



We want all of our community to have equal opportunities to experience life in all its fulness (John 10: 10). We encourage all community members to “be the best we can be” in every aspect of their lives as we grow in, and reflect on, the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Love (1Corinthians 13).

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY

We've had not one, but two exciting residential journeys over the past few weeks. Just before half term, Year 4 visited Sayer's Croft for their annual residential visit, where they enjoyed a wide range of activities including pond-dipping, shelter-building and caving. They had a wonderful time, which you can read about on page 3. Thanks to Mr Fansler and Ms Bettoni for accompanying the children and making this such a memorable experience for them.

Immediately after half term, it was the turn of our Year 6 children, who enjoyed an amazing residential visit to the Liddington PGL centre in Wiltshire. It was wonderful to hear about all 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'd like to thank Ms Bettoni, Mr Rasem and Ms George for supporting

Year 6 so well during these exciting and fun-filled days.

Please read on to find out more about these exciting school journeys and to enjoy some of the wonderful photos.

I would also like to say well done to all of the children in Year 1 and Year 4 who have demonstrated a different type of courage over the past couple of weeks. The children in Year 1 took their Phonics Screening Check test last week and children in Year 4 completed their Multiplication Tables Check. They have all worked extremely hard to prepare for these tests and we are all very proud of what they have achieved. Parents will be informed about the results as part of your child's annual report.

We have an extremely busy half term ahead, so please check the 'Dates for Your Diary' section.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

ST AUGUSTINE'S Primary School

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We have had a very disappointing start to this half term with regard to attendance. Over the first two weeks of the term, attendance was 93% and 93.2%. This is unacceptable and means that a large number of our pupils are not being allowed to access the learning to which they're entitled. I sincerely hope that we'll see a significant improvement during the remainder of this half term. There are also an increasing number of families arriving late on a regular basis. The gates open at 8:45am and all children should be in school by 9:00am at the latest. Arriving daily after 9:01am means that your child is classed as being persistently late.

Congratulations to Year 5 who won the attendance cup during the first two weeks of this half term and to Year 4 who had the best attendance this week. Both year groups have enjoyed an extended playtime as a reward and Year 5 had an extra-special reward when they achieved 100 attendance during the first week after half term. We are extremely proud of these children and the commitment that this shows to their learning in school.

YEARS 2 AND 3 READING ON THE BEACH TRIP

Children in Years 2 and 3 enjoyed a unique reading session on the beach at Southend, blending the joys of literature with the seaside atmosphere. This event, organised in collaboration with The Children's University, aimed to foster a love for reading among the children while also providing them with an engaging and fun-filled educational experience. By integrating outdoor activities with academic enrichment, the initiative highlighted the importance of creative learning environments in supporting children's educational journeys.



SHINING STARS 7TH JUNE

Reception Omran
Year 1 -
Year 2 Ali Y
Year 3 -
Year 4 Hala
Year 5 Malak
Year 6 Shaam



We had fewer Shining Star awards this week because Years 1, 2 and 3 were out at the Floating Classroom on this day.

WONDERFUL WORK 13TH JUNE

Reception Hassan
Year 1 The Year 1 class
Year 2 -
Year 3 -
Year 4 The Year 4 class
Year 5 Barraç
Year 6 Elyas



We had fewer Wonderful Work awards this week because Years 2 and 3 were visiting South-end-on-Sea to read on the beach!

SHINING STARS 20TH JUNE

Year 1 Gilda
Year 2 Aahil
Year 3 Awss
Year 4 Akif
Year 5 tbc
Year 6 Yahia





YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TO SAYERS CROFT

The Year 4 residential to Sayers Croft took place at the end of May. It was a very exciting and packed three days! The pupils completed many activities, including a ropes course, pond dipping, a maze and blindfold trail, orienteering, shelter building and caving!

Each and every child faced challenges daily that they worked through. The support and encouragement shown during this school trip was truly lovely to witness. The pupils looked after one another and went above and beyond in displaying all of our school values while away. Everyone involved should be really proud of themselves.

Ms Bettoni

'My favourite activity was the obstacle course because we had to do it all together and try really hard!' - Mariam

'The cave was challenging because I felt a bit claustrophobic in there, but it was my favourite because there was a hidden ball pit inside.' - Joshua S

'My favourite activity was the woodland ropes, because we got to see each other struggle, but then encourage one another. The skateboards section was very tricky but no one gave up and we all supported each other' - Mahdi

'I loved everything about Sayers Croft! We all got to encourage each other and persevere. If people struggled we all worked together to get them through it and we helped one another calm down.' - Raef

'Caving was so exciting! You get to explore everything inside and my favourite part was the ball bit because we were able to play in there inside of a cave! It was so fun.' - Chloe





YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO THE LIMMINGTON PGL CENTRE IN DORSET



