## ST AUGUSTINE'S Newsletter 9 Primary School

# 28th March 2024





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 say thank you to all of the parents/carers who came into school to meet with teachers last week. It was great to see so many of you at these meetings and I know that the teachers have enjoyed sharing the children's successes and goals with you. If you were unable to meet your child's teacher this week, it's extremely important that you make an appointment to meet them at the start of the Summer/Trinity term.

It has been wonderful to see how well our children have demonstrated this half term's value of Inclusion in all aspects of school life. They have developed an excellent understanding of the different

ways in which we can live out the value of inclusion throughout the school day and even our youngest pupils are able to explain their understanding of inclusion really clearly. Next half term, we will be focusing on the value of Honesty.

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and a happy Easter to those of you who celebrate it. I look forward to seeing all children return to school, refreshed and ready for the Summer term, on Monday 15th Ápril. We expect to see all children in school on that day.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

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### ATTENDANCE AND **PUNCTUALITY**

Attendance has been 95.7% and 94.7% over the past two weeks which is still very good, but a bit lower than it was over the previous few weeks. I know that you will continue to work with us to ensure that your children are in school and learning every day, so that they can continue to make excellent progress.

Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 4 who have won the attendance cup over the past four weeks. Both classes have reached 50 attendance points and have received a special reward to mark this amazing achievement! Well done to all of the children in Years 3 and 4 and to their parents and carers. You're all amazing!

#### SHINING STARS

Year 1 Kamel Year 2 Muhammad Year 3 Basma

Year 4 The Year 4 class Year 5 Georgia

Year 6 Shad



### WONDERFUL WORK 28TH FEBRUARY

Year 1 Manessa Year 2 Daniel Year 3 Maria Year 4 Fatima Year 5 Ali K Year 6 Sophia



# YEAR 2'S FERRIS WHEEL PROJECT: A TRIUMPH OF TEAMWORK IN DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY!

Year 2 students recently embarked on an exhilarating journey in Design and Technology, culminating in the construction of their very own Ferris wheel. This ambitious project not only showcased their budding creativity, but also highlighted the power of teamwork.

With each student bringing unique ideas and skills to the table, they collaborated seamlessly to bring their vision to life.

From brainstorming designs to hammering in the final bolts, every step was evidence of their collective effort and enthusiasm.

The Ferris wheel stands not only as a tangible achievement but also as a symbol of what can be accomplished when individuals come together towards a common goal. Congratulations to Year 2 for their remarkable teamwork and innovation! Ms Garcia









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# RED NOSE DAY AND TALENT SHOW -FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

We had a great time celebrating Red Nose Day this year. It was wonderful to see the children coming to school dressed in red, or wearing their red noses and Comic Relief T.shirts. We're so grateful for all of their donations, which have been sent to Comic Relief. This will make a huge difference to the lives of so many people in the Uk and across the world.

We had a real treat in the afternoon watching our amazing pupils perform in the talent and comedy show. A range of talents were on display, including a performance on the flute, some amazing origami and lots of fabulous signing groups. We were also treated to a whole range of dance styles, including a traditional dance, some amazing body-popping and a wonderful Tik-Tok inspired song and dance performed by our winniers, Aryanna and Sophia in Year 6. Cóngratulations to all of the children who performed so well and to our wonderful comedians, who shared some really funny jokes! Remember, 'funny is power'.











# FRESHWATER THEATRE SPANISH WORKSHOP FOR YEARS 3-6

This week, we hosted our inaugural Spanish workshop for our children and it was a resounding success! Immersed in two enchanting fairy tales told in Spanish, the children were captivated from start to finish.

Their enthusiasm and joy were palpable as they embraced the magic of language through storytelling. We're thrilled to see such positive engagement and look forward to bringing more immersive experiences to our young learners. The workshop not only sparked excitement, but also laid the foundation for future language exploration. We're delighted to have offered such a valuable experience and are eager to continue providing enriching opportunities like this. Thanks to Ms Garcia for organising such a wonderful event for our children.





