - Mikail

Year 3 - Hajar

Year 4 - Ibrahim

Year 5 - Yasmeen

Year 6 - Zeinab



Wonderful Work



Year 1 - Emraan

Year 2 - Malaak

Year 3 - Joshua

Year 4 - Jawid

Year 5 - Leah

Year 6 - Shailah



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance was **95.7%** last week (which is very pleasing) but fell to 92.7% this week, which is well below the expected level and very concerning and well below our target of 96%. It's vitally important that everyone works together to make sure that children are in school, every day and ready to learn next half term.

Congratulations to **Year 5 and Year 3** who have been the winners of the attendance cup over the past two weeks.

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 this term is friendship



Basketball Festival

On Monday 11th October, children in Y5 and Y6 visited St Augustine's High School sports centre to take part in a special Basketball festival with children from another local school.

Zein and Las in Year 5 took part in this event and had a great time. Here's what they have to say about it.

We were put into separate teams with some children from the other school: green, black, orange, pink and no bibs. When the basketball started, there was a loud buzzer. All of us were full of excitement and it was so joyful. The teams were very competitive and when every game stopped and started, there was a really loud buzzer that shone blue.

All of the adults involved praised the children and the way in which pupils from the two schools worked together, showing fabulous teamwork.

I would also like to thank Ms Cunillera and Ms Saki for accompanying the children and Mr Whent for organising for this event. I hope there will be many more such sporting events for our children in the future.



Letter About COVID from Westminster Council

Westminster council have sent a letter to parents/carers about the latest COVID-19 advice.

Follow this link to the school website to read the letter: www.st-augustines-primary.co.uk/letters-to-parents-1/

Dates For Your Diary

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| Half term: | Mon 26th - Fri 30th October |
| Y6 Secondary transition deadline | Sunday 31st October |
| School photos | Thursday 4th November |
| Parents' meetings | Wed 1st/Thurs 2nd December |
| INSET day (children not in) | Wednesday 8th December |
| Flu immunisation | Friday 10th December |
| End of autumn term | Friday 17th December |



Warm Jumpers - NO HOODIES!



To make sure that all rooms are well-ventilated, we have to keep doors and windows open so please send your child to school with an extra warm jumper to wear in class. Please **do not send your child to school with a hoodie** as they will not be allowed to wear this in class. It doesn't matter if the jumper isn't navy, as long as it's warm.

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Secondary Transfer

The closing date for applications to secondary schools for 2021 is Sunday 31st October, which is only 10 days 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. The easiest way to make your application is online. If you need help, please see Mrs Laouar or Miss Vince as soon as possible, as the closing date is during half-term.

Headteacher's Award

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:

Reception: Ali K, Elvin, Fatima, Klea, Mahbooba, Majd, Maya, Mazim and Wessam

Year 3: Ali, Aleema, Hajar, Jaxon, Zakaria, Zaynab, Omahn, Fatemeh and Amir.



Super Citizens Awards

Our School Council members have chosen children from their class who have consistently demonstrated our school value of friendships and these children were awarded with the Headteacher's Super Citizen certificate.

Year 1: Maria and Zakariya

Year 3: Amir and Fatemeh

Year 5: Jonas and Janiah



Year 2: Noah and Chloe

Year 4: Aya S and Elyas

Year 6 Ayman and Reewa

Soft Start

Thanks for your fantastic support for our new 'soft start' to the day. The children enjoy their morning activities and are clearly benefiting from having time to settle in at the start of the school day. I have also been really impressed with the impact that this has had on punctuality, with hardly any children arriving after 9:00am. Well done!

Black History Month

We have had a very busy Black History month, with special collective worships celebrating the lives and contributions of a range of inspirational role models including the poets Benjamin Zephaniah and Maya Angelou; the presenter, actress and philanthropist Oprah Winfrey and even our very own Mrs Toussaint (Mrs T)!



Children have also been doing lots of work in class, including some fabulous art-work inspired by John Paul Basquiat, research into inspirational figures from black British history and some fabulous poetry celebrating the diversity within our school community.

On Thursday, we had a fantastic collective worship in which children from every class shared their Black History Month home learning projects. It was amazing to see the amount of time and effort that the children had put into their projects and I would like to thank you for the encouragement and support that you have given