



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

Once again, we are rapidly approaching the end of the school year and it's amazing to look back and recall how much we have all done and achieved this year, including residential trips for Year 4 and Year 6, some wonderful class sharing assemblies, lots of class trips and a variety of visitors to the school.

I have had the pleasure of reading the children's reports and seeing the amazing progress that they have made this year. You should have received your child's report on Friday. Please arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher if you have any questions about their report.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our Y6 pupils and teaching

team for their hard work and commitment over the past year, which has helped them to achieve some great KS2 SATs results. They should be extremely proud of all that they have achieved. I want to wish all of our Year 6 pupils every success as they move on to secondary school and I know that they will achieve a great deal over the coming years.

Finally, on behalf of the entire staff team, I would like to thank you for your fantastic support this year. By working together, we can help all of our pupils to realise our scholastic vision to be the best they can be.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 4th September.

ST AUGUSTINE'S Primary School

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Over the past two weeks, attendance has been 92.4% and 91.2%, which is very disappointing and largely a result of the number of parents taking their children out of school before the end of term for unauthorised family holidays or visits to relatives. This means that these pupils are not being allowed to complete their learning for this year, which means that they will find it more difficult to access their learning in the future. I really hope that we'll see a significant improvement in attendance next year.

Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 5 who have won the attendance cup over the past two weeks. This reflects the commitment to their learning in school that these children and their parents have.

TEA WITH THE HEAD

Ten of our Year 6 pupils did not join us for Sports Day last Thursday, as they had been invited to attend an amazing event at St Augustine's High School in recognition of the way in which they embody our school values and act as role models for the rest of the school.

The children were invited to tea with Ms Kelly, the Head of School at St Augustine's High School, alongside High School students from Years 7 and 8. They were able to share some of their best pieces of work with the High School student leaders and enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, which included a visit to the icecream van! Well done to these ten children!



WONDERFUL WORK 28TH JUNE

Reception Kroir
Year 1 Leena
Year 2 Klea
Year 3 Hossein
Year 4 Abdulrahman
Year 5 Rijad
Year 6 Aryanna



SHINING STARS 4TH JULY

Reception Ibrahim
Year 1 Aleen
Year 2 Shyla
Year 4 Doha
Year 5 Mariam
Year 6 Samar



WONDERFUL WORK 17TH JULY

Reception Ibrahim
Year 1 Stephanie
Year 2 Aahil
Year 3 Year 3 class
Year 4 Even
Year 5 Year 5 class
Year 6 Sophia





YEAR 6 LEAVERS' SHOW

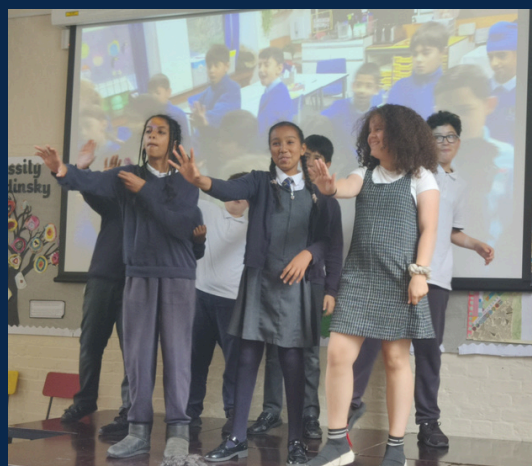
Our thanks go to Mr Rasem and Ms Saleh for writing, directing and producing the Year 6 Leavers' show, alongside our Year 6 pupils. The children have been practising hard over the past few weeks and shared plenty of great ideas to make this a show to remember.

What an fantastic amount of talent we have in Year 6 and what an inspiration for the rest of our pupils to live out our school vision and be the best they can be!

This year's Leavers' Show was performed to a packed audience of parents and pupils, who were treated to an extravaganza of singing, acting, comedy, dance and even a dazzling display of football skills from Abdul and Shad. If only the England team had been able to emulate this last Sunday!

It was wonderful to share some of the memories that the children have of their time at St Augustine's, including a chance to see Sophia and Aryanna's winning dance act again, which they originally performed during from this year's St Augustine's Got Talent.

The fun-packed show was a great opportunity for the class to work together and to shine after all the hard work that they have put into their learning this year and we were truly entertained. Thank you Year 6!



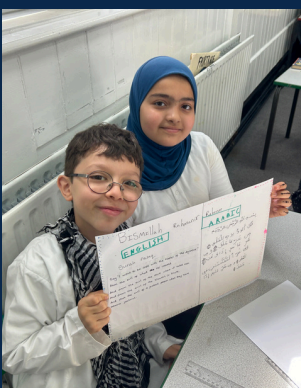


DIVERSITY DAY

The Primary School had a brilliant day celebrating Diversity day.

In the morning all the classes enjoyed learning about the faith Islam. Some classes created beautiful Islamic art tiles; others created and shared thoughtful prayers, as well as learning about the Five Pillars of Islam – The Shahada, Salah, Zakat, Sawm and Hajj and the significance of these to Muslims.

The children also had the opportunity to have beautiful mendhi patterns painted on their hands and we would like to thank the parents who gave up their time to come in and paint such intricate designs.



Thanks to everyone who joined us on the afternoon of Friday 5th July for our Diversity Day Celebration event, which provided us with an opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and diverse backgrounds of our community.

It was wonderful to see so many children wearing national dress and to share the wonderful national foods that so many of you provided. Despite that torrential downpour that brought our outdoor activities to an early end, we had an amazing day! Congratulations to all of our raffle winners and we hope you enjoy your prizes..

