

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 4 - 11th November 2022



Message from the Head of Primary

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term and thank you for supporting the school discos last week. It was wonderful to see photos of the children enjoying themselves and showing off their fantastic dance moves.

This is going to be a very busy half term and class teachers have been busy arranging trips, visits and workshops. It is great that most places are now fully re-open and that we are able to take advantage of living in a vibrant city like London that has so much to offer. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to support trips over the term so far. We also have many things planned in school, including Odd Socks day; Children in Need non-uniform day; the annual Tree Lighting and Carols in Paddington Rec; Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas lunch; and the nativity services during the final week of term. The children have enjoyed exploring their new topics over the past two weeks, so please ask your child about their topic and read the class newsletter.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

Celebrations Assembly

Wonderful Work 20th October

Year 1 - Klea

Year 2 - Aliya

Year 3 - Nour

Year 4 - Aleema

Year 5 - Joyce

Year 6 - Year 6 (who didn't go to Cumbria)



Shining Stars 3rd November

Reception - Mark

Year 1 - Firas

Year 2 - Malak

Year 3 - Mahdi

Year 4 - Ahmed

Year 5 - Brianna

Year 6 - Brianna



Wonderful Work 10th November

Reception - Yara

Year 1 - Ali K

Year 2 - Aya

Year 3 - Amanda

Year 4 - Fatemeh

Year 5 - Omar

Year 6 - Emmanuel



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance over the past two weeks has been 95% and 95.5%, which is a big improvement, although still just below our target of 96%. Thanks for your support in improving attendance and please continue to ensure that all children are in school, on time, every day.

Congratulations to **Year 6** who have been the winners of the attendance cup over the **past three weeks**. Year 6 have now reached 50 points for winning the attendance cup, which means that they will be enjoying a special treat next week. Well done Year 6!

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Our value this term is Respect

This term our value is respect. We began by looking at different jobs people do and how they should be respected, for example whether they are a firefighter or a cleaner. Then we explored the Bible story of The Calling of Mathew (from Matthew 9.9–13). This story was about a man not being respected, as he also had not respected others. However, Jesus always respected people and gave them a second chance. Jesus taught that everyone should be included, respected and loved, whoever they are and whatever job they do.

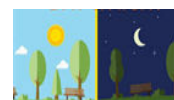


New Topics

Nursery: Colour, Shape and Pattern



Reception: Light and Dark



Year 1 Celebrations



Year 2: Animal Magic



Year 3 Chocolate



Year 4: Come Dine With Me



Year 5 What Price Progress?



Year 6: Our Island History



Attendance Award Winners and Celebration

Congratulations to all of our amazing 100% attenders from the first half of the Autumn term, who will be having a special 100% attendance party with Ms Bettoni this afternoon. She will be taking the group to the hall for a dance party and craft activities (and some lollipops too!).

Nursery: Umar, Mariam and Fatima.

Reception: Zainab, Stephanie, Aleen, Monaco, Morocco, Alexandra, Shouq, Fatima, Hakim, Rayan, Kamel and Adam.

Year 1: Ali A, Zeen, Abdulrahman, Mathias, Ibrahim, Cebrail, Ali K, Qais, Ali Y and Muhammad.

Year 2: Nadine, Malek, Amir and Madhvi.

Year 3: Amira, Abdul-Rahman, Nourhan, Chloe, Nour, Sajed, Mariam, Noah, Joshua S, Almas, Sukayna and Malaak.

Year 4: Joshua, Malak, Zakaria, Zaynab, Aya, Khloe, Aleema, Ali K, Barraaq, Mustafa, Aseel, Janine, Fatemeh, Ceila, Georgia, Abdallah and Bakr.

Year 5: Ramzi, Aryanna, Abdulrahman, Inayah, Yasmin, Shad, Lea, Ayah, Sevim, Brianna, Raffif, Aiyana, Islam and Omar.

Year 6: Reyan, Emmanuel, Isaiah, Sawsan, Maher, Maryam, Jonas, Salma, Jonathan, Ledion, Muhammed, Keyaan, Lynn, Las, Nabil, Atifa, Sarah, Ali and Yasmeen.



