

ST AUGUSTINE'S Primary School

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2023 Newsletter 2



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

I would like to start by thanking children, staff and parents who helped to make our first International Evening for over four years such a success. I would also like to thank Mrs Cunningham, for all her hard work in organising the event, and those parents who volunteered their time to prepare and serve the food. Please see below for more about this wonderful event.

I am pleased to be able to share the wonderful news that Mrs Sorbello-Bali is expecting her second baby sometime during the Spring term. We are delighted for her and her family and wish them all the best. I will provide more information about the arrangements for the Reception class during Mrs Sorbello-Bali's maternity leave later this term.

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.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the MacMillan Coffee Morning and Cake sale on Friday 29th September. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the coffee morning and altogether, we raised £108.40.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Year 4 and Year 1 who have won the attendance award over the past two weeks.

Our attendance was 91.9% last week, which continues to be well below both school and National expectations. It is really important that children are in school, every day. If you need to make an appointment for your child to visit the doctor or dentist, please ensure that this is outside the school day, or during the school holidays.

POETRY SLAM

We enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Day yesterday 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. We hope that this will help the children to perform the poems that they have been learning for homework.

We are really looking forward to the children having their chance to perform poems during our extra special Poetry Slam assembly on Thursday (12th October) during which some children will be performing the poems that they have been learning for homework. We have moved the Poetry Slam to this Thursday to allow the children more time to learn the poems and to think about how they will perform to their audience.

Please support your child with learning their poem and also share your favourite poems and rhymes with your children at home.

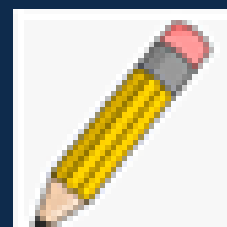
SHINING STARS 29TH SEPTEMBER

Year 1 - Rayan
Year 2 - Ramh
Year 3 - Lareen
Year 4 - Noah
Year 5 - Fatemeh P
Year 6 - Aiyana



WONDERFUL WORK 6TH OCTOBER

Year 1 - Jad
Year 2 - Shouq
Year 3 - Riza
Year 4 - Mahdi
Year 5 - Aleema
Year 6 - Jawid





INTERNATIONAL EVENING

It was wonderful to celebrate the brilliant diversity of our school community on Tuesday 3rd October during our International Evening.

Those children who wanted to, came in to school wearing traditional dress.

During the day, every class made time to consider all the different heritages/cultures we have and what that brings to our wonderful school community.

After school, the day was topped off with the most amazing food during our International Evening! The range of foods that were on offer for all to try was truly fantastic.

A huge thank you to all our parents who contributed food and time to making this an occasion to remember.
Mrs Cunningham



OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS FRIENDSHIP

In our Values Collective Worship, we have been exploring what a friend is. We have talked about how a good friend is faithful, reliable, neighbourly, dependable and is someone special who makes you happy and will always care about you.

We looked at the story of David and Jonathan and how important it is to stand up for our friends and encourage them. We should feel happy when something good happens in their lives.

The Bible also shows us how important Jesus thought friendship was. One of the first things we read about Jesus doing in the Bible is gathering a group of friends (disciples) around him. These friends would be with him through good and bad times and, although they had disagreements, they stayed with him throughout his life.





RECEPTION'S FIRST FOREST SCHOOL TRIP

The children in Reception had a great time on their first Forest School outing of the year! We went over the rules of Forest School, such as 'no pick, no lick', and discussed what we need to look out for when moving around, such as thorns and stinging nettles. The children then looked all around the woods for log treasures, sorting it into trays depending on the colour of their treasure. We also looked at different types of leaves and went on a hunt to see how many matching leaves we could find. Some children even engaged in some lovely imaginative play, walking their 'log dogs' around the woods! We can't wait for our next visit on Thursday 16th November.

Mrs Sorbello-Bali



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

Once again, throughout the month of October, we will be celebrating Black History Month. This year, the children will have the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the contributions to British society of black women and how this can inspire future generations and empower them. We will be helping the children to recognise and applaud the achievements of a wide range of black female role models through collective worship, stories, films, research projects and the wider curriculum. We will be focusing on finding out more about the lives and contributions of some inspiring female black British role models, including sports people, authors, politicians, poets, actors, scientist and musicians.

