



# St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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**Summer Fair** Friday 23rd June after school. Can you help? The PSA are looking for volunteers to: set up, run stalls and tidy up at the end. Leave your name at the office. We need your help

Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.  
--Saint Maximilian Kolbe

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. **H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**

Our Value for May is  
Tolerance and Peace

**Silver Cross Day** brought us together as a school community to pray for all children throughout the world and to remember the importance of Christ in our lives. Children placed coins on the silver cross and we raised over £200 for Aid to the Church In Need (CAN) and CAFOD £200



**Housing and regeneration specialist Keepmoat** came into St Augustine's as part of their 'KeepNesting' initiative which involves the building and installing of bird boxes. The team Karen, Chloe and Paul came into school on Friday 28th April and worked with the year 5 pupils. The bird boxes were flat packed but the children had to hammer the nails to join the pieces of wood in the correct order (rather like a jigsaw). After much banging but no damaged fingers!! 12 bird boxes were assembled and then carefully decorated. Paul has installed the bird boxes in trees around the school (try and spot them) and we eagerly await the new feathered owners to move in. It was a marvellous afternoon and all the children had a real sense of satisfaction in being able to construct the bird boxes without too much mishap and to be able to use a hammer and pliers successfully.



**In Year 2 Art and Craft Club**, the children designed and painted their hand puppets and sport style bags. They learnt that applying fabric paint was different to acrylic paint, which they normally use in class. The puppets and bags had to be heat-sealed using an iron, so the colours would not bleed during the wash. The children have also had the opportunity working with Mrs Lemard to use a "proper" electric sewing machine; they had to make sure that the material was fed very carefully through the machine. The finished articles were truly amazing.



**The Nursery children** have been very busy planting this half term. They filled the large outdoor pots with soil and planted herbs: mint, parsley, rosemary and sage. The children enjoyed smelling and identifying them. They also planted carrots and beetroots. The children had a chance to taste beetroot and there were a number of children who loved it! In class the children planted sunflowers and have really enjoyed watching them grow from tiny seeds to 14 cubes high. (They have been measuring them.) The children have been naming vegetables this week and will be making a soup on Friday, applying all their knowledge and picking the herbs from the garden to garnish.



Year 4 spent a fantastic day down at Horton Kirby consolidating their science topic on habitats. They began by playing a predator game of owls and mice which got everybody running and thinking at the same time! After an early picnic lunch they set off to the River Darent. As they walked along the riverbank they saw horses taking a stroll themselves in the river. When they reached a safe, shallow area of the river the class spent a wonderful time in the river looking for fresh water organisms. They found caddisfly larvae, mayflower nymphs, freshwater shrimps and snails, water louse and much more. The highlight was finding a bullhead fish. They also tested the water with an oxygen indicator and discovered that the river got an oxygen rating of grade A. The teacher, Diana, was particularly impressed with the children's scientific knowledge and their very good manners. Well done Year 4.



For 2 Feet spent the day in school working with Years 1 and 2 on Scooter Safety. The children received 45 minutes of training - 20 minutes in the playground and 25 minutes on the pavements around the school. The training included a safety check of equipment, scooter control games, hazards they may encounter while out scootering and safe places to cross the road with a scooter. All children who took part enjoyed their session and came back full of enthusiasm and knowledge of scootering. It was wonderful to see the children whizzing around the playground, going around obstacles and being observant about other children nearby.



Year 6 were taken to The Dumps Adventure Park for a fun afternoon out. The park is situated near to our school, so the children had 2 hours of freedom to explore the park and burn off some energy. They played a game of 'tag', swung on the ropes, went down the zip wire and enjoyed a game of football on the field. If the children wanted to they were also allowed to play pool or table tennis indoors. An enjoyable day was had by all and a lovely way to end SATs week.

Year 2 have starting gardening in their outdoor area. First they had to remove all the weeds that had grown over the winter and add more soil to the pots. They have planted tomato, sunflower and pea seeds inside as it was still too cold for them outside. They will soon be ready to transplant outdoors. We are looking forward to seeing the results of our work in the near future.

Y3 have been studying about the life and abstract art of Paul Klee. Paul Klee's favourite saying was, 'that a line is a dot going for a walk'. They have learnt about secondary and tertiary colours, colour mixing, tints and shades and studied his famous painting The Goldfish from 1925. The children have thoroughly enjoyed creating a replica of this specific underwater fantasy.

**Diary dates to note: more dates to follow**

**29 May - 2 June Half term**

- 6 June GAV (Gangs against violence) talk to Yrs 5-6
- 6 June Yr 2 Eltham Environmental Centre
- 7 June Yr 6 Go Cycle sessions (5 weeks)
- 17/18 June First Holy Communion at St Augustine's Church
- 20 June Choir to Royal Festival Hall
- 22 June Sports Day at Sedgemoor**
- 23 June Yr 3 to visit St Paul's Cathedral
- 23 June Summer Fair –come along & support the school**
- 28 June Reception to visit Eltham Environmental Centre
- 30 June Yr 4 to Crofton Roman Villa

Summer Term 19th April –19th July 2017  
 Half term 29th May—2nd June  
 Autumn Term 6th September –20th December 2017  
 Half term 23rd—27th October

To encourage musical appreciation & awareness, our focus for May is music from Mali



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

- ⇒ Earrings: only plain studs at the moment we are having an array of large brightly coloured earrings.
- ⇒ PE kit: plain white tee-shirt and black/blue shorts.
- ⇒ Ensure uniform is clean and remember to repair when holes appear. Being smart is very important.

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