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## WESTMINSTER JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP SCHEME

Year 6 visited the London Transport Museum in order to attend a specially organised Westminster Junior Citizenship scheme. This scheme is designed to provide support and guidance to pupils making the transition from Primary to Secondary school. The children took part in seven workshops in all, run by members of the emergency services and other key groups. They apagged in a and other key groups. They engaged in a range of activities that provided vital knowledge and information on subjects such as fire safety and first aid support. The pupils engaged really well and were praised for how well they represented the school. Mr Rasem





# RECEPTION'S TRIP TO THE LOOKOUT CENTRE IN HYDE PARK

Here are some of the pictures from Reception's trip to the Lookout Centre in Hyde Park on Wednesday 27th March, where we learnt all about the plants and wildlife within the area. We enjoyed using magnifying glasses to get a really close-up look at the plants and mini-beasts in the Lookout Centre. It was a great outing despite the terrible weather on the way home! Mrs Waiyaki







# YEAR 1 AFTERNOON AT FOREST SCHOOL

Year I had a brilliant afternoon at Forest School. They saw some tadpoles, watered plants and did lots of playing. They also worked in teams to create homes for the tiny people and creatures that live in the forest to protect them from the dragon who blows fire! Ms Ľudolf







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# RECEPTION'S 'EGGCELLENT' EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Reception children enjoyed taking part in an Easter egg hunt yésterday as part of their our maths lesson.

The eggs were numbered from 1-30 and the children looked for them in the playground, where they had been cleverly hidden by the Easter Bunny! Once the children had found all of the eggs, we worked as a class to put them in the right number order.







### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Once again, I need to remind the parents/carers of children in KS2 (Years 3-6) about our expectations regarding school uniform. All children should be wearing a white shirt **and** school tie, except on PE days, which are Tuesday and Thursday only. During the summer term, children may wear a white polo shirt without a tie, grey shorts or a light blue or dark blue checked knee-length summer dress (not striped). If they are wearing a white long or shortsleeved shirt with a collar, they should be wearing a school tie. These can be bought from the school office.

## YEAR 3 BRITISH MUSEUM VISIT

On Wednesday 20th March, Year 3 visited The British Museum. All of the children had a fantastic time looking at a range of ancient
Egyptian artefacts. They were able
to discuss all that they had learnt
during the Spring I half term. All
children were enthusiastic and well-behaved. Ms Deborah Toussaint







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#### **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

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

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

Year 2: Abdulrahman



These children have been awarded the Gold Headteacher's certificate, which means that they have earned 300 Dojo points.

Year 2: Maya, Faiyaz, Ali S, Miral and Mahboobá **Year 4:** Maria

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

**Year 2:** Zeen, Daniel and Klea Year 3: Elena, Rina, Abbas, Year 4: Abdulrahman, Amanda, Casalina, Chloe, Amira, Assil, Sukayna

#### VALUES CHAMPIONS

These children are our first Values Champions of the year! This means that they have earned an unbelievable 800 Dojo points and have been awarded the Values Champions badge. What an incredible acvheivement!

Year 3: Madhvi, Ema and Zakariya



## OUR VALUE FOR THIS HALF TERM HAS BEEN **INCLUSION**

Over the past half term, our children have developed a really deep and thorough understanding of what it means to be inclusive in all aspects of their lives. They demonstrate this everyday in school and this makes our school community such a happy and supportive place to be.

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# YEAR 3 ORCHESTRAL ENCOUNTERS WORKSHOP

Year 3 were lucky to be able to take part in an amazing music workshop, courtesy of the Royal Albert Hall. The children listened to a variety of music, including the theme music from Jaws! The children then had the opportunity to use a range of instruments to create their own orchestra. All children were engaged and expressed great talents. Finally, the children performed a very special concert for parents/carers and Years 2, 4 & 6. Thank you to all the parents who attended the short performance. Ms Deborah Toussaint

### **MOBILE PHONES**

I would like to remind you that children should not have mobile phones in school. The only exception is children in Year 6 who walk home alone, but they must hand it in to the office at the start of the school day and collect it at leaving time. Please ensure that your child knows this. Children in other year groups who do not walk home alone, should not be bringing a mobile phone to school. If they do bring one, it will be taken away, stored in the office and returned to their parent/carer when they come into school.



End of term



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 6 Easter School Start of Trinity/Summer term Lords Cricket Ground visit - Year 4 Zoolab Workshop - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Dental Screening - Reception and Year 1 Islamic Celebration Day Bank holiday (school closed) KS2 SATs Week (Year 6) Mental Health Awareness Week Reception at Forest School (9.15 – 11.30am) Pyjamarama 2024! Walk to School Week Y4 Sayers's Croft Residential visit Nursery at Forest School (9.15 – 11.30am) Year 1 at Forest School (12.45 – 3.15pm) Half term holiday

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