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"Be faithful in small things because it is in them your strength lies."

— Mother Teresa

Our Value for July is Faithfulness & Integrity

St Augustine's School has had an immensely busy but enjoyable and successful year. I wish to thank all Staff, Parents and Governors for their support and practical help over the year. Several people who have contributed to the success of our school are leaving for different adventures and new jobs. It is time to say a fond farewell to staff leaving and welcome to new staff joining. **Mrs Donnelly** is retiring after 37 years teaching (10 years at St Augustine's) and is looking forward to a well earned rest (but I am sure not for too long!), **Miss Loizou**, who after 8 years supporting children, will now be concentrating on her young son and re-evaluating her next career move, **Mr Rowe** will be working at an International school in China and **Ms Lue-Kong**, after the birth of her beautiful son will be concentrating on her family. Although they will all be missed we wish them every success and God's blessing in the new phase of their life. As the end of term gradually draws closer and thoughts turn to the new academic year 2017-18 we welcome to the school Mr C. Headley-Morris (Year 5) and Miss M Buckland (Year 2) who will be working closely with Mrs Thomas as she trains as a teacher through the School Direct Teaching programme.

A big thank you must go to the PSA for organising the magnificent Summer Fair. The sun shone and there was much merriment and enjoyment. This event could only happen because of the strong support of parents and staff. The different stalls were bursting with children all wanting to either have a go; ie goal scoring, bouncy castle or wanting something done; face painting, designing, cake decorating and more. Over £1,000 (before expenses) was raised which is a fantastic amount.



Congratulations to all those children who have recently made their First Holy Communion, not only at St Augustine's Church but also in the nearby parishes. We celebrated as a school community together with parents at our special St Peter and St Paul Mass. All the children were involved in readings and The Offertory Procession. Thank you to Fr. Sam for such a reflective Mass.



Year 2 visited Horton Kirby as part of their Science topic; Living Things and their Habitats. After a wet start to the day, they enjoyed some classroom learning before heading out to the countryside for a walk to the woods, stopping to see different plants and animals as they went. In the woods the children explored the micro habitat by searching for and collecting minibeasts. Highlight of the day included a deer wandering along the path and walking through the muddy puddle. At the end of a busy day, the children were full of enthusiasm for the new things they had learnt and had found some new interests. Thank you to our parent helpers.



Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 gathered together to celebrate their Hands Liturgy. The children explained how they used their hands to make, to care, to help and to share. They thanked God for their special talents and the gifts that they share with each other. The children spoke very clearly and sang with gusto and enthusiasm.



On Thursday 7 July Year 6 performed their end of year production “Jungle Book” for their families and friends. A rip roaring yarn that had the audience in stitches. Well done to our Year 6 pupils for putting on an outstanding performance. All of their hard work truly paid off. They were simply brilliant children to watch - and highly talented, too! They not only acted but sang and danced. A big thank you to Nisha and Rosie, the face painters, who contributed to the success on the night by ensuring each character looked the part.



A big thank you has to go to Mr Rowe and Mrs Thomas who ensured the singing and acting was to such a high standard. Mrs Thomas, Mrs Allen and Faith Thomas worked with the children to make the show (drama) such a success and creating all the scenes and backdrop.

Congratulations Year 6 for a marvellous and polished performance. You have certainly made the school very proud of you all.

Year 3 had a fabulous and adventurous day at **St. Paul’s Cathedral** and discovered Cristopher Wren’s masterpiece of design. To enhance Maths and Science teaching about forces, materials, light, sound, shapes, size and measurement, they built an arch, learnt about the symbolism of light and experimented how sound travels in the Whispering Gallery. They also experienced special places in the cathedral, memorials, art and objects that make St. Paul’s such an inspiring space for prayer and worship. Additionally, the children had the chance to view the amazing Geometric Staircase and the ‘Great Model’ up in the Triforium. It was a lovely and exciting day!



Year 6 and the staff played a very enjoyable netball match. It was amazing to see how competitive both staff and children were. The morning started with the Year 6s playing against each other (a ploy to tire them out). When the main match started the staff dusted down their old netball skills and embraced the competition. The Year 6s played extremely well and the final results were close.

The Nursery children went on a Teddy Bears Picnic to Beckenham Place Park. The children brought their favourite teddy bear, remembered their sunhats and set off full of chatter and enthusiasm. They had a fantastic time in the sunshine and enjoyed cooling down running in and out of the water fountains and getting very wet! As it was such a hot day Mrs Young popped to the shops and bought everyone a delicious ice lollies. The perfect way to end such a lovely adventure in the park.