The Year 6 group were absolutely wonderful at their PGL residential. They were challenged daily, not only physically, but also mentally and emotionally. Some of the activities they took part in included the giant swing, fencing, rock climbing, aeroball, raft building, archery, Jacob's ladder and laser tag. Every single pupil tried their best to challenge themselves and showed fantastic perseverance. No one gave up and the support shown towards one another was truly commendable. Well done Year 6, what a fabulous trip! Ms Bettoni

'I had a very wonderful time at PGL. Honestly, it could not have been better! I can't pick any one activity that was my favourite. The most challenging was Jacob's ladder. I would highly recommend anyone that wanted to go to definitely go! - Shad

'A really fun experience! At first, I was not so sure about it. In the end it was insanely fun! I loved every single activity that we did. The high swing was pretty scary, especially when you get dropped, but in the end, it was so worth it because you are flying in the air like an angel! - Abdelrahman

I had a very memorable time at PGL, I wish I could go again. My two favourite activities were the giant swing and rock climbing because I love heights and it was way easier to challenge myself with people cheering me on.' - Brianna

'At PGL we all had a lot of fun. I really wish I could go again. My top activities were the rock climbing and the rafting because both of them were really scary at first, but I challenged myself. Screaming helped with how scared I was.' - Sophia

'I think that PGL was magically delicious! The food tasted so fresh; it left me speechless. The outdoors was refreshing and the activities were great. They were great because they were challenging. I love a good challenge and I definitely got this at PGL!' - Aiyana



DIVERSITY DAY

Please keep the afternoon of Friday 5th July free to join us for our Diversity Day Celebration event which will form part of our Diversity Day. Diversity Day provides an opportunity for us to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and diverse backgrounds of our community through activities and workshops in the morning and the Diversity Day Celebration which will be taking place in the playground during the afternoon. More details to follow!



OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS COURAGE

Our value for this half term has is Courage.

Courage is an important value in our school because it is about challenging ourselves to be the best that we can be – even when this becomes hard. Jesus inspires us to be courageous and to stand up for what is right in any situation.

In Collective Worship, we have been thinking about the fact that all of us have lives ahead of us that will be full of opportunities. The children talked about what they would like to do for a job when they grow up and how we must have the courage to take the opportunities that come our way. If we want to make the most of our lives, we need to step ahead, have courage, go through the doorway and into new and exciting things on the other side. The rest of this year will be full of new opportunities and we must have the courage to seize these opportunities.

We also talked about how important it is to have courage to face our fears and we

RECEPTION VISIT TO LONDON ZOO

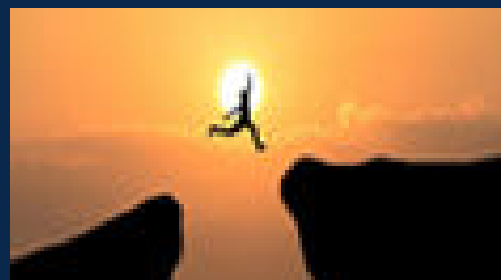
We visited London Zoo as part of our Zoo animals topic. We travelled by bus to the Zoo and the children were excited to sit at the top. The children had a lovely day seeing all the different animals. We saw penguins, turtles, lions, zebras, giraffe and the okapi. We also saw lots of different species of birds. We had our lunch and a quick playtime on the climbing frame. We were all surprised to learn that the okapi is related to the giraffe and not to the zebra even though it looks more like a zebra. Ms Ishaque



thought about the story of Daniel. Daniel knew that continuing to follow God meant that he would face the lions, but he still carried on praying. He never gave up; he had the courage not to give in. Daniel trusted God and the lions did not hurt him.

We also discussed the story of David and Goliath. David was very small, but when he was faced with a big danger, he chose to be brave and do the right thing, which was not the easy thing. David had courage and was brave. He did not run away from Goliath.

We must be brave enough to do the right thing, not the easy thing, just like David.





HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the children who have been awarded Headteacher's certificates over the past two weeks for demonstrating our school values.

These children have achieved the Silver Headteacher's certificate, which means that they have earned 200 Dojo points.

Year 1: Alae and Dania
Year 4: Nour

These children have earned an incredible 400 Dojo points and have been awarded the Platinum Headteacher's certificate.

Year 2: Zakaria
Year 4: Milena



This child has been awarded the Gold Headteacher's certificate, which means that they have earned 300 Dojo points.

Year 4: Nour

VALUES CHAMPIONS

These children have earned an amazing 800 Dojo points and have been awarded the Values Champions badge. They should be very proud of this incredible achievement!

