

ST AUGUSTINE'S Primary School

21st July 2023
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

It's amazing to think that we are at the end of the school year and, as always, I have had the pleasure of reading the children's reports and seeing the amazing progress that they have made this year.

I want to congratulate our Y6 pupils and teaching team for their fantastic work ethic over the year, which has helped them to achieve some great KS2 SATs results. They should be extremely proud.

Finally, I would like to say thank you from the entire staff team for your wonderful support this year.

I hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5th September.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary

WONDERFUL WORK 20TH JULY

Reception - Jad
Year 1 - Miral
Year 2 - Year 2 class
Year 3 - Almas
Year 4 - Amira
Year 5 - Samar
Year 6 – Year 6 class





ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Year 3 who won the attendance award this week.

Our attendance was 90.6% last week, which is extremely worrying, as it means that almost 10% of our pupils were out of school and missing their learning. This week, attendance has been even worse, due to the number of parents taking their children out of schools for unauthorised holidays during term time. I sincerely hope that we can work together to improve this next year.

All children who have achieved outstanding attendance this year received a special certificate and were invited to a very special tea party with Ms Bettoni and myself yesterday morning. The children were treated to some tasty food, including an ice lolly, to say well done.

Finally, congratulations to Year 6 who have won the attendance award 15 times over the past year. What amazing attendance role models for the rest of the school!



SUPER CITIZENS SUMMER 2: HONESTY

Congratulations to these children who were chosen by our school councillors for the way in which they demonstrate our value of Honesty, which we have been focusing on during the second half of the Summer term.

Year 1: Shouq and Adam

Year 2: Awss and Maria

Year 3: Noah and Fatima

Year 4: Ceila and Barraq

Year 5: Abdelrahman and Naba

Year 6: Lunn and Keyaan





A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS! YEAR 6 LEAVERS' SHOW

On Wednesday 19th July, St Augustine's school hall hosted a glittering, Hollywood-style Oscars ceremony, presented by our very own George and Keyaan!

This year's Leavers' Show, 'A Night at the Oscars', was performed to a packed audience of parents and pupils, who were treated to an extravaganza of singing, comedy, awards and acceptance speeches.

Our comperes, George and Keyaan, led us through the glitzy award ceremony, during which some amazing achievements were recognised and celebrated including best artist, best footballer, best team player and hardest working to name but few. The best laugh was quite something - congratulations to Sara!

The packed ceremony was punctuated by some fantastic singing, during which the whole class truly did shine and many a parent (and teacher) has a tear in their eye by the end.



Our thanks go to Mrs Cunnington for writing, directing and producing the show, with plenty of input from the Y6 children, and to Mrs Laouar, Mrs Erana and Mrs Al-Assum for their hard work in practising with the children over the past few weeks.

What an amazing amount of talent we have in Year 6. These children have given the rest of our pupils a great deal to inspire them to live out our school vision and be the best they can be!



YEAR 6 HOODIES

Year 6 look amazing in their new Year 6 Leavers' hoodies, which they have been wearing with pride around school over the past few weeks.

They've been a wonderful Year 6 and we are very sad to see them go. We are really going to miss them and we wish them every success as they move onto their Secondary schools.





YEAR 6 TRIP TO LEGOLAND

Children in Year 6 had a wonderful day at Legoland. They enjoyed the best rides and some children showed great confidence and found their brave when facing some rather challenging rides.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have supported the Year 6 children by either buying ice lollies, donating money and even giving words of encouragements. Many parents from other year groups have been really generous and this did not go unnoticed. This support has allowed our wonderful Year 6 children to have a fantastic end-of-year trip.

Mrs Laouar



THE FLOATING CLASSROOM YEARS 3, 4 AND 6

On Monday 17th July, children in Years 3, 4 and 6 enjoyed a day on the Floating Classroom, in Paddington Basin. It was a day filled with excitement, learning and unforgettable memories.

The children enjoyed a day brimming with creativity, storytelling and engaging discussions, as they embarked on a boat for a poetic adventure, crafting beautiful poems and expressing themselves through words. They also experienced captivating storytelling sessions, fostering their love for literature.