We are very fortunate at St Augustine’s to have staff who give up their time to run a number of very successful after school clubs. The art and craft club this term have been designing their own bags and using a sewing machine. The Spanish club not only learned to speak Spanish they also made, tasted and enjoyed Spanish food. The weekly cookery club turned the staff room upside down with their various tasty dishes, children kept fit and active with: multi skills sports, football, dance and gymnastics. Computing and coding, board games and construction club encouraged the children to try new concepts. Drumming and choir develop the children’s musical skills, the Choir excelled themselves at the Royal Festival Hall and The Barbican. For such a small school we are at capacity for running clubs. However, if any parents have a skill and would like to run a club do let the school know.

On Tuesday 20th June the St Augustine's Choir performed at the Royal Festival Hall as part of the Massed Choir at the Lewisham Music Summer Gala 2017! The children worked extremely hard in preparation for the evening's event, even participating in cluster rehearsals at Edmund Waller Primary School. They were then able to spend the whole day at the Royal Festival Hall, practising with up to 1,000 young people from across the Lewisham Borough. The children participated in a fantastic performance in front of a crowd of hundreds of friends, proud parents and guests. The choir performed brilliantly and went above and beyond to impress the audience with such a lively and animated performance. Well done! Our thanks must go to Mr Rowe and Ms Walcott for preparing the children for such a marvellous event.

Under a wonderful blue sky Sports Day got underway, the children arrived eager and ready to show their sporting prowess and skills. The children took part in a multitude of events: long jump, hurdles, bean bag, shot putt, javelin, egg and spoon race, 3 legged race and a sprint. The Infants had house races by year group and the Juniors competed for fastest runner in their class. All the children had a great time and showed excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to St Josephine (blue house) who won the Infant cup and St Jerome (red house) who won the Junior cup. A big thank you to parents who came along and supported the morning and to Miss McGuire and staff for ensuring the success of the day.



Our annual talent show went with a “fizz & bang” - each act (dancing, singing, gymnastics, and music) was greeted with hearty eagerness and much clapping. Well done to all the children who took part you certainly showed the school all your amazing talents. It was a fantastic morning and brought the school community together.



Reception class went on an adventure to find out about **minibeasts at Horton Kirby**. The children received a small briefing about their habitats and how to safely collect and release them, after very carefully gathering some minibeasts along with much squealing and enjoyment, the children drew and described them. Next the children smelt and collected some samples of herbs from the “Smelly Garden!” which they used later on for their art project. At the end of the day the children had lots of fun pretending to collect nectar from the flowers for the queen bees.



Staff structure for 2017-18

Nursery	Mrs Power
Reception	Mrs Caballero
Year 1	Miss McGuire
Year 2	Mrs Thomas & Miss Buckland
Year 3	Mrs Akpuogwu
Year 4	Ms Walcott
Year 5	Mr Headley-Morris
Year 6	Mrs Scheuermann
SENCO	Mrs Bayouni (part- time)
PE	by Progressive Sports
Music	Mr Bramley

Don't forget the summer holiday **Reading Challenge** an opportunity to join the library and take part in the challenge. This year's theme “ Animal Agents”. This summer there's something strange happening at the library – and that's where the Animal Agents come in! The Animal Agents love solving mysteries and they need YOU to help them crack their biggest case yet. Who has painted graffiti on the library wall? Why are things suddenly going missing? Join the Animal Agents for the Summer Reading Challenge 2017 and help them uncover the truth! Taking part is simple – when your summer holidays start, you can sign up at your local library.



Read six library books (or more!) over the holidays to collect special stickers and complete the Challenge.

Future Diary Dates: more dates will follow

19 July	School ends at 2pm
6 Sept	Welcome back to school
13 Sept	Curriculum meeting for parents Yrs 3-4 at 3:15pm
14 Sept	Curriculum meeting for parents Yrs 1-2 at 3:15pm
18 Sept	Curriculum meeting for parents Yrs 5-6 at 6pm

Autumn Term 6 September - 20 December 2017
 Half Term 23 October –27 October

Some gentle reminders - Please go through these reminders with your children:

Do not book holidays during term time and especially at the start of a new term it will be unauthorised.

Haircuts for September—remember these should be sensible—no logos, Mohican or Nike style ticks are allowed.

Remember to order school uniform for next term in plenty of time.

Are you up-to-date with all payments to the school ie lunch money and school trips

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