

# St. Augustine's CE Primary School

## Newsletter 8 - 10th February 2023



### Message from the Head of Primary

I can't believe that we've come to the end of another half term and that next week will be the half term holiday. Please read the article about World Book Day, as this will give you some great ideas for ways to keep your children entertained during the holiday, including designing their book character costume, writing a poem or finding an interesting place to be photographed reading.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate NSPCC Number Day last Friday (3rd February). I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Laoaur for all her hard work to make this such a fun and educational day for everyone - children, staff and parents alike. Read on for more details and some great pictures of this fantastic event.

I hope that you and your family have a very enjoyable half term holiday next week and would like to remind you that all of the children should return to school on Monday 20th February, ready for the new half term.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

### Celebrations Assembly

#### Wonderful Work 2nd February

Reception - Caleb

Year 1 - Miral

Year 2 - Zakariya

Year 3 - Amanda

Year 4 - Aleema

Year 5 - Mahamud

Year 6 - Reem



#### Shining Stars 9th February

Reception - Jad

Year 1 - Mazim

Year 2 - Aya

Year 3 - Fiona

Year 4 - Georgia

Year 5 - Inayah

Year 6 - Keyaan



### Attendance and Punctuality

It was great to see that attendance was just above the national expectation last week at 95.3%, so thank you to everyone who made sure that their children were in school, everyday. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for this week, with attendance at only 92.5%, which is very worrying. I hope that we can work together to deal with this problem and ensure that attendance improves over the next half term and the rest of the school year.

Please remember that all family holidays should be taken during the school holidays. The list of term dates can be found on the school website, or you can request a copy from the school office.

Congratulations to **Year 6 and Year 4** who have won the attendance cup over the past two weeks.

#### Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts



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# Our Value for this half term has been Wisdom

Over the past half term, the children have been focusing on the value of wisdom and we have spent this week reflecting on what it means to show wisdom in different aspects of our lives.

We have been impressed by how much the children have learned about this value and the way in which they have made connections with their own experiences. Please try to find time to talk about this with your children.



## NSPCC Number Day - Friday 3rd February



Our NSPCC maths day was a real success! Children really engaged in all of the activities. This included wearing clothing linked to maths and the children had some really creative ideas.



After a collective worship about the NSPCC, children went back to class to engage with maths. For example, in Year 3 they used smarties to create a bar chart and in Year 4 they created 3D shapes using marshmallows and sticks. In Year 6, children used matchsticks to solve puzzles.



The whole school enjoyed taking part in the maths orienteering activity, using a map of the playground and running from one point to another, answering maths questions.

Thank you to all of the parents who joined groups of children, from Reception to Year 6, to see maths in action. I was really pleased to see so many parents attending the workshop at the end of the day. They really enjoyed and engaged with the activities.



Finally, the winner of the sweets in the jar was Ledion from Year 6! He successfully guessed 501 sweets.

The children had a great day and really enjoyed the maths activities on offer. Here's what some of them had to say about out NSPCC Number Day:

Nabil (Year 6): Maths became my favourite subject.

Maryam (Year 6): Maths is great!

Lanwe (Year 4): I wish everyday was number day

Janine (Year 4): I love learning new maths because it opens up my mind to new ideas.

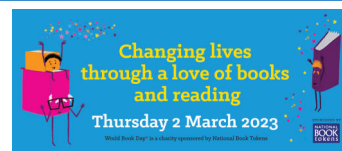
Ali J (Year 4): Math is important and I'm happy to learn it.

Bruno (Year 4): I never thought I'd like maths, but now I love it!



Mrs Laouar

# World Book Day 2023 - Thursday 3rd March



We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March (the second week after half term). The theme for this World Book Day is **"You Are a Reader"** and all children will be given a free book voucher to ensure that they can buy a book of their own.

