

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 5 - 12th November 2021



Message from the Head of Primary

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term and I hope that you and your family had a lovely break. The weather is becoming colder and wetter, so please make sure that your child comes to school prepared for this in a waterproof coat with a hood. We also have to keep more windows open to ensure that we have good ventilation, so children are encouraged to bring an extra warm jumper to wear in class (navy if possible) **but not a hoodie**.

As always, this is going to be a very busy half term with lots of things going on including parent meetings; Odd Socks day; Children in Need non-uniform day; the annual Tree Lighting and Carols at Paddington Rec; Christmas Jumper Day; and the carol service and nativity during the final week of term. Classes have also been busy finding out about their new topics, so please ask your child about their topic for this half term and make sure that you have read the class newsletter.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week

Next week (15th-19th November) is Anti-bullying week. Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and it's taking place on **Monday 15th 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. Please remember to bring £1 to donate to the anti-bullying charity. We will also be sending home information about an anti-bullying home learning project that we would like all children to take part in to help us to continue to create an anti-bullying culture and provide a safe environment for everyone.



Celebrations Assembly

Shining Stars

Reception - Klea
Year 1 - Suliman
Year 2 - Jeziah
Year 3 - Tamim
Year 4 - Islam
Year 5 - Jonathan
Year 6 - Meriem



Wonderful Work

Reception - Mathias
Year 1 - Elena
Year 2 - Joshua V
Year 3 - Zaynab
Year 4 - Brianna
Year 5 - Reem
Year 6 - Laith



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance has been **amazing this week, at 97.2%**, which is fantastic! This is well above our target of 96% , so thanks for your support in getting your children to school, on-time, everyday. Congratulations to **Year 3 and Year 5** who have been 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 respect

The Bible teaches us to respect differences in our world through stories like The Good Samaritan and Zacchaeus the Tax Collector. We use these stories to think carefully about how we treat others. Within our school, we encourage all, "to treat others as you would want them to treat you." (Matthew 7:12)



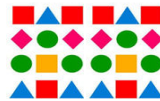
We believe that people are made in the image of God, that everyone is special, everyone's opinion matters, everyone's contribution is important, everyone's feelings should be considered and everyone's faith is sacred.

Respect can mean simply treating each other with politeness and courtesy, and recognising that everyone's contribution is important and that everyone's feelings should be considered.

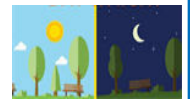
Respect is also linked to the words honouring, esteeming, valuing and listening whole-heartedly. We talk of earning each other's respect. We regularly discuss how respecting someone does not mean that we always agree with the other person, but that we are prepared to listen and share our views without rudeness or impatience.

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



Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

Friday 19th 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

Children in Need non-uniform day	Friday 19th November	Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10th December
Parent phonics screener workshop (Y2)	Thurs 11th November	School Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15th December
Parents' meetings	Wed 1st/Thurs 2nd December	End of autumn term	Friday 17th December
Christmas Tree lighting - Paddington Rec	Fri 3rd December	INSET day (children not in)	Tuesday 4th January
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Flu immunisation	Friday 10th December		

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Parent Meetings

Parent Meetings will be taking place in person this year on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd December. A letter will be going out on Monday about arrangements for signing up. Please make sure that you book an appointment, as this is a really important opportunity for teaching staff and parents/carers to share information about the child, their learning, their targets and their achievements.

Anti-bullying Ambassadors

We were extremely impressed with the quality of the applications from all of the children who applied to be St Augustine's anti-bullying ambassadors and the amount of thought that they had put in, which made the final decisions very difficult.

An Anti-Bullying Ambassador is someone who has been trained by The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign. Their role is to help educate other children about bullying and how to stop it; support children with friendships, disagreements or worries at playtime; lead on anti-bullying campaigns, promote a culture which celebrates and tolerates difference and help keep others safe both online and offline. As well as fulfilling their daily tasks, our Anti-bullying Ambassadors will be organising regular special events to raise the profile of the importance of friendship, tolerance, anti-bullying and simple acts of kindness.

Congratulations to our new anti-bullying ambassadors!

Year 3: Ali, Georgia, Mustafa and Janine.

Year 4: Sophia, Joyce, Brianna and Lea.