Later, they shared favourite books, reading excerpts and engaging in insightful discussions. It was a day teeming with creativity and collaboration, nurturing their love for reading and language skills.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm shown by our pupils and look forward to more opportunities to visit the Floating Classroom in the future.





YEAR 4 TRIP TO HAMPTON COURT PALACE

In Year 4, we were incredibly excited to visit Hampton Court Palace. During our visit, we had the opportunity to explore the magnificent palace grounds and delve into its rich history. One of the highlights of our trip was a visit to Henry VII's kitchen, where we marvelled at the ancient cooking techniques and learned about the extravagant feasts held during King Henry's reign.

Additionally, we were fortunate to participate in a special King Henry workshop, which was both educational and truly unforgettable. The workshop provided our pupils with a hands-on experience, allowing them to step back in time and imagine themselves as members of the royal court. Through interactive activities and engaging discussions, our pupils gained a deeper understanding of King Henry's life, his impact on the monarchy and the significance of Hampton Court Palace in British history.

Overall, our visit to Hampton Court Palace in Year 4 was a fantastic adventure, leaving a lasting impression on our young minds. The combination of exploration, historical immersion and interactive learning made it a truly memorable experience, enriching our understanding of the past and fostering a sense of appreciation for our cultural heritage.

Ms Adams



GIRLS ALLOWED T. SHIRTS

Every Tuesday afternoon over the summer term, our Year 5 and Year 6 girls have been taking part in the 'Girls Allowed' programme and they have had a wonderful time enjoying sports such as roller skating, badminton, table tennis, dance, football and even using VR headsets! They have each been presented with a very special Girls Allowed t. shirt, which they are wearing with pride.





OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS HONESTY



In collective worship and in class over the past half term, the children have been finding out more about our value of honesty and what it means through biblical stories, such as that of Adam and Eve and Esau and Jacob and through traditional stories, such as The Boy Who Cried Wolf.

We have been thinking about the common saying, 'Honesty is the best policy,' and the importance of owning up to our mistakes rather than blaming others. Honesty is the best policy. It makes us and everyone around us feel good when we are honest. It allows others to trust us, as we are always telling the truth.

We also thought about the link between honesty and our other values and how our own dishonesty doesn't just affect us, but also other people around us

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.

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

Year 5: Naba

This child was awarded the Gold certificate for achieving 300 Dojos:

Year 5: Jafar

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

Year 5: Aiyana, Aya, Ibrahim, Jenell, Rafif, Shaam

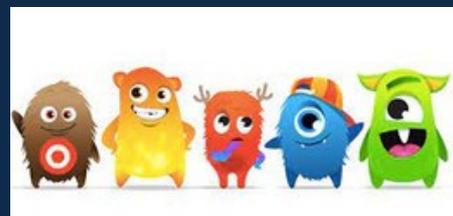
Finally, I am delighted to share with you that some pupils have been awarded our extra-special Values Champion badge because they have received 800 Dojos.

Reception: Adam and Morocco

Year 1: Ali S, Miral, Shayla and Dior

Year 3: Sukayna, Abdulrahman, Sajed, Jeziah, Mariam and Milena

Year 4: Fatima S





TEA WITH THE HEAD

On Wednesday 12th July, ten Year 6 pupils from St Augustine's Primary School were invited to attend a very special celebration event at St Augustine's High School in recognition of the way in which they embody our school values and act as role models for the rest of the school.

The children were invited to tea with Ms Kelly, the Headteacher of St Augustine's High School, alongside High School students from Years 7 and 8. They were able to share some of their best pieces of work with the High School student leaders and enjoyed pizza, chips, cake and a visit to the ice-cream van!

At the end of the celebration, they were awarded with a certificate and a badge in recognition of their achievement.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please check the school uniform policy very carefully before buying school uniform items for your child for the new school year in September. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, you will receive a reminder letter and will be expected to send your child in the correct uniform the next day.

The uniform policy clearly states that shoes MUST be ALL black and that cycling shorts or leggings must NOT be worn for PE.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Children return to school
Take One Artist Week

Tuesday 5th September
Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th September