As part of Black History Month, we will be asking every child to complete a home learning project to celebrate the outstanding achievements of black women, by selecting an inspiring black female figure who has made an important contribution to society in the UK or around the world. Mrs Toussaint will be sending more information about this to you this week.

We will be having a special collective worship after half term, during which children will have the opportunity to present their projects and share their learning about some of these inspiring women.



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

Year 1: Adam, Aleen, Alexandra, Hakim, Jad, Leena, Tristan, Rayan, Monaco, Mikayel, Amine, Sultan and Morocco

Year 2: Adam, Ali, Cebraill, Inaaya, Miral and Zeen

Year 3: Jasmine, Zakariya, Ema, Aya, Basma, Malek, Layan, Aliya, Ahmad, Fatima and Jannah

Year 4: Abdulrahman, Casalina, Raef, Amanda, Amira, Chloe, Fatimah, Fiona, Joshua S, Mahdi, Maria, Sajed and Sukayna

Year 5: Aleema, Fatemeh P, Ahmed, Ali J, Amir, Amira, Aseel, Aya, Bakr, Barraaq, Bruno, Ceila, Fatima S, Georgia, Hajar, Hamoudy, Janine, Joshua, Khloe, Lanwe, Malak, Mariam, Mustafa, Omahn, Rijad, Zakaria and Zaynab

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!

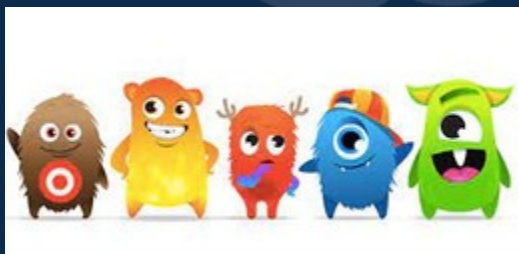
Year 5: Ali K, Aleema and Fatemeh P

HELLO YELLOW DAY

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

On Tuesday 10th October we are going to mark World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow – the colour chosen to represent the charity.

We are also holding a parents' coffee morning at 9am. Representatives from the charity MIND will be coming to school and helping us to lead on what wellbeing and positive mental health is and how there is always support available for those who want and need it, no matter what. We are here to **STAND OUT AND SHOW UP** with YOUNG MINDS Mrs Cunningham.



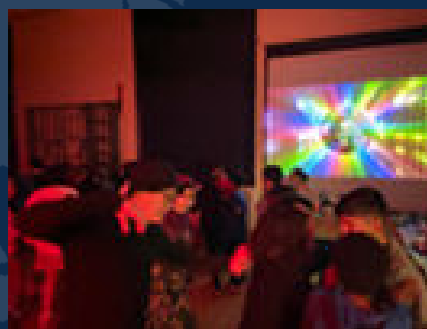


SECONDARY TRANSFER

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended the Secondary Transfer meeting last week. I hope you found this useful. The closing date for applications to secondary schools is Tuesday 31st October, which is just over three weeks away. Parents of children in Year 6 must 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. If you need help, please see Ms Vince, Mrs Shah or Mrs Wiggins as soon as possible,

SCHOOL DISCO AND NON-UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Our annual school disco will be taking place on Friday 3rd November from 3:45-4:45pm. Tickets will cost £2 and can be purchased from the school office from next Monday (16th October).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Hello Yellow Day and Parents/Carers Coffee Morning 9am
Y6 Awareness Academy
Year 5 and Year 3 Trips to the Natural History Museum
National Child Measurement Program Y6
Harvest Collective Worship
Phonics workshop for Reception parents 2:30pm
Half-term
County Lines, Gangs and Weapons Awareness Sessions Year 5
School Disco 3.45-4.45pm
School photos (individual)
Anti-Bullying Week
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Cinema visit
Year 1 and 2 Cinema visit
Reception Forest School visit

Tuesday 10th October
Mon 16th & Tues 17th October
Wednesday 18th October
Wednesday 18th October
Thursday 19th October
Thursday 19th October
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October
Friday 3rd November
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Friday 10th November
Monday 13th - Friday 17th November
Wednesday 15th November
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