

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 9 - 3rd March 2023



Message from the Head of Primary

I hope that you and your families had a lovely half term break and were able to get out to enjoy the sunshine.

Although the children have only been back for two weeks, a great deal has happened already, including World Book Day (which we celebrated today), the Year 6 Plum Pudding Riots workshop and our Ash Wednesday mass at St Augustine's Church. We have a half term ahead of us that will be packed with exciting events and things to learn, so please talk to your child about their topic for this half term

I am very pleased to be able to share with you that I have responded very well to the treatment that I have been receiving and that I hope be returning to school around Eastertime. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the SLT who, with the support of Mr Moriarty, as Head of Federation, have continued to manage the school so effectively while I have been unable to be in school in person.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

Celebrations Assembly

Wonderful Work 23rd February

Reception - Jamal

Year 1 - Shyla

Year 2 - Madhvi

Year 3 - Joshua

Year 4 - Janine

Year 5 - Mahamud

Year 6 - Ledion



Attendance and Punctuality

I am delighted to report that attendance was an amazing **98%** last week, which is well above both the national expectation of at least 95% and our school target of 96%. Thank you to everyone who made sure that their children were in school everyday. Please keep up this fabulous attendance level over the rest of the year.

Well done to **Year 5** who won the attendance cup last week.

Attendance Matters



Dates for Your Diary

Year 4 Natural History Museum trip	Tues 7th March	Red Nose Day	Fri 17th March
Year 4 Forrest School Orienteering	Wed 8th March	Year 2 Floating Classroom trip	Fri 17th March
Year 1 Forest School	Fri 10th March	Year 1: The Museum of Brands trip	Tues 21 st March
Science Week	Mon 13th - Fri 17th March	Parent Evenings	Mon 21st and Tues 22nd March
Year 5: The Big Build Workshop	Tues 14 th March	Easter Bonanza 3:30-5:00pm	Wed 29th March
Year 5 Forrest School Orienteering	Wed 15th March	Easter Holiday	Mon 3rd - Fri 14th April

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Our Value for this half term is Inclusion

Our Christian value for this half term is Inclusion and our key text is The Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-26). This tells us that the body is made up of many parts, but that they are all needed to make one body. Just as lots of different parts make up one body, lots of people make up one community, such as our school community, and each person is valued and has an important contribution to make. We are all equally important and should be of equal value to one another. It is our wonderful diversity that make our community so unique.



Our New Topics

Nursery: Farm Animals



Year 1: Toy Story



Year 3: Polar Exploration



Year 5: NW6



Reception: Plants and Growth



Year Two: Making Things Move



Year 4: Active Planet



Year 6: Monstrous Monarchy?



Super Citizens Awards

The children in our School Council chose children from their classes who consistently demonstrate our school value of Wisdom, which we focused on last half term. These children were awarded with the Headteacher's Super Citizen certificate during a special Super Citizens assembly.

Year 1: Anita and Muhammad

Year 3: Akif and Sukayna

Year 5: Shad and Sara



Year 2: Judy and Malak

Year 4: Ali J and Janine

Year 6: Maryam and Maher

Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March. This year, we are asking the children to 'Dress up for Joy' so we will be asking them to wear brightest colour or a funny costume and donate £1 or £2. Alternatively, children can wear a Red Nose Day t-shirt.

We will also be celebrating with some special events, including a talent show, and we will be sending you more details nearer the time.



Year 6 Plum Pudding Riot Workshop



On Monday 27th February, children in Year 6 had an amazing day learning historical facts through a workshop led by the Plum Pudding Riots team. In the morning, they discovered how Christmas had been cancelled and why, more than 375 years ago. The class was then split into 2 groups: the Rounhead Puritans and the Royalists Cavaliers. Children demonstrated great skills acting out all the facts they had learned. In the afternoon, Years 1 to 5 had the pleasure to partake in a wonderful performance with much laughter and so much learning. **Mrs Laouar**



Reception In Day and Pancake Day



Our topic in Reception this half term is Plants and Growth. We started by looking at the book 'Oliver's Vegetables' throughout our first week. We had lots of fun making pretend soup (using real vegetables!) and we even tasted a range of different vegetables from the story; the class favourite was spinach!



