

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 8 - 28th January 2022



Message from the Head of Primary

It was so wonderful to welcome back Year 6 from their residential visit to the Howtown Outward Bound centre in Cumbria last week and to hear about their amazing adventures. They clearly had a fantastic week, packed with activities that tested and developed their confidence, resilience and teamwork and they did themselves proud! This is such an important experience for children of this age and indeed, a right of passage, so I was so glad that so many of our Year 6 children were able to take part. I hope that a similar number of children will be able to take part in the Y4 residential trip to Sayers Croft later this year. Please turn over to read more about the Year 6 journey and to see some of their wonderful photos.

I'm also delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Erana has given birth to a beautiful baby girl, Naomi.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

NSPCC Number Day - Friday 4th February

Don't forget that next Friday (4th February) is Number Day. We have planned a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on, or to get even more creative by dressing up as a dice or a calculator! To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Shining Stars

Reception - Muhammad

Year 1 - Amr

Year 2 - Sajed

Year 3 - Hamoudy

Year 4 - Islam

Year 5 - Isaiah

Year 6 - All of Year 6



Wonderful Work

Reception - Mazim

Year 1 - Madhvi

Year 2 - Almas

Year 3 - Hajar

Year 4 - Jaffar

Year 5 - Keyaan

Year 6 - Kayla



Attendance and Punctuality



Attendance was 93.2% last week. Whilst this is an improvement, we're still below our target of 96%.

Congratulations to **Year 6** who have won the attendance cup for the past two weeks and had 100% attendance this week! Please ensure that your child is in school as close to 8:45am as possible so that they can benefit from the soft start activities. If your child arrives at 9:00am, they will miss this valuable learning opportunity.

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 Wisdom



Year 6 Visit to Cumbria

Children in Year 6 had a fantastic time in Howtown Centre, Cumbria. They were immersed in a beautiful setting where they got to learn many skills such as resilience, critical thinking and overcoming challenges, as well as everyday skill such as making a bed, keeping a room tidy and even cooking their food by the lake.



Activities they took part in included canoeing, abseiling, gorge walking, tree cutting, rock-climbing and many more. In five days, they have challenged their abilities, pushed their limits, developed curiosity and empathy while exploring self-belief and determination through the John Muir award.

They were surrounded by professionals who praised highly how polite and well-mannered all the children had been. They were a credit to themselves and to our school. Mrs Laouar

This is what the children have to say about their wonderful adventure:

'This experience made me feel great especially as I was out of my comfort zone.' Amelia

'I had the time of my life - I will never forget the experiences I had in Cumbria!' Kayla

'I learnt to face my fears and I became much stronger' Kareem

'It was all about pushing boundaries and achieving your own goal - I loved every minute' Hussein

'I will never forget how beautiful Ullswater Lake and the mountains were.' Reewa

'I loved everything but sitting around a fire at night was the best part for me.' Malak



We would like to say a huge thank you to 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 January Year 6 Outward Bound Residential trip, so 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.



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Training

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors completed their online training this week via Zoom. The Ambassadors discussed and completed tasks around how they can be the best Ambassadors for our school and what it truly meant to take on the role of an Anti-Bullying Ambassador. Pupils answered questions and discussed scenarios with a trained professional from the Diana Award training program, which led to them creating some really exciting events and ideas for our school to continue to promote the importance of equality, inclusion and kindness. We will be meeting fortnightly to begin implementing some of these fantastic ideas! Ms Bettoni



Appointments Should Not be Made During the School Day

I explained in the last newsletter that appointments for your child to see a doctor, dentist or optician must be made outside the school day and that the only appointments that children are permitted to attend during the school day are hospital appointments or other specialist appointments. All other appointments must be made for after school hours or during the holidays. If you do take your child out of school during the day for anything other than a hospital appointment, this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Clubs Payments

Please ensure that you have paid in full for any after-school clubs that your child is attending this term (and last term, if still unpaid). Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer places to children for next term if this term's payments are not paid in full. Please contact the office if you need to check what you owe.

Black Shoes or Trainers

Despite many reminders in newsletters, 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 text 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. Thank you to the majority of parents who do ensure that their children have the correct footwear.

Headteacher's Award

Well done to all of the children who have been awarded the Silver Headteacher's certificate over the past two weeks. This means that they have achieved 200 Dojos for demonstrating our school values:

Reception: Abdulrahman, Ali Said, Elvin, Faiyaz, Hussein, Ibrahim, Inaaya, Layan, Maya, Mahboobah, Mathias, Mazim and Qais

Year 1: Abbass, Layan, Amir, Elena, Hassan, Hussein, Jamaro, Lojain and Rina

Year 4: Ayah O, Ibrahim and Joyce

These children have been awarded the Gold Headteacher's certificate. This means that they have achieved an amazing 300 Dojos!

Reception: Klea and Wessam

Year 1: Basma and Adam



Covid Updates



Despite the relaxation of COVID restrictions this week, we would still like to request that parents/carers wear a mask if they are coming into the school building, unless they are exempt, to keep everyone safe.

Please remember to visit the class page of our website if your child is self-isolating due to a positive COVID result. You will find the online learning timetable for your child's class with links to learning while they are out of school.