Y6 School Journey



The Year 6 trip to Cumbria was a wonderful success! The Howtown centre offered many activities delivered by highly trained instructors in the beautiful setting of the Lake District. Everyday was packed with adventures such as rock-climbing, gorge scrambling, hiking, a cook out in the dark near a graveyard and many more. All children took on challenges and learnt about leadership, teamwork and resilience. They also developed skills such as making beds, organising resources for a trek and supporting one another.

It was an amazing experience for the teachers to see the children blossoming in a different environment while allowing more freedom and taking ownership of their learning. This is what the children have to say about their amazing week of adventure:



Nabil: I would do anything to go back again.

Malak: Planting trees for the future generation was amazing and I want to go back there when I am older to see the trees we have planted.

Janaiah: I never thought I would enjoy getting muddy so much!

Isaiah: This is the best experience of my life; I will never forget it.



We would like to thank The Philological Foundation, a charity that has been making grants to individual students and state-funded schools in the London Borough of Camden and the City of Westminster since 1982. They awarded St Augustine's a grant for the Year 6 Outward Bound Residential trip and we would like to acknowledge their generous contribution and let them know how grateful we are for assisting us in providing such a wonderful experience for our pupils.

Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week

Next week (14th-18th November) is Anti-bullying week. We will be starting the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November. All your child needs to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread a little kindness during Anti-Bullying Week.

You should have received information about our anti-bullying home learning project that we would like all children to take part in to help us to celebrate Anti-Bullying week and all of the wonderful learning that comes with it. This year's theme is 'Reach Out' and there are many ways your child can choose to present their Anti-Bullying project: writing a poem, making a short video, designing a poster, creating a PowerPoint presentation, designing an Anti-Bullying bracelet that could fit onto a rubber wrist band or creating an Anti-Bullying character who spreads kind words. The home learning project is due on **Friday 18th November** so that we can share projects in special assembly.



Drama4All Workshops

Last week, children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 enjoyed taking part in acting workshops led by Drama4All. The children had lots of fun pretending to be in a fairy tale land and acted out different scenes, such as hiding from dragons!



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Year 1 In-Day



This term, Year 1's topic is Celebrations. We began learning about Bonfire Night and what happened. The children role-played what Guy Fawkes did when he tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament and how he was caught. They also created some firework art pieces and finally they had a taste of hot chocolate.

Year 1 can't wait to learn about more celebrations. Miss Ludolf



Reception In-Day



This term, our topic is Light and Dark. We started off our topic by looking at the book 'Whatever Next' and creating a space station in our role play area. We love playing astronauts and pretending to explore the moon in our spaceship!



We have also looked at different celebrations such as Diwali and Bonfire Night - we had so much fun making coconut barfi and firework pictures.



We have been having a great time on our Forest school trips as well; we have learnt about different leaves from different trees, and we enjoyed exploring the different statues around the woods. Mrs Sorbello-Bali



Autumn 1 Friendship Citizenship Award

Year 1: Mazim and Layaan

Year 2: Ema and Amr

Year 3 - Raef & Casalina

Year 4 - Abdallah & Amira

Year 5 - Lea & Jawid

Year 6 - Atifa & Isaiah



Year 5 and Year 6 Cinema Visit

On Wednesday 9th November, Year 5 and 6 went to Finchley Road Vue Cinema to watch The Railway Children Return. We would like to say a huge well done to both classes on their commendable behaviour and manners while off school grounds representing St Augustine's Primary. The cinema staff specifically spoke to the class teachers to commend the group of pupils on being one of the loveliest and most polite classes they had seen so far. Well done Year 5 and Year 6!

Come Y6 ChanceUK Workshop

On Monday 7th November, the children in Year 6 benefited greatly from a workshop delivered by ChanceUK. This workshop gave them all the opportunity to discuss any worries they may have about transitioning to secondary. They also shared ways to deal with different emotions.



Nursery Parents Applying for a Reception Place for September 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, it will be time to start thinking about the primary school you would like your child to attend from September 2023. If you would like your child to join our Reception class in September 2023, please see the PowerPoint presentation on the About Us page of our website for more information on how to apply. We will be holding a meeting in the next few weeks for all parents who are interested in their child joining our Reception class in September and details will be sent to you soon.

Please be aware that the online application form for Reception Year group places for September 2023 is now open. If your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still complete an online application form to secure a place in Reception for September 2023. The online application form and a 'Hints and Tips' guide can be found by clicking the following link: www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions The closing date for applications is **15th January 2023.**, so it is really important that you make your application as soon as possible.

