



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

It's hard to believe that it's half term already! Despite being an extremely long half term, the time seems to have gone in a flash! We've had a very busy half term, including some very special collective worships to celebrate Harvest Festival, National Poetry Day, Well-being week and Black History Month, amongst others. I would like to thank everyone who contributed food for our harvest festival. You were extremely generous and I would like to pass on the thanks from the volunteers at our local food bank, who will put this food to very good use in supporting those in our local community who are facing challenging times. We have had some very well-attended coffee mornings, including the coffee morning and cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and the coffee morning with our Educational Psychologist, Jaspar, and our SENDCo, Ms Mannion, who talked about and provided support for developing your child's independence.

Thank you for your continuing support for the school and for our amazing team of staff, who continue to work incredibly hard to ensure that the children are safe, happy and making progress in their learning. You have helped our new members of staff – Ms Bruton in Reception, Ms Jolley in Y1 and Mr McGowan in Year 2 – to settle into our school and have made them feel really welcome.

Finally, I would like to thank you for making sure that almost all of the children are arriving at school on time in the mornings. This helps to prepare them for the day and means that they are not missing out on any learning. During the soft start, children have time to settle into the school day and practise key skills, such as handwriting, times tables or reading for pleasure.

Have a great half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November for the new half term.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Congratulations to Year 4 and Year 5 who have won the attendance award over the past four weeks. This means that Year 5 have 40 points (and are one win away from a special class treat), Year 4 have 20 points and Year 3 have 10 points. Years 1, 2 and 6 have not yet won the Attendance Award this half term, so they're going to try really hard to be in school, on time, every day after half term.

Our attendance was an amazing 97.4% last week, which means that St Augustine's has been above both school and National expectations for the past three weeks. I am really grateful for all the support that you're giving us to ensure that we have high levels of attendance, as this has a huge impact on children's progress, both academically and socially.

SHINING STARS 4TH OCTOBER

Year 1 - Maya
Year 2 - Seren
Year 3 - Ahmed
Year 4 - Ziad
Year 5 - None
Year 6 - Ahmed



YEAR 3 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TRIP

Year 3 had an exciting trip to the National History Museum, where they explored the volcanoes and earthquakes exhibits. The children had a fantastic day, immersing themselves in interactive displays and learning fantastic facts. The trip brought their geography unit to life, giving them a deeper understanding of these powerful natural forces.



WONDERFUL WORK 11TH OCTOBER

Year 1 - Adam C
Year 2 - Nyla
Year 3 - Ali S
Year 4 - Emraan
Year 5 - Abdelrahman
Year 6 - Ali K



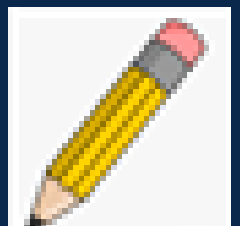
WONDERFUL WORK 18TH OCTOBER

Year 1 - Ruby
Year 2 - Caleb
Year 3 - Damiel
Year 4 - Aliya
Year 5 - Chloe
Year 6 - Georgia



SHINING STARS 25TH OCTOBER

Year 1 - Maya
Year 2 - Alex
Year 3 - Muhammad
Year 4 - Basma
Year 5 - Even
Year 6 - Fatemeh P





POETRY SLAM

We enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Day with a special assembly during which teachers performed some of their favourite poems and we watched some famous poets performing their own poems. We also watched a film of the well-known children's poet, Michael Rosen, explaining how to perform poems and stories.

This certainly helped the children to perform their poems with confidence and real sense of audience during our fabulous Poetry Slam event last week, during which children in Years 1-6 performed poems that they had been learning by heart for homework.

During the Poetry Slam, the children recited and performed poetry with remarkable confidence. Each poem was delivered with passion and enthusiasm, showcasing their hard work and commitment. Their expressive performances captivated the audience, creating a truly inspiring and memorable experience for everyone present.

A great deal of effort has gone into the children learning and performing their poems and it was wonderful to see them living out our school vision by being the best they can be!

Ms Toussaint



OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM HAS BEEN FRIENDSHIP

In our Values Collective Worship this half term, we have been thinking about the importance of friendship and of having faithful friends. We also reflected on the fact that there can sometimes be disagreements within friendship groups, or we can be disappointed in our friends because of the decisions they make. This led us on to looking at the Bible story of Ruth and Naomi, which is about the power of friendship. The Bible tells us that God always loves us. He knows what we are and what we can be. He is a friend who promises to be with us forever.

Children have shown an ever-deepening understanding of our value of friendship over this half term and they are living out this value across the school day, which makes us all very proud.



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HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This year, we celebrated harvest with a special Harvest Collective Worship in school on Wednesday 2nd October. We would like to thank Fr Amos for joining us and for this special collective worship.

