

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 5 - 25th November 2022



Message from the Head of Primary



As usual, we are preparing for a very busy time in the lead-up to Christmas, starting with the annual Tree Lighting and Carols at Paddington Rec next Friday (2nd December). All children and their families are invited to this very special event and some of our children will be singing as part of the celebrations. Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 9th December and I know that everyone is looking forward to seeing the children in their amazing Christmas jumpers, particularly the homemade ones. Our nativity shows will be taking place on Tuesday 13th (KS2) and Wednesday 14th (EYFS and KS1) December and we are delighted to be able to invite parents to attend this year. Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 14th December and class parties will be held on Thursday 15th December. Please don't forget that Wednesday 7th December is an INSET day and the school will be closed for children. There will be no after-school clubs on this day. There will also be no after school clubs on Monday 5th or Tuesday 6th December, as we will be holding our Parents Evenings on these days.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

School Photos



All children will now have their school photograph taken on **Wednesday 30th November**. Please make sure your child is smartly dressed in their school uniform on that day so that they look their best! If you have more than one child in the school and would like a photo of your children together, you must arrange this with Mrs Wiggins or Mrs Shah in the school office.

Celebrations Collective Worship

Shining Stars

Reception - Aleen

Year 1 - Fatema

Year 2 - Basma

Year 3 - Nasra

Year 4 - Zaynab

Year 5 - Samar



Wonderful Work

Reception - Adam

Year 1 - Layan

Year 2 - Year 2 class

Year 3 - Eveen

Year 4 - Ali K

Year 5 - Aya S

Year 6 - Isaiah



Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to **Year 4** who have won of the attendance cup for the past two weeks. Well done Year 4!

Attendance was 94.9% last week and 94.5% this week. This is below the national expectation of 95%, which is very disappointing. If your child is well enough to be in school, please make sure that they attend, as children can only achieve their best if they are in school, on time, every day. Please also make sure that all doctor or dentist appointments are made outside school hours.

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Our value this term is respect



We have been thinking about how we can show respect through our words and actions.

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: Yara, Sultan, Mark, Kamel, Amine, Stephanie, Zayaan and Fatema

Year 1: Anita, Layan, Hussein, Qais, Muhammad, Cebrail, Aahil and Majd

Year 2: Ahmad, Amir, Awss, Aya, Emraan, Hassan, Hossein, Nadine

Year 3: Hala, Even, Mikail, Joshua S, Malaak and Adam

Year 4: Hamoudy, Joshua, Hajar, Malak, Zackariya, Zaynab, Ahmed, Amaria, Aya, Amir, Khloe, Aleema, Ali J, Omahn, Ali K, Baraq, Mustafa, Aseel, Tamim, Lanwe, Bruno, Janine, Fatimemeh, Rijad, Fatima, Ceila, George, Abdallah and Bakr

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

Year 1: Ali, Miral, Klea, Wessam, Zeen, Adam, Faiyaz and Ibrahim

Year 3: Maria, Chloe and Akif Year 4: Ali K



Christmas Lunch

Our special Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 14th December. If your child usually brings a packed lunch, but would like to have a school Christmas lunch, please pay £2.30 to the school office.

Christmas Jumper Day



Friday 9th December is Christmas Jumper Day! We would like children to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper, over their normal school uniform. As usual, we would like to encourage the children to make their own Christmas jumper by decorating a plain jumper, rather than buying a new one. Alternatively, they could wear one they already own or perhaps swap one with a friend. If children would like to bring in a donation of £1, the money donated will go to the 'Save the Children' charity. We look forward to seeing the children in their Christmas jumpers!

Dates for Your Diary

School photos	Wed 30th November	Christmas Jumper Day	Fri 9th December
Flu Vaccinations	Wed 30th November	KS2 Nativity	Tues 13th December (am)
Awareness Academy Workshops	Mon 28 th Nov - Thurs 1 st Dec	KS2 Nativity	Wed 14th December (am)
Christmas Tree lighting - Paddington Rec	Fri 2nd December	School Christmas Lunch	Wed 14th December
Year 1 Sharing Assembly	Fri 2nd December	Class parties	Wed 14th December
Parents' meetings	Mon 5th and Tues 6th December	End of autumn term	Fri 16th December
INSET day (children not in)	Wed 7th December	INSET day (children not in)	Tues 3rd January
Year 4 Sharing Assembly	Fri 9th December	Start of Spring term (Children return)	Wed 4th January

Parent Meetings

Parent Meetings will be taking place on **Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December** in the school hall. Please remember to book an appointment when the sign-up sheets go up next Wednesday (30th November) as it is really important that the teachers meet with the parent/carer of every child to discuss their learning, targets and achievements and to share other information about the children.

Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at Paddington Rec

Please bring your children to Paddington Rec to enjoy the annual Christmas tree lighting-up ceremony on Friday 2nd December from 4:00pm. The event will take place in the Paddington Rec cafe area and there will be mulled wine and mince pies. Some of the children will be singing some Christmas songs and we hope that you and your children will be able to come along and enjoy this special evening.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week was a huge success! The home-learning projects were wonderful. Thank you for delivering such strong messages in your work. The 'Reach Out' theme was displayed throughout the week and continues to be a strong message we remind ourselves of within the school. As a school, we managed to raise just under £200 for Children in Need. Thank you for your generous donations. In class, pupils were also asked to write or draw a positive letter to another school. All classes completed their tasks with kind, thoughtful and very positive messages. These messages will be picked up by Royal Mail at the end of December and delivered to another school. We will receive letters from children in another school in return. Ms. Bettoni



Into Film Festival—Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

The highlight of the week for children in Year 1 to Year 4 was our school trip to the cinema to watch *Minions: The Rise of the Gru*, about following your dreams and remembering that even the smallest of us are capable of great things. An amazing story of helpfulness, teamwork, creativity, persistence and love. It was a brilliant film which everyone enjoyed and the children all behaved impeccably. They were so engrossed in the movie that they didn't want to leave! Well done team St Augustine's! Ms Adams



Applying for a Reception Place for Parents of Children in Nursery

If you would like your child to join our Reception class in September 2022, please remember that your application **must** be made by **15th January 2023**, so it is really important that you complete the on-line application as soon as possible. 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.

Mrs Sorbello-Bali will be holding a meeting for all parents who are interested in their child joining our Reception class in September and details will be sent to you next week. We also have a PowerPoint presentation with more information about how to apply for a place in Reception, which can be found on the About Us page of our website.

The online application form and a 'Hints and Tips' guide can be found using the following link: www.westminster.gov.uk/admissions. If you need any help with making an application, please see Mrs Wiggins, Ms Bettoni or Mrs Cunningham, who will be happy to help.

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Year 6 RAF Museum STEM Day

Children in Year 6 have had the great opportunity to take part in a STEM workshop at the RAF museum. They had a fantastic time completing three activities.

In the first one, after meticulous planning and designing, they created a wing for a plane using tags and sticks (made from recycled newspaper) - their creation was then put to the test by checking whether it would sustain the weight of ten bean bags. The group who called themselves 'All on board' was the winner.

Thereafter, they had the chance to explore three different hangars while answering questions. It was clear that they were really competitive and have learnt so many facts about planes and their history.

In the last activity, they got to use computers to create a device that would send messages using morse code. They all managed to create it, despite the many steps, and that enabled them to send secret messages to each other. We all had a brilliant day! Mrs Laouar



Royal Institution Science Show

On the 11th of November, Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a wonderful science show put on by the Royal Institution of Great Britain. During the show, the children watched and participated in many different experiments; children learned that there are different types of energy and that energy can neither be created nor destroyed. Our children greatly enjoyed the Royal Institution's visit to our school and we look forward to hosting more science events and scientists at our school. Mr Fansler



Morning Drop-off

Please remember that only parents of children in Reception and Nursery should be coming through the gate in the morning for drop-off. Children in Years 1-6 should be dropped at the gate and enter class alone. If you need to speak to a class teacher, please do so in the playground at the end of the day. If you have an urgent message, please contact the school office, who will be happy to pass on the message.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccines will be taking place in school on Wednesday 30th November. Letters about this have been sent via parent mail and we are aware that some parents are having trouble with the link that was sent to us. If you are having a problem with the link, please call the helpline number on the letter for assistance.



Warm Coats and Naming Uniforms

The weather has certainly turned colder over the past week and it is really important that all children come to school in a warm, waterproof coat that has a hood.



Please remember to clearly label all items of clothing that your child wears to school with their full 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. Any items of clothing that are found which not labelled will go straight to lost property.