If you need any help with making an application, please speak to Mrs Wiggins, Ms Bettoni or Mrs Cunnington. They will be very happy to help.

School Discos

The school discos were a great success on Friday evening. Thank you to all of the staff for volunteering your time after school to put on such a lovely event for our pupils. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and loved dancing the night away! We look forward to organising the next whole school event. Ms Bettoni



School Uniform and Jewellery

We would like to thank the majority of parents who make sure that their children come to school smartly dressed in the correct school uniform every day, including all black shoes or trainers,. However, there are still some children who are wearing trainers with coloured markings, or in colours other than black. Our uniform policy clearly states that shoes and trainers must be all black. If your child does come to school in shoes or trainers that are not black, you will receive a message or call asking you to make sure that your child is wearing the correct colour trainers the next day. If a child continues to wear the wrong colour trainers after this, we will be calling and asking you to bring in another pair of shoes for your child. If you are having problems finding black shoes for your child, please speak to the member of SLT on the gate or call the office, who will be happy to help.

Please also 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 watches.

Black History Month

During Black History Month, the children worked really hard on researching famous Black British people. Each child created a presentation on their chosen person. The work produced by the children was beautiful. Each child learnt a poem by a Black poet, which they also presented in our Black History Assembly. I would like to thank all the parents and carers for their support. Miss Bettoni



Headteacher's Award

Well done to all of the children have been awarded a Headteacher's certificate over the past three weeks. Congratulations to all of the children who have been awarded the Bronze Headteacher's certificate, which means that they have achieved 100 Dojos for demonstrating our school values:

Reception: Aleen, Alexandra, Caleb, Hakim, Jad, Jamal, Leena, Manessa, Monaco, Morocco, Rayan, Seren and Yad

Year 1: Adam, Ali, Daniel, Fatima, Mahbooba, Maya, Ramh, Shyla, Abdulrahman, Ali K, Dior, Firas, Shouq and Inaaya

Year 2: Adam, Aliya, Awss, Elena, Jamario, Jannah, Jasmine, Judy, Joud, Lareen, Layan, Malek, Rina, Zakariya and Ziad

Year 3: Adam, Sukayna, Jeziah, Mahdi, Sajed, Hala. Mariam, Joshua S, Amara, Malaak, Doha, Fiona, Noah, Nourhan & Joshua V

Year 5: Mahamud, Samar, Yasmin, Islam, Rafif, Inayah, Ibrahim, Jenell, Aya, Shaam, Jafar, Jawid, Lea, Omar, Shad and Yasmin

Year 6: Reyan

I am really proud to tell you that these children have already achieved the Silver Headteacher's certificate, which means that they have achieved 200 Dojos:

Year 1: Mazim

Year 3: Amanda, Casalina, Milena, Nasra and Raef



Children in Need Non-Uniform Day Friday 18th November

Children In Need takes place on Friday 19th November this year and, instead of wearing their school uniform to school, **children can dress in their own clothes**. They might want to go even further to support Children in Need by wearing red, yellow, white – or any combination of these! Children could be creative and add some paper or fabric spots to a jumper. Please remember to bring £1 to donate to the Children in Need charity. All of the money collected will be used to support disadvantaged children in the UK and overseas.



Dates for Your Diary

Year 1 Parent phonics workshop (2:45pm)	Mon 14th November	Year 1 Sharing Assembly	Fri 2nd December
Year 5 and 6 Basketball Tournament (3:45-34:45)	Tues 15th Nov	Parents' meetings	Mon 5th/Tues 6th December
Parent /carer Coffee Morning (9-10am)	Wed 16th November	INSET day (children not in)	Wed 7th December
Year 6 RAF Museum STEM Day	Thurs 17th November	Year 4 Sharing Assembly	Fri 9th December
Children in Need non-uniform day	Friday 18th November	Christmas Jumper Day	Fri 9th December
Year 1-Year 4 Cinema Trip	Wed 23rd November	School Christmas Lunch	Wed 14th December
Year 5 RAF Museum STEM Day	Thurs 24th November	End of autumn term	Fri 16th December
Year 2 Sharing Assembly	Fri 25th November	INSET day (children not in)	Tues 3rd January
Flu Vaccinations	Wed 30th November	Start of Spring term (Children return)	Wed 4th January
Christmas Tree lighting - Paddington Rec	Fri 2nd December		

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