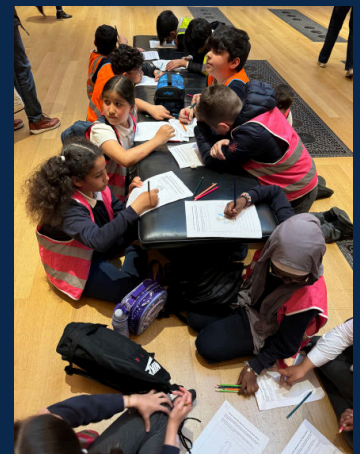
Year 1: Adam, Alexandra, Monaco, Leena and Hakim

Year 2: Zeen, Wessam and Daniel

Year 4: Almas, Assil, Chloe, Fiona and Raef

YEAR 5 NATIONAL GALLERY VISIT

Our recent trip to the National Gallery was a delightful journey into the world of art and creativity. The children explored the gallery, selecting artworks that inspired them and then sketching their interpretations. They used colours, emotions, and symbols to express themselves dynamically and imaginatively. The children enjoyed this experience so much, resulting in an array of captivating and unique pieces that reflected their individual artistic visions.
Ms Adams





YEAR 6 HEALTHY EATING WEEK

As part of Healthy Eating Week, Year 6 made pizza toast. This involved firstly, the design of a variety of slices made from different ingredients, before choosing a selection of healthy ingredients to make their own. After cooking them in the oven, Year 6 enjoyed eating their slices. Bon appetit! Mr Rasem



FLOATING CLASSROOM VISIT - YEARS 1, 2 AND 3

Children in years 1-3 experienced a magical day of literary adventure at Paddington Basin. They wrote poetry inspired by the scenic views on a barge, allowing their creativity to flow with the rhythm of the water. As they read their new books, the serene environment provided the perfect backdrop for immersing themselves in stories. Additionally, they had the opportunity to listen to the storyteller and poet Alim Kamara, who captivated them with traditional stories. This unique event was organised by The Young Readers Programme.

Ms Toussaint

A captivating storyteller brought tales to life, including the classic "Stone Soup" story, enchanting the young listeners. Inspired by the day's experiences, the pupils channelled their creativity into writing poems about boats, culminating in the design of their very own imaginative vessels. The floating classroom was a magical blend of learning and creativity that left a lasting impression on their young minds. Ms Garcia

"My favourite thing about the Floating Classroom was that I wrote a poem and got to customise my own boat." Aahil

"I loved listening to story, 'The Stone Soup'. My favourite part was when people started sharing their food to make the soup." Anita

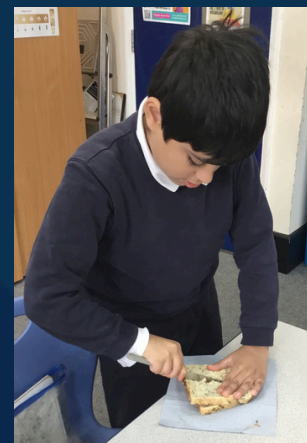




YEAR 5 HEALTHY EATING WEEK

We are thrilled to share the wonderful activities from Thursday afternoon during Year 5's Healthy Eating Week! Our enthusiastic children explored the world of nutritious food, promoting healthy choices and fresh ingredients. They enjoyed making healthy sandwiches, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm. This hands-on experience introduced them to a variety of fresh ingredients, sparking their interest in new flavours. We commend their dedication to healthy living and their growing appreciation for nutritious food.

Ms Adams



HOT WEATHER!

The weather finally seems to be turning a corner and I'm hoping that the current sunny weather will continue. Please ensure that, on sunny days, your child comes to school wearing a hat and suncream. It's also really important that they bring a bottle of water.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

condary Transfer Meetings for St Augustine's High School - 2:00pm

Nursery at Forest School (9.15 – 11.30am)

Year 1 at Forest School (12.45 – 3.15pm)

New Parents' Meeting Reception 2.30 pm

Year 4 Sharing Assembly

Diversity Day and Islamic Celebration event

(parents/carers are welcome to join us from 1:30pm)

Curiosity Workshop for Y6 (pm)

Year 3 Children's University Graduation at Topsy Turvey 10am – 2pm

Year 6 Head Start Day at St Augustine's High School

Sports Day 1.30–3.30pm

Y5 StAHS Taster Day

Year 6 Show (pm)

Reports circulated to parents/carers

Meet the Teacher Morning and Reception Playdate

Transition workshop for Y6 (1.30–3:00pm)

Year 6 Leaver's Collective Worship and Graduation ceremony

End of Trinity/Summer term (1:30pm)

Start of Michaelmas/Autumn term

Monday 24th June

Thursday 27th June

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Wednesday 3rd July

Friday 5th July

Friday 5th July

Tuesday 9th July

Wednesday 10th July

Wednesday 10th July

Thursday 11th July

Friday 12th July

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Monday 15th July

Tuesday 16th July

Friday 19th July

Friday 19th July

Wednesday 4th September