Year 5: Janiah, Nabil, Emmanuel and Sawsan.

Year 6: Ayman, Shailah, Zeinab and Amal.



Naming Uniforms and Lost Property

Please remember to clearly label all items that your child wears to school with their name. You can write your child's name in permanent marker on the clothing tags, or sew a simple tag with their full name into their school uniform, coats and PE kits. This helps greatly when trying to identify lost clothing and reduces the amount of lost property in school.

The lost property box is brimming with items of clothing. It is just off the hall, outside the staff room. Please remind your child to look through it for any items of clothing that have gone missing.

Flu Vaccinations

Every primary school child in England is being offered a vaccination against winter flu in the form of a nasal spray and the flu immunisation will be taking place in school on Friday 10th December. The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year to children to help protect them against flu. Children can catch and spread flu easily and vaccinating children also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

The nasal spray vaccination that the children will be given contains small traces of gelatine and we recognise that this is against the beliefs of some faith groups. However, it is important that as many children as possible receive the vaccination, particularly those children who are in high risk groups due to underlying medical conditions, such as asthma. This is particularly important at the current time. Parents of any child at risk from flu because of an underlying medical condition can choose for their child to be given the flu vaccination by their GP and will be able to select the vaccination in the form of an injection, which does not contain gelatine.

A letter was sent before half term, which provided more details about the flu immunisation and included a parental consent form. If you have any queries, or need another copy of the letter, please contact the school office or speak to Miss Vince.

Headteacher's Award

I am so proud to be able to share with you that a very large number of children have been awarded a Headteacher's certificate over the past two weeks and that some children have even managed to reach 200 Dojos!

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: Adam, Abdulrahman, Daneil, Cebrail, Dior, Faiyaz, Firas, Hussein, Ibrahim, Inaaya, Layan, Mathias, Muhammad, Ramh, Shyla, Zeen, Qais, Ali and Aahil.

Year 1: Maria, Basma and Zakariya.

Year 2: Sukayna, Abdulrahman, Sajed, Malak, Maria, Nasra, Milena, Amanda, Doha and Casalina.

Year 3: Khloe, Tamim, Malak, Barraaq, Aya, Janine, Lanwe, Mustafa, Joshua, Bakr, Amira, Aseel Fatima, Geogia & Bruno.

Year 4: Ibrahim, Jawid, Joyce, Sara, Yasmin, Aiyana, Aya S, Ayah O, Jafar, Lea, Aryanna, Ramzi, Yahia and Hassan.

Year 5: Isaiah, Janiah, Keyaan, Sawsan, Lilly, Malak and Leah.

Year 6: Zeinab

Two children have gone even further and have now been awarded the Silver Headteacher's certificate, which means they have achieved 200 Dojos!

Year 3: Ali and Amir



Rights Respecting School Award

Mrs Laouar wrote to you earlier this week to share the exciting news that, at St Augustine's Primary, we will be working towards being recognised as a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. We aim to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos, vision and culture. We want to improve children's well-being and ensure that every child has the opportunity to develop their talents and abilities to their full potential.

We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School and that you will be able to take a few minutes to read more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child by visiting: www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights

Come Dine With Me - Year 4



Last Friday, Year 4 had their in day for their new topic, 'Come Dine With Me' and celebrated in style with a lavish lunch of foods from around the world. Thanks to all of the parents who so kindly contributed a dish for this event. The children loved tasting foods from across the globe and had a wonderful time. This has inspired them to create their own menus in preparation for cooking and serving their own meals at the end of this project.



Climate Action Open Day on Saturday 13th November at 2pm

Westminster City Council are hosting a Climate Action Community Open Day on Saturday 13th November at WECH Community Centre (W9 3AZ). This is a great opportunity for parents to come along with their children and learn how they can become more sustainable. A number of exciting sustainable exhibitors will be attending the Open Day. [Sunny Jar](#) and [Plant Environment](#) will be joining the Day to run some fun activities for you to take part in. You will also have a chance to sample delicious vegan food from [SPIS Vegan Deli](#). **All for FREE!** You do not need a ticket to attend but please do register via the link below to be kept up to date with arrangements for the day. You can drop-in at any time. [Westminster Climate Action Community Open Day Registration, Sat 13 Nov 2021 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)