I would like to say a big thank you to Ms Toussaint, who organised the event, for all her hard work. I also want to thank the group of parents who helped her to ensure that the day went well by providing and serving food; helping to persuade local businesses to provide raffle prizes and doing face painting and mendhi patterns. Finally, I want to thank Mr Rasem and the Year 6 children who organised a range of fabulous activities for the afternoon.





YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL

Year 1 had a lovely afternoon at Forest School. They saw tadpoles, did lots of playing and watering plants. They made secret hideouts with traps using logs. Not only that, they made dragonflies using clay and the natural resources that they could find in forest school.



OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM HAS BEEN COURAGE

Our value for this half term has been Courage. We looked at the story of Moses and the Burning Bush and saw that Moses had courage because, even though he was worried that he couldn't help others because he had done wrong in the past, he believed in God and this gave him courage. Therefore, we need to make sure that we step forward and try our best, even if we are worried or scared. We can all show courage by believing in God and standing up for what we believed in.



RECEPTION FOREST SCHOOL

Our Reception children also had a wonderful time at Forest school. They enjoyed searching for different shaped and coloured leaves and finding lots of minibeasts. They also had the opportunity to do some cooking over an open fire!



NURSERY NEWS

Nursery had great fun on sports day. We ran races, threw javelins, balanced beanbags on our heads, and had an egg and spoon race.



Nursery enjoyed a fabulous end of year party, sharing food, dancing and playing games together.





HEADTEACHER AWARDS

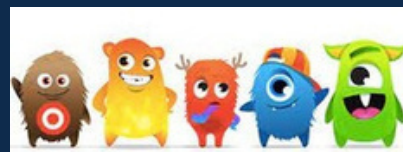
Congratulations to all of the children who have been awarded Headteacher's certificates over the past two weeks for demonstrating our school values.

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

Year 5: Mariam El Bergui

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

Year 1: Dania and Alae



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!

Reception: Adam Y, Anayia, Fatima A, Leen, Maya and Mohamed

Year 1: Aleen, Caleb, Fatema, Jad, Kamel, Mikayel, Stephanie and Yara

Year 2: Klea and Shouq

Year 3: Layan

Year 5: Ali, Joshua, Aya, Bruno, Aleema, Fatemeh P and Amir

CITIZENSHIP AND PROGRESS AWARDS

On Thursday 18th July, we held a very special Citizenship and Progress collective worship, during which we celebrated the achievements of the seven children chosen by their class teachers for showing outstanding citizenship this year and the seven pupils who have made fantastic progress. Each child received a certificate, with an explanation about why they had been chosen for the award. Every child was also awarded with a very special book that had been carefully chosen for them by their class teacher. We are so proud of all of these children!

Citizenship

Reception Mohammed

Y1 – Caleb

Y2 – Shouq

Y3 – Madhvi

Y4 – Raef

Y5 – Aya

Y6 – Jawid

Progress

Reception Natalia

Y1– Leena

Y2 – Zakariya

Y3 – Riza

Y4 – Eveen

Y5 – Zakariya

Y6 – Shaam





SUPER CITIZENS TRINITY 1: HONESTY

Congratulations to these children who were chosen by our school councillors for the way in which they demonstrate our value of Honesty, which we were focusing on during the first half of the Trinity term.

Y1 – Stephanie and Ali
Y2 – Shyla and Hussein
Y3 – Basma and Riza
Y4 – Jeziah and Assil
Y5 – Lanwe and Rijad
Y6 – Elyas and Lea



SUPER CITIZENS TRINITY 2: COURAGE

Well done to the twelve children who were chosen by our school councillors for the way in which they demonstrate our value of Courage, which we have been focusing on during the second half of the Trinity term.

Y1 – Zayaan and Aleen
Y2 – Inaaya and Firas
Y3 – Ziad and Madhvi
Y4 – Fiona and Khatab
Y5 – Hamoudy and Zaynab
Y6 – Shad and Sara





LEARNING LANGUAGES YEAR 7 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In the last week of term, we welcomed a lovely group of Year 7 pupils from the high school to deliver a Collective Worship about the importance of learning other languages. The Year 7 pupils shared information on how to access at home language learning, they provided factual information on languages around the world and they promoted the many job opportunities available to people who can speak more than one language. Lastly, they ended their presentation on how a focus on other languages promotes the Christian values of Love and Inclusion. Well done and thank you to the Year 7 group from St Augustine's High School.



STORYTELLER VISIT

On Friday 12th July, we enjoyed a very special visit from the British-Sierra Leonean rapper and storyteller, Alim Kamara, who captivated the whole school with traditional stories, music and poetry. He also told us about his journey towards becoming an avid reader and inspired the children to read more and to embrace the journeys on which reading can take them.

A group of children helped him to act out a fantastic story about Anancy and the Enormous Fish. They were amazing and showed so much courage to improvise their parts in front of such a big audience. Well done to them and thank you to Alim for providing us with such an inspiring storytelling workshop!





SPORTS DAY

This year, our school Sports Day was on Friday 12th July and everyone – pupils, staff and parents/carers – had a wonderful time! The activities organised by our sports coach, Mr V, were brilliant and everyone showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. The weather was surprisingly hot, but this did not stop all of the children from trying their hardest! It was wonderful to see the courage and resilience that they showed, particularly during the egg and spoon race! Thank you to all of the parents/carers who came along to cheer the children on.

Well done to everyone for making this such a fantastic day and for being the best that we can be!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 6 Leaver's Collective Worship and Graduation ceremony
End of Trinity/Summer term (1:30pm)
Start of Michaelmas/Autumn term

Friday 19th July
Friday 19th July
Wednesday 4th September