

ST AUGUSTINE'S

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter



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

Amazingly, we're now well into the final half term of the year! This is going to be a busy half term with lots of exciting events including an amazing day on the Floating classroom in Paddington Basin for our older pupils; the London Spirit cricket festival; a trip to Hampton Court for Year 4; a day at Legoland for Year 6; our Sports Day; and Year 2 and Year 3 class assemblies to name but a few.

Year 6 will also be busy rehearsing and performing their end of year show; preparing for their Year 6 graduation assembly and enjoying their leavers' prom. Please look at the Dates for Your Diary section of this newsletter for more information.

Each class has also been enjoying learning about their final topic of the year, so please talk to your child about this. I would like to say well done to all of the children in Y1 who have completed their Phonics Screening Check test and to the Year 4 pupils who took their Multiplication Tables Check last week. You have worked hard and we are all extremely proud of you.

Ruth Vince
Head of Primary

WONDERFUL WORK - 16TH JUNE

Year 1: Hussein
Year 2: Elena
Year 3: Almas
Year 4: Barraq
Year 5: Inayah
Year 6: Ledion

SHINING STARS 8TH JUNE

Reception: George
Year 1: Muhammad
Year 2: Jasmine
Year 3: Joshua S
Year 4: Amir
Year 5: Aya S
Year 6: Keyaan

SHINING STARS 22ND JUNE

Reception: Amine
Year 1: All of Year 1!
Year 2: Malek
Year 3: Doha
Year 4: Georgia
Year 5: Aryana
Year 6: Jonathan



ATTENDANCE

I am pleased to report that the current level of attendance, which was 95.5% during the first week of this half term and 94.8% over the past two weeks, is roughly in line with Government expectations of 95%, although we continue to strive to reach our target of at least 96% attendance.

All children who achieved 100% attendance last half term will be receiving their certificates in a special assembly next Monday and will be invited to a special 100% attendance party with Ms Bettoni to show how proud of them we all are. During our attendance assembly at the end of this term, we will not only be celebrating those children who have achieved 100% attendance over this half term, but we will be presenting special awards to all children whose attendance has been 100% over the entire year.

Finally, congratulations to Year 5 and to Reception who have won the attendance cup over the past three weeks – Reception for two weeks running! What amazing attendance role models for the rest of the school!

SAYER'S CROFT RESEDENTIAL VISIT

The Year 4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to Sayers Croft in Ewhurst at the end of the half term. We were involved in many fun outdoor activities. Some of these included walking through a stream, building a campfire and roasting marshmallows, walking the woodland ropes, building a shelter, dipping for minibeasts in the pond and even adventuring through a cave that had a ball pit!

Everyone showed so much courage and enthusiasm for all of the learning and activities. Pupils have created life long memories and really embraced the brilliant opportunity to expand their learning. It was such a wonderful time. Well done for being so brilliant Year 4!
- Ms Bettoni

Here's what the children had to say about their time at Sayer's Croft:

I loved the stream walk because it got deep and it was

so cold. Lots of people had to be really brave, but it didn't bother me! - Bruno

The woodland ropes was the best because I liked climbing and going through the obstacle course. The zip line at the very end was the best part! – Janine

Going into the dark roundhouse was my favourite because we learnt about ancient history and even got to try on costumes and carry a gladiator's sword. - Malak

I loved the pond dipping because I caught seven tadpoles. I called them Bob, Tim, Jim, Timothy, Timmy, Bobothy and Sarah. It felt like I had a whole amphibian mini family! - Barraq

The stream walk was my favourite because it got deep and we had to walk through the deep parts. We were all laughing because it was slippery and we got wet. - Joshua

Woodland ropes were the best because it was a good experience to try new things out and feel emotions that you've never felt before. I also loved playing on the fields in the afternoon because it felt like I was on holiday! - Georgia





RECEPTION AT FOREST SCHOOL

The children had a great time during their last Forest School outing of the year! They played games, explored plants and animals that were growing such as potatoes and tadpoles, and made some soup and slushy in the mud kitchen! They finished their last session by having a cold drink in the log circle. They have really enjoyed our visits this year and I am sure they will continue to do so in Year 1.

