

St. Augustine's CE Primary School

Newsletter 3 - 7th October 2021



Message from the Head of Primary

We've had a very exciting and action packed two weeks since the last newsletter, with a fantastic collective worship in school to celebrate harvest festival; a wonderful coffee morning and cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support; a truly explosive science show for Years 5 and 6; and a fabulous assembly to celebrate National Poetry Day. I would like to thank everyone who contributed food for our harvest festival. We were amazed by your generosity and I would like to pass on the thanks from the volunteers at our local food bank.

As we approach the final two weeks of this half term, our class topics are coming to an end, so please remember to ask your child about what they have been learning this half term and what they can recall about their topic.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

Macmillan Day



Thankyou for the truly amazing support you gave to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We are especially grateful to those of you who donated home-baked or bought cakes and to everyone who attended the coffee morning or cake sale, which altogether raised over £491 for Macmillan Cancer Research! Our special thanks go to Mrs Laouar, who did such a fantastic job organising the day.

We have all been touched, in one way or another, by cancer and there's no better way to show our support and solidarity as a community then coming together to raise funds and awareness for such a worthy cause.

Celebrations Assembly

Shining Stars

Year 1 - Suliman
Year 2 - Abdul-Rahman
Year 3 - Aya
Year 4 - Jafar
Year 5 - Zein
Year 6 - Adam



Wonderful Work

Year 1 - Lojain
Year 2 - Nasra
Year 3 - Mustafa
Year 4 - Ayanna
Year 5 - Maryam
Year 6 - Gabi



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance was **95.6%** over the past week, which is an improvement on the previous two weeks, so thank you. However, we are still below our target of at least 96%. Let's all try really hard over the final two weeks of this half term to reach our target of at least 96% attendance.

To be the best that we can be in faith, hope and love so that we may live life in all its fullness

Our value this term is friendship



School Photos



All children will have their school photograph taken on **Thursday 4th November**—after half term.

Please make sure your child is very smartly dressed in their school uniform on that day so that everyone looks their best! If your child is in Year 2 or Year 3 and has PE on that day, please send them to school in their proper school uniform. They should bring their PE kit in a bag and change into it after they have had their photo taken.

If you have more than one child in the school and would like a photo of your children together, please contact Mrs Wiggins in the school office. The photographer will only be taking family photos for those who specifically request them and we don't want anyone to be disappointed.

Homework Policy

We have recently updated our Homework policy and, as usual, we welcome your feedback about the policy. Follow this link to the school website to read our new Homework policy: <https://www.st-augustines-primary.co.uk/policies/>.

National Poetry Day

This year, we celebrated **National Poetry Day** (Thursday 7th October) with a really wonderful Performance Poetry assembly during which children recited and performed poems that they had learned by heart for homework. Among the poems, we had rapping grannies, lone dogs, A terrifying T.Rex and a very busy bumble bee! All of the children who performed were amazing and really impressed the audience with their enjoyment and their confidence. Children also enjoyed reading and writing poems throughout the day and produced some fantastic poetry.



Dates For Your Diary

Y5 and Y6 Basketball festival	Monday 11th October
Half term:	Mon 26th - Fri 30th October
Y6 Secondary transition deadline	Sunday 31st October
School photos	Thursday 4th November
INSET day (children not in)	Wednesday 8th December
End of autumn term	Thursday 16th December

Coats!

Please make sure that your child wears a coat to school everyday, particularly as the weather is so changeable at the moment and you never know when we'll have another downpour! Please make sure your child's coat is waterproof and has a hood in case of rain.



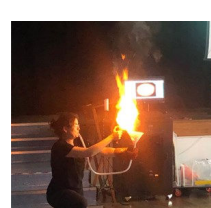
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Year 6 Secondary Transfer

If you need help with the secondary transfer process, please do not hesitate to see Mrs Laouar or Miss Vince who will be happy to assist you. It is essential that all applications are made before the application deadline on Sunday 31st October. If you are applying to faith schools, you must also complete Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) which are available directly from the schools or at: westminster.gov.uk/admissions.

Royal Institute Science Show

On Tuesday 5th October, children in Year 5 and Year 6 visited the St Augustine's High School to watch a truly amazing science show about energy in all its forms. This highly engaging show included a series of interactive activities and demonstrations which explored different types of energy. Some of the highlights of the show included making fire bubbles, testing elasticity using balloon hats and launching bottle rockets!



Harvest Festival at St Augustine's

Thank you for being so amazingly generous with your donations for our Harvest Festival collective worship. The food has been collected by volunteers from the local food bank and will be distributed to local families in need.



Soft Start

Remember that we are introducing our 'soft start' from Monday 11th October. Children will go straight to class as soon as they are dropped off at the gate between 8:45-8:55am in the morning. Please make sure that your child arrives on time so that they can benefit from the activities that their teacher will be providing at this time.

School Council

The School Council met for our second meeting of the year on Tuesday afternoon and it was another very productive hour! We discussed how we would like to start our own student policy on Anti-bullying and how we can continue to keep our school bully free. School council shared some wonderful ideas about why students feel safe at St Augustine's and how easy it can be to talk to the adults here. We also thought about what else could be done and how students can help the school. We are very excited for our next meeting to start making some additional positive changes for the students here. Ms Bettoni

