



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.

Pope Francis

Learning to stand in somebody else's shoes, to see through their eyes, that's how peace begins. And it's up to you to make that happen. Empathy is a quality of character that can change the world.

Barack Obama

Our Values for November are Mercy & Forgiveness

The children attended Mass on All Saints and All Souls day with Father Sam reminding us to pray, not only for our families and friends, but all those who have died trying to find safety and refuge from poverty, violence and war.

On Friday, November 10th, Year 5 went to the memorial service at Downham. The service was on the 10th because the 11th (when Remembrance Day actually is – the children have been learning all about it in English) was a Saturday. The service was very poignant with readings and hymns led by students from Bonus Pastor but supported by a large number of local primary schools and members of the community. It was very similar to the memorial service held at the Cenotaph. They played The Last Post to mark the end of the two-minute silence; it was all very proper and grown-up. *"The memorial service made me feel sad because I was thinking about all the people who had given their lives so that I could live freely"*. John Richard



On Thursday 9th November 2017 four primary schools took part in the Bonus Pastor Catholic College annual sports hall athletics event. 16 pupils, 8 girls and 8 boys from years 5 & 6 competed against each other in throwing, jumping and running events. Every pupil competed in two field events and two track events. The atmosphere was very exciting, especially in the track events. Everyone cheered and shouted for their team to do well. So many of the races were very close and it was fantastic to see so many pupils with such a natural talent. There were over 50 spectators also enjoying the excitement. Many of the pupils should consider attending the 'S Factor' athletics club on a Saturday 10am-12pm or Wednesdays 6pm-7.30pm at the Ladywell Arena SE6 4QX where they can try out more events. Congratulations to St Augustine's who came **FIRST** in the competition. Our thanks must go to Ms Mcguire for ensuring the children's success and Mrs Baker and all the parents for being so supportive.



An excited Year 3 headed to one of the school's favourite venues: Horton Kirby (Wide Horizons). For the day, the children became time travellers and the destination was Stone Age Britain. Our young historians enjoyed hunting animals using spears and bows and arrows, making cave paintings and lighting fires using flint. One of the most memorable moments was taking part in a staged archaeological dig and identifying artefacts from the Stone Age. The day was a great success.



Year 4 have enjoyed a very busy and exciting term so far, including a trip to the British Museum. They were able to access the Samsung Digital Discovery Centre with hands-on, interactive activities. The children designed their own virtual Greek Temples and cast their votes on the best materials to be used via tablets. They were also given a budget to use when selecting the materials for their temples on e-boards. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an interactive quiz about all things 'Greek'. Back at school, the children have been exploring Ancient Greek patterns on vases and were able to write their names using the Ancient Greek alphabet. Well done Year 4!



The Nursery went on an autumn walk to the park on Thursday. The children looked for autumn leaves: they collected lots of different shaped and different coloured leaves and also noticed worms, woodlice and different mini-beasts. The children had a wonderful time enjoying the park, trampling through the leaves and even had time to let off more energy in the children's playground. Beckenham Place Park is a wonderful place to visit with so much to see and do.



Year 6 were invited to visit the Houses of Parliament, starting with a tour of parts of the building including the House of Commons and the House of Lords whilst they were in session. Everybody was awestruck by the splendour and vastness of the building and were fascinated by interesting facts such as the Queen is not allowed to enter the House of Commons! The second part of the visit was held in the Education Centre when the class was divided into parties and had to present their manifesto to the constituents and persuade them to vote for them. There was great excitement when Ellie Reeves, our own MP for Lewisham West and Penge, arrived to meet us. She was most impressed by the quality and depth of the children's questions to her and hopes to visit St Augustine's very soon. What an amazing experience.



Junior Carol Concert Friday 15th December at 2pm

Future Diary Dates: more dates will follow

27 November	Christ the King Mass at Church
30 November	Yr 5 to St Paul's
4 December	Christingle Service Yr 3 9:10am
4 December	Bellingham Concert 4pm
5 December	Yr 5 to the Diocesan Schools Advent Service. Southwark Cathedral
7 December	"A Wriggly Nativity" Infant Nativity Play at 9:15am
8 December	<i>Beauty & the Beast Christmas play 2pm</i>
12 December	Christmas Lunch & jumpers
15 December	Junior Carol Concert at 2 pm
19 December	Christmas disco

School finishes at **2pm** on 20th December 2017

Spring Term 3rd January 2018–29th March

Music of the Month: To encourage musical appreciation and awareness, each month we focus on a musician, composer or singer. During **November** the focus will be on **Beethoven & Haydn**.



Gentle Reminders:

Applying for Primary school place – application and supplementary forms by Monday **15th January 2018**. (Lewisham recommend you submit your on-line application by Friday 5th January 2018)



Sports shoes may be worn for PE lessons only. We expect proper school shoes for daily wear. No fashion trainers or boots allowed.

Make sure your child has their PE clothes in school -PE bags, clothes and kit should be kept at school.

Do not park or leave your car unattended in front of the school gate as they are blocking access for deliveries and emergency services. Park further away and walk a short distance to school to avoid traffic jams and ensure the safety of our children. Don't be selfish consider the children.

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