We talked about the meaning of harvest and why harvest time is so important around the world. We then thought about how Christians remember the rainbow that appears in the story of Noah, which was a sign of God's care for the world. The rainbow helps Christians to remember an age-old promise God made: "As long as the earth lasts, there will be a time for planting and a time for harvest. There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night." (Genesis 8.22)

Each class focused on a colour of the rainbow and discussed all of the things in nature that we can attribute to that colour and for which we should be grateful. They then presented their ideas during the assembly in many different ways, including poetry, collage and even a quiz, in order to create a Harvest Rainbow.

This was the first time that our Reception class have joined us for a whole school collective worship and they were fantastic. Well done Reception!

Finally, I would like to thank you for your very generous donations to our Harvest Festival collective worship. The food will be distributed to local people in need, in partnership with the Church.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024 - RECLAIMING NARRATIVES

Black History Month was a tremendous success, with the children creating fantastic home learning projects, including vibrant posters, amazing 3-d models and beautiful artwork. We are incredibly proud of the huge effort each child made to celebrate and explore Black History, including inventors, dancers and sports people. Their hard work will be showcased in displays around the school next half term, allowing everyone to appreciate and learn from their creative contributions.

Thank you for supporting your child to research the stories of famous black figures and for helping them to complete such wonderful projects.

Ms Toussaint and Ms Vince





HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the children who have been awarded Headteacher's certificates over this half term for demonstrating our school values.

These children have earned 100 Dojo points, which means that they have received the Bronze Headteacher's certificate.

Year 1: Adam C, Adam Y, Amal G, Amal R, Anayia, Ayah, Daniyal, Fatima A, Fatima N, Ibrahim, Jad. Kroj, Leen, Mahsa, Mariam, Maya, Nader, Natalia, Omran, Ruby, Zahra A, Tim, Zinan

Year 2: Hakim, Sultan, Alae, Aleen, Alex, Ali, Amine, Caleb, Mikayel, Monaco, Morocco, Sairis and Seren

Year 3: Adam, Ali K, Ali S Anita, Daniel, Ibrahim, Maya, Shouq, Wessam, Zeen, Layan, Firas, Klea, Shyla, Dior, Majd, Mahbooba, Ali Y, Qais, Zakaria, Ahmed, Fatima, Cebrail, Faiyaz, Layan, Miral, Muhammad

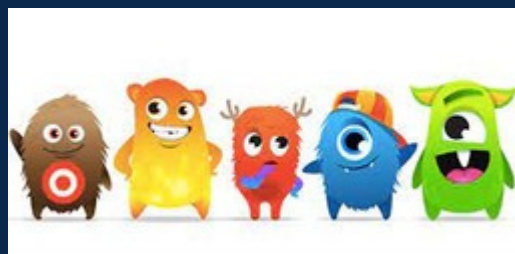
Year 4: Ahmad, Amr, Basma, Jamarior, Madhvi, Maria, Abbas, Adam, Aliya, Awss, Aya, Elena, Ema, Emraan, Fatima, Hossein, Jannah, Jasmine, Layan, Lojain, Malek, Nadine, Rina, Riza, Zakariya, Ziad

Year 5: Raef, Abdalla, Sukayna, Chloe, Casalina, Amanda, Abdulrahman, Maria, Jeziah, Hala, Fatima and Eveen

These are the first children to have earned 200 Dojo points, which means that they have been awarded the Silver Headteacher's certificate. What a fantastic achievement this early in the school year!

Year 3: Adam

Year 4: Basma





SECONDARY TRANSFER YEAR 5 LONDON ZOO VISIT

Thanks to all parents and carers of children in Year 6 who attended the Secondary Transfer meeting. I hope you found this useful. The deadline for applications to secondary schools is Thursday 31st October, which is next week, so please submit an application form by this time, otherwise your child will not be considered for a place until after everyone else has accepted their places in March or April of next year. Please remember that you must also complete the additional application form if you wish your child to attend St Augustine's High School. The easiest way to make your application is online.

Year 5 visited London Zoo and had a fantastic time exploring the mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and insects. They were able to observe a wide range of animals, which brought their science learning on life cycles and reproduction to life. The pupils made meaningful connections between the animals' behaviours and habitats, deepening their understanding of how different species grow, reproduce, and adapt to their environments. This hands-on experience provided valuable insight that reinforced their classroom learning in an engaging way. Ms Adams



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half-term

Speak Out: Stay Safe Online Workshops (Y2, Y5 and Y6)
MIND Kindness and Friendship Workshops (Y4 and Y6)
MIND Anger Management Workshop (Y4)
School photos (individual)
Anti-Bullying Week
Remembrance Day Collective Worship 10:30am
Flu Immunizations
Year 1 and 2 Cinema visit
Year 3 and 4, 5 Cinema visit
Y6 Awareness Academy Workshops
Year 5 Cinema visit
Reception Forest School visit 1:00-3:00pm

Mon 28th - Fri 1st November
Mon 18th November
Wed 6th November
Thurs 7th November
Friday 8th November
Mon 11th - Fri 15th November
Mon 11th November
Mon 11th November
Wed 13th November
Wed 13th November
Thurs 14th and Fri 15th November
Fri 15th November
Friday 15th November