Shrove Tuesday, or pancake day, also took place during our first week back after the half term. We used the school cooking room next to the Year 4 classroom for the first time and made some delicious pancakes; the children chose from sugar, lemon and honey for their toppings. Mrs Sorbello-Bali even managed to flip a few pancakes in the pan! **Mrs Sorbello-Bali**



After-school Clubs



Our children have been having a great deal of fun in our after-school clubs.

In Activity club this week, they have making icing for their biscuits, designing and making cool sunglasses, playing board games and much more.



In Forest School club, the children have also been very busy. This included toasting marshmallows and apples over a fire. They also made birdfeeders from pinecones and filled them with suet and a selection of seeds.



Visits to Relatives During Term Time

Despite many letters and reminders, I am still receiving requests for children to miss learning time in school to visit relatives. Please remember that visits to relatives and other 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.

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Year 1 Toys In-Day



Year 1's topic this term is Toys, therefore, for their in-day activity they all brought in their favourite toy from home. They had a brilliant time sharing special facts about their toys and showing what their toys can do. Then their classmates enjoyed asking questions to each other about their toys. Afterwards, they created a fact-file about their toy.

Ms Ludolf



Spring 1 Attendance Award Winners and Celebration

Congratulations to our amazing 100% attenders for the first half of the Spring term, who were awarded certificates in a special attendance assembly. It is wonderful to see that the number of children achieving 100% attendance is increasing. These children will be attending a very special 100% attendance event with Ms Bettoni.

Nursery: Ruby

Reception Caleb, Stephanie, Aleen, Alexandra, Hakim, Rayan, Jad and Kamel

Y1: Wessam, Ibrahim, Cebrail, Ali K and Qais

Y2: Nadine, Basma, Judy, Amr, Elena, Joud, Jamario, Lojain, Malek, Emraan, Layan, Amir, Ziad, Awss and Adam

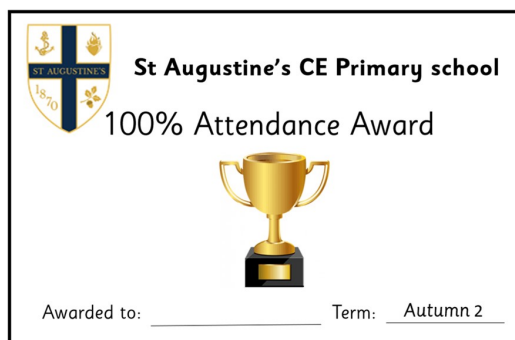
Y3: Amira, Nourhan, Casalina, Chloe, Amanda, Khatab, Mahdi, Mikail, Sajed, Fiona, Muhammad, Even, Joshua V, Sukayna, Joshua S and Malaak

Y4: Joshua, Malak, Zakaria, Zaynab, Ahmed, Amira, Amir, Khloe, Aleema, Barraq, Aseel, Mustafa, Bruno, Janine, Fatemeh P, Ceila and Abdullah

Y5: Ramzi, Elyas, Aryanna, Jawid, Abdelrahman, Aiyana, Joyce, Shad, Lea, Ayah O, Brianna, Yahia, Rafif, Aiyana, Islam and Sara

Y6: Emmanuel, Isaiah, Amir, Maryam, Jonas, Muhammed, Keyaan, Lynn, Zein, Rayyan, Nabil, Atifa, Ali and Yasmeen

Special congratulations to Year 4 who had the highest number of pupils with 100% attendance. 17 children in Year 4 had 100% attendance for the first half of the spring term.



Headteacher's Award

Well done to all of the children who were awarded a Headteacher's certificate last week.

Congratulations to these children who have achieved the Gold Headteacher's certificate, which means that they have achieved 300 Dojos for demonstrating our school values:

Reception: Caleb

Year 1: Abdulrahman, Cebrail, Dior, Ibrahim

Year 3: Mikail, Nour and Nourhan