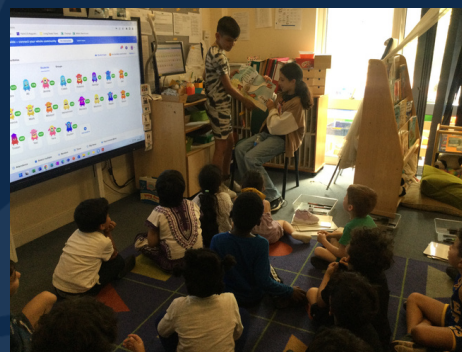


PYJAMARAMA DAY!

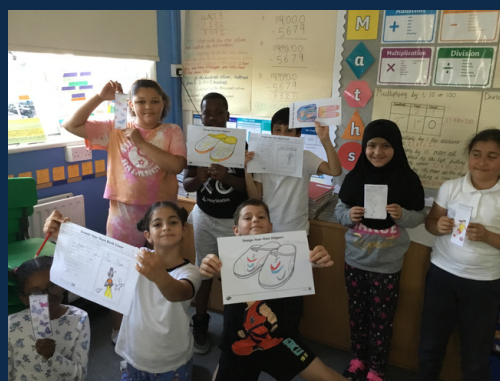
As you know, at St Augustine's we are passionate about getting children excited about books and stories and inspiring them to read for pleasure. Last Friday (16th June) we hosted an enormous pyjama party as our pupils raised money to help to get more children across the UK reading and sharing books. Children came to school in their finest PJs and grabbed their favourite book to share at school as part of the Book Trust's Pyjamarama fundraising event.

The children enjoyed lots of activities to help them to get excited about books and reading, including story times, designing book covers, making bookmarks, creating new characters and even PE in PJs! The highlight of the day for most classes was a visit from

Year 6 pupils to read a story to the class.



I am thrilled to share with you the wonderful experience we had in our Year 4 class on Friday 16th June 2023, during our Pyjamarama day. The children arrived dressed in cosy pyjamas, creating an atmosphere of comfort and excitement. We had meticulously planned a range of engaging activities that not only added to the overall experience but also aimed to ignite a deep love for reading and nurture their creative abilities. A special highlight was when our Year 6 librarians visited our classroom and captivated the children with a delightful story. The pupils were then motivated to express their thoughts and creativity through various activities such as writing book reviews, designing bookmarks, creating comic strips, and crafting character descriptions. It was truly inspiring to witness their passion for literature and the blossoming of their creative talents. Ms Adams





SPIRIT OF LONDON CRICKET ROADSHOW

Children in Years 3-6 had a wonderful time on Friday 9th June when the Marylebone Cricket Club cricket coaches visited to deliver a fantastic assembly about the Spirit of London Cricket Festival. The coaches, who have been running weekly cricket coaching sessions with classes across the school this year, also arranged for each class to have an extra-special coaching session to showcase the skills that they have developed over the year.

The children have developed some fantastic cricketing skills over the year - including how to catch the ball using 'spider hands' and different ways to throw the ball - and it was great to see them being able to put these skills into practice.



OUR NEW TOPICS

Nursery: People Who Help Us
Reception: Journeys and Transport
Year 1: Wonderful Woodlands
Year 2: Beside the seaside
Year 3: Out of the Shadows
Year 4: Spotlight on London
Year 5: From Source to Sea
Year 6: What a Performance

RECEPTION TOPIC: JOURNEYS & TRANSPORT

This term our topic is Journeys and Transport. We started by looking at different vehicles and creating different representations of them, and we have even turned our home corner into an airport! This week we have been looking at wheels and axles and the children have been making their own moving vehicles.



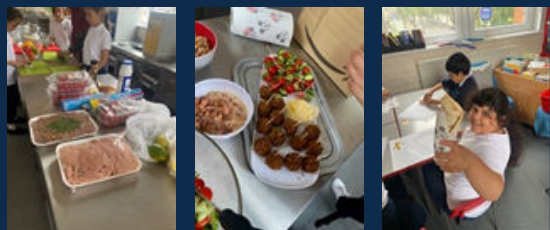
RECEPTION - FRUIT SALAD

During healthy eating week, we discussed the importance of eating five portions of fruits and/or vegetables every day. The children got to taste different fruits such as kiwi and blueberries, then they cut up all the fruit and used it to make fruit salad. It was a refreshing treat at the end of a hot day! Mrs Sorbello-Bali