We will also be encouraging the children to dress up as their favourite book character and there will be a prize for the best costume from each class. Mrs Toussaint is also organising two competitions - a poetry competition and a photo competition - with prizes for the children who find the most interesting place to be photographed reading. All prizes are being donated by Brown's Books. Please look out for a letter with more information about how your child can take part in World Book Day

## Year 4 Trip to the British Museum



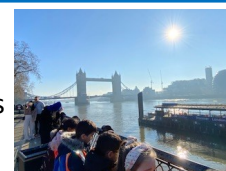
The Year 4 class trip to the British Museum was a huge success! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the history of Roman Britain and seeing the original artifacts and displays at the museum. They were particularly excited to see the Roman mosaics, jewellery and the replica of Hadrian's Wall. The educational experience was made even more enjoyable by the interactive and engaging way in which the museum presented the information. The children came back with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Roman Empire's impact on Britain. We are grateful for the opportunity to have taken this trip and look forward to more exciting educational excursions in the future. Ms Adams



## Year 2 Tower of London Trip



Year 2 visited the Tower of London on Wednesday as their History topic this term is the Great Fire of London. While visiting, they took part in a work-



shop called, 'Fire! Fire!'. During the workshop, a costumed presenter described the terrible events of the Great Fire of London and told the story of Samuel Pepys and the six-year-old boy who watched the flames approaching from within the Tower walls. The session used role play to bring the story of the Great Fire of London to life. The

Year 2 class thought it was fantastic!

## Free School Meals

The government gives extra funding to schools to support those children entitled to free school meals. Schools use this money to provide additional staff and resources to help improve the quality of education. You can check if you are eligible by following this link: [Free school meals eligibility](#)

Although all children from Reception to Year 6, are currently being offered a free school meal, it is still very important that you apply if you are eligible for free school meals. If your child or children are eligible, you will be given free food vouchers during the school holidays, as well as having access to free holiday activities. We will be sending out a letter after half term with more information about how to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals but in the meantime, please click on the link above.

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# Headteacher's Award

Well done to all of the children who have been awarded a Headteacher's certificate over the past few weeks.

Congratulations to these children who have achieved the Silver Headteacher's certificate, which means that they have achieved 200 Dojos for demonstrating our school values:

**Reception:** Tristan

**Year 1:** Qais and Shouq,

**Year 2:** Jannah, Ahmed, Awss, Malek, Elena, Ema, Nadine, Layan, Judy, Jasmine, Jamario and Ziad

**Year 3:** Joshua V, Nourhan and Adam

**Year 4:** Rijad, Mustafa N, Mustafa K, Zaynab, Janine and Joshua,

**Year 5:** Abdelrahman, Aseel, Aya, Brianna, Elyas, Islam, Jafar, Jenell and Shad

I am really proud to tell you that these children, who have already achieved the Gold Headteacher's award for earning 300 Dojos:

**Reception:** Alexandra and Morocco

**Year 1:** Shyla

**Year 2:** Joud

**Year 3:** Fatima, Jeziah, Joshua S, Mahdi and Amira

**Year 4:** Fatima S and Ali K

**Year 5:** Yahia and Yasmin

I am delighted to tell you that these children who have achieved the Platinum Headteacher's award for earning an incredible 400 Dojos:

**Year 1:** Adam, Daniel, Miral and Klea

**Year 3:** Nasra, Noah, Abdulrahman, Almas, Chloe, Doha, Sajed and Milena



## Dates for Your Diary

Half term (School closed)	Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb	Year 5 Big Build Mentor Workshop	Tues 14th March
Ash Wednesday Mass	Tues 22nd February	Year 5 Forrest School Orienteering	Wed 15th March
Year 6 Pudding Riot Workshop	Mon 27th February	Red Nose Day	Fri 17th March
World Book Day	Thurs 2nd March	Year 2 Floating Classroom Trip	Fri 17th March
Year 5 Floating Classroom Trip	Fri 3rd March	Parent Evenings	Mon 21st and Tues 22nd March
Year 4 Forrest School Orienteering	Wed 8th March	Easter Bonanza 3:30-5:00pm	Wed 29th March
Year 1 Forest School	Fri 10th March	Easter Holiday	Mon 3rd - Fri 14th April
Science Week	Mon 13th - Fri 17th March		