



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him'.

Colossians 3:17

'O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams.'

Saint Augustine

Our Value for
May is
Tolerance &
Peace

The children have been celebrating Pentecost decorating the altars with red, orange, and yellow paper flames and wrapped boxes to symbolise the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The children have been reflecting on the meaning of the gifts in their lives and how to use the gifts to make a difference.



Just a reminder: NURSERY APPLICATIONS - DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WILL BE 3 YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 2018 OR SOON AFTER?? Please make sure you have made your application to join the St Augustine's Nursery. We offer the 15 hours or the extended 30 hours free entitlement (subject to eligibility) and, Nursery 'top up' hours (subject to availability). Please contact the school office for more information.

As a reward for all of their hard work and effort, the Y6 children had two special, well-deserved treats at the end of SATs week. On Thursday, they had a fabulous, sunny afternoon in Beckenham Place Park, where they played football and ball games, picked some flowers and bathed in the glorious sunshine. To top this, they spent their Friday afternoon at the Dumps, climbing, running, swinging, whizzing down the zip wire and saying "hello" to the rabbit. A wonderful end to a milestone week. It was an absolute pleasure to see their radiant and relieved smiles and to witness them spend some quality time with their friends. Well done Y6, all of your teachers are extremely proud of you!!!



The Nursery children have been looking at snails. They have been finding them in the bushes and in damp places. They have noticed that when it rains they always find more. The children have made a home for the snails and have been observing them. The children have



learnt that a snail has a foot and that it has a fragile shell with a spiral pattern on it. They have loved drawing the snails, practising spirals and have displayed them in the Nursery. The children have enjoyed reading the book 'Snail Trail'.



Year 3 have been enjoying learning all about the Ancient Egyptians this term. They have used hieroglyphics to design their own cartouches and are now creating portraits in an Ancient Egyptian style. Using oil and chalk pastels they have observed and drawn their side profiles before layering and blending colours. The children have learnt about the Egyptian symbols for royalty and included these as head dresses. Our next steps will be to create mixed media self-portraits as pharaohs. The children can't wait to see their final creations!



Year 1 had the marvellous opportunity to use the beautiful grounds at Eltham Environmental Centre to learn about seasonal change. The children looked carefully around the woodlands at the different colours of spring and collect samples to create a special collage. The children also enjoyed feeding Darwin and Wallace (the pigs) - this was one of the highlights for the children. The children made birds' nests out of twigs and leaves they had collected during their woodland walks. It was a wonderful day for children, staff and parents.



The Reception children were delighted when Priya, the librarian at Downham Library, came to visit. She brought a huge selection of picture books for the children to borrow and also read stories to a rapt and attentive audience of Reception children. The children gave her a wonderful welcome and Priya said she would definitely come back again.



Downham Library runs a number of sessions for the under 5s as well as activities during the holidays.

Year 6 kindly made 'Enjoy the Royal Wedding' cards for residents of a local care home. The children were very creative and imaginative with their red, white and blue paper. The residents very much enjoyed looking at the cards that the staff displayed around the home. The staff thanked the Year 6 for their kindness and effort in making such lovely cards. The cards certainly brightened the home as the residents enjoyed a special Royal wedding tea.



Year 2 visited Pizza Express in Beckenham by bus for a morning of learning, tasting and making. Before they got chopping and tasting, the manager explained some important cooking basics - things like washing hands, and staying safe in the kitchen. Next the pizzaiolo (pizza chef) took over, showing the children how to make a famous, Italian classic: the Margherita. Everyone had the chance to knead the dough, making it lovely and smooth, and create the perfect base. The children discovered just how important the fresh ingredients are to the pizza's flavour. The final touch? Topping their creations with passata (tomato) sauce, mozzarella and basil. Whilst the pizzas were cooking the children learnt all about different ingredients and took part in a quiz. Once the pizzas were cooked the children took them back to school for lunch, along with a Junior Pizzaiolo Certificate as the children are now little pizza chefs! What a great morning out.



Diary dates: [more dates on the website's calendar](#)

25 May	Reception Assembly 9:10am
	28 May –1 June Half term
4-8 June	Bikeability Year 6
11 June	Yr 3 to Horniman Museum
11 June	GAV (Growing Against Violence) Yrs 5/6
13 June	Reception to Eltham Environmental centre
14 June	RIOT theatre Act Yrs 5/6 (Road Safety)
15 June	Yr 6 to British Library
16 /17 June	First Holy Communion at St Augustine's Church
18 June	Yr 5 to London Zoo
19 June	Sports Day
21 June	Yr 6 to Chislehurst Caves
26 June	Celebration Mass for First Holy Communicants
27 June	SongFest at Sedghill Yrs 3/4
28 June	Yr 6 trip to the Postal Museum
29 June	Yr 4 to Crofton Roman Villa

Summer Term 17 April –19 July

Half term 28 May-1 June

To encourage **musical appreciation** & awareness, our focus for May is music from South America



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

School shoes: plain and black - no trainers or ankle boots.

Park further away from school and walk down - inconsiderate parking will injure a child.

Whilst the weather is changeable, remember a light weight coat. If your child needs sunscreen, ensure it is applied at home.

Any hair touching the collar must be tied back. Hair ties should be in the school colours of navy, white or black.

P.E Kit - Plain navy blue or black shorts, plain or school logo white T- shirt, trainers or plimsolls. Plain navy or black track suits for winter.

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