EGYPTIAN RECIPES

Year 3 really enjoyed learning about The Ancient Egyptians. To complete our topic, the children used Egyptian recipes to make some fantastic dishes. All the children enjoyed the afternoon. Mrs Toussaint



FRUIT KEBAB STICKS

The children in our Nursery class enjoyed exploring a variety of different fruits and making fruit kebab sticks. First, they decided which were their favourite fruits and then brought the fruit in to make fruit kebab sticks. They had a fun afternoon tasting! Maya shared, "Fruit is healthy for you because it makes you grow". Mrs George



HEALTHY FRUIT SALAD

In observance of Healthy Eating Week, Year 5 learned all about healthy habits and nutritional requirements. We even made our own fruit salads using strawberries, pineapples, bananas, grapes, honey and orange & mango juice. We are now considering what other healthy recipes we can prepare as a class before the end of the year. Mr Fansler



CHICKEN SALAD WRAPS

Year 1 had a brilliant time making chicken salad wraps. First, they washed and then cut all the salad they wanted to have in their wrap. There were peppers, cucumbers, lettuce and tomatoes. Lots of Year 1 children tried pepper for the first time and did not like it, but they all thought their wraps were delicious. Ms Ludolf



RECEPTION - FRUIT SALAD

As part of Healthy week, children in Year 6 have been making chicken wrap. They washed, cut and fried vegetables to make a scrumptious meal! This included mushrooms, red onions, tomatoes, red and green pepper. A few tears emerged as some of pupils sliced the onions!

Children were able to personalise their wrap according to their taste and preference (vegetarians too!). Mrs Laouar





UNIFORM

As the weather has become hotter, many children are wearing shorts to school on PE days, which I very much encourage. However, the Uniform Policy clearly states that these must NOT be skin-tight Lycra cycling shorts.

ACTIVITY CLUB

The children in Activity Club have had a busy time. We played different games, some children re-created Jurassic park with Lego and little dinosaurs and we did make some fantastic collage pictures. Mrs Mahmutaj



FOREST SCHOOL CLUB

In Forest School club, the children have had fun pond dipping as they searched for damselflies, tadpoles, newts and much more! They have explored the life cycles of a number of pond creatures and minibeasts. They have also enjoyed planting seeds and playing lots of outdoor seasonal games. Mrs George



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

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 received the Silver Headteacher's certificate for achieving 200 Dojos.

Reception: Hamoudi and Ali A

These children have been awarded the Gold Headteacher's certificate for achieving 300 Dojos:

Year 5: Abdelrahman, Aiyana, Omar, Samar and Shad

These children have achieved the Platinum Headteacher's certificate for achieving 400 Dojos:

Reception: Yad, Yara, Fatema and Zayaan

Year 1: Ali K, Aahil, Firas, Qais, Muhammad and Layan

Year 4: Abdullah, Ahmed, Ali J, Aseel, Ceila, Fatemeh P, Hajar, Khloe, Malak, Mustafa K, Mustafa N, Rijad, Tamim, Zakaria and Zaynab

Year 5: Ayah, Brianna, Giorgi, Hassan, Jawid, Joyce, Lea, Sara and Yahia

Finally, I am delighted to share with you that some pupils have been awarded our extra-special Values Champion badge because they have received 800 Dojos. What fantastic role models for our school!

Year 1: Daniel; Klea, and Mazim

Year 3: Almas and Noah

Year 4: Ali K



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 6 Orienteering Forest School
Reception Class Assembly
New Reception Parent Meeting
St Augustine's High School Head Start Day (Y6)
Floating Classroom - Paddington Basin (Y4-Y6)
Year 6 Art Morning at the High School
Year 4 Visit to Hampton Court Palace
Reports circulated
Year 2 Class Assembly
Sports Day (1:00-3:30pm)
Meet the Teacher morning
Open Evening
Year 6 Leavers' Prom
Year 6 Leavers' Graduation Assembly
End of Summer term

Wednesday 28th June
Friday 30th June
Monday 3rd July
Tuesday 4th July
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Tuesday 11th July
Wednesday 12th July
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