

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 7 - 14th December 2021



Message from the Head of Primary



This term has flown by and the children have enjoyed their learning and achieved a great deal. I would like to thank all parents and carers for the fantastic support that you have given to the school over the past term. It was great to see so many of you at the Parent Meetings and I know that the teachers enjoyed meeting you and sharing information about your child's learning and progress with you.

We have a very busy week ahead, with lots of fun-filled festive events. Our nativity performances are now taking place on Tuesday 14th December for KS2 and on Thursday 16th December for EYFS and KS1. As I explained in the previous newsletter, we cannot invite parents to attend, so we will be filming the performances and sending a link to all parents. We will be enjoying a very special Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December and class parties will be held on Thursday 16th December. School will finish at 1:30pm on Friday 17th December.

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Saki who will be leaving us at the end of this term, because we have come to the end of the period of maternity leave that she has been covering. Mrs Sorbello-Bali will be returning from maternity leave in January. We wish Miss Saki every success in her new school and I would like to personally thank her for her hard work and dedication. Mr Turner, our music teacher, will also be leaving at the end of this term. I would like to thank him for all that he has done to promote a love of music and singing across the school and wish him well in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy holiday and a very Merry Christmas to those of you who celebrate it. I look forward to seeing the children return to school, refreshed and ready to learn, on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

Shining Stars

Reception - Mahooba

Year 1 - Ziad

Year 2 - Mikail

Year 3 - Fatima

Year 4 - Mahamud

Year 5 - Amir

Year 6 - Amal



Wonderful Work

Reception - Maya

Year 1 - Abbas

Year 2 - Amanda

Year 3 - Jaxon

Year 4 - Hassan

Year 5 - Maryam

Year 6 - Zahra



Attendance and Punctuality

Once again, attendance at only 92.1% last week was well below our target of 96%. If your child is well enough to be in school, please make sure that they attend as the children have had a lot of disruption to their education over the past two years. Congratulations to **Year 5 and Year 6** who have won of the attendance cup over the past two weeks.

Please remember that drop off should be between 8:45-9:00am. As we are beginning the day with a soft start, during which the children do a range of activities, it's important that your child arrives as early as possible.

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 for this half term is Respect

The children have enjoyed exploring our school value of respect over the past half term. They have developed a really good understanding of the meaning of respect and have been able to link this to our anti-bullying focus.



Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see the children looking so festive in their Christmas jumpers on Friday. We raised £115.00 for the Save the Children charity. Thank you for your very kind donations.



Bird Man Visit



Last Friday, we had some very special visitors to our school. The Bird Man presented workshops for children in Years 1-6, accompanied by three of his fantastic birds. The children learnt all about the lives of these birds, including their habitats and what their diet consists of. There were many brave pupils amongst the crowd who held an extremely large eagle. It was a memorable day



Year 5 Victorian Workshop



Last week, our Year 5 Class learned all about the lives of children during the Victorian Era. They enjoyed having the opportunity to play with toys for both rich and the poor Victorian children. The children also learned about the expansion of the British Empire at that time and had the opportunity to smell many of the wonderful spices that were brought to this country at this time. After finding out some very interesting facts about life in Victorian Britain, dressing up in Victorian costumes and having the chance to discuss what it would be like to be a child growing up at this time, the children ended the session by creating their very own Victorian era Christmas Cards. Thank you to Mr Fansler for helping to organise this wonderful day for the children.



Anti-bullying Home Learning Projects

Congratulations to all of the children who completed anti-bullying home learning projects. The children were really creative and had some fantastic ideas about ways to promote the anti-bullying message, including through posters, poetry, jewellery and a wonderful anti-bullying tree, designed to represent our school and the fact that we are all different, but work together



Awareness Academy

Pupils were recently visited by local police officers in a new Metropolitan Police initiative called the Awareness Academy. Children in KS1 took part in workshops about identifying parts of the police uniform and when to call 999. KS2 discussed drill instructions, knife crime and stop and search. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed seeing the police at school and asked wonderful questions.



Super Citizens Awards

Our School Council members have chosen children from their classes who consistently demonstrate our current school value of Respect. These children were awarded with the Headteacher's Super Citizen certificate.

Year 1: Adam and Basma

Year 3: Hajar and Joshua

Year 5: George and Reem



Year 2: Sajed and Doha

Year 4: Yasmin and Ibrahim

Year 6: Hussein and Zahra

Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at Paddington Rec

Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Paddington Rec on Friday 3rd December. The children who were there enjoyed singing some Christmas songs and carols and seeing Santa's sleigh.



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:

Year 2: Chloe, Jeziah, Almas, Mariam, Mikail and Fiona

Year 4: Aseel, Inayah, Samar and Sophia

Year 5: Sarina, Maher, Maryam, Jonathan, Muhammed and Reem

Year 6: Walid, Mykila-Rose, Zahra, Eyad, Tiara, Malak, Christian, Kayla and Amelia

These children have been awarded the Silver Headteacher's certificate. This means that they have achieved 200 Dojos.

Reception: Adam, Ali, Cebail, Dior, Fatima, Majd, Daniel, Muhammad, Ramh, Shyla and Zeen

Year 1: Adam, Basma, Maria and Zakariya

Year 3: Aleema and Jamie

Year 4: Yasmin

Year 5: Keyaan



Applying to Reception for Parents of Children in Nursery

Please remember that your application for a Reception place for your child for September 2022 **must** be made by **Friday 14th January 2022**. If your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still complete an online application form to secure a place in Reception for September 2022, 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 or Miss Vince. We will be very happy to help.

Next Term

Don't forget that Monday 3rd January is a bank holiday and that we have an INSET day on Tuesday 4th January, so please do not bring your child to school that day. We look forward to seeing all of you again when the new term begins for the children on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.