



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Congratulations to Bonus Pastor for receiving **Outstanding** in their recent OFSTED Inspection.

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

"Politeness [is] a sign of dignity, not subservience."
— Theodore Roosevelt

Our Values for October are
Dignity &
Compassion

Harvest Festival: Thank you to all parents for the wonderful donations that were sent into school. We celebrated our Harvest Festival at St. Augustine's Church. It was a lovely and reflective service giving us all time to thank God for the food that we take for granted. Children read from the



Bible, performed poems and the School Councillors read

the CAFOD Harvest prayer. The 'own clothes' day raised over £200 for the **CAFOD** and **Aid to the**



Church in Need (ACN). A very big 'thank you' for all your generosity. The food will be distributed by the Church to those in need including the Manna Centre.

It was wonderful to see so many parents (99% of parents attended) at our October Parents Evening. Parents had an opportunity to meet with the class teacher to discuss progress, spend time in the classrooms looking at books and see our marvellous displays.

On Thursday 6th October six primary schools attended an interschools' football

tournament at Bonus Pastor. The standard of football at the year 5 & 6 football festival held at Bonus Pastor Catholic College was superb! The pace was fast and the goals were plentiful. The atmosphere was exciting and encouraging. The girls' team came third and showed great perseverance. The boys' team showed resilience and good teamwork and came sixth. Each team worked together and had an enjoyable time. Thank you to the parents who came to support the event.



On Monday, all Junior classes took part in a special assembly that was led by a visitor from CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). CAFOD's representative came to our school to inspire the children to brighten up for Harvest Fast Day, by wearing bright clothes. The children also found out about CAFOD's work in El Salvador and they learnt that their continued support (donation) with the assistance of the Catholic community enables more and more families to have a brighter future for themselves, free from poverty. At the end of the assembly the children were encouraged to 'spread a little bright joy' and to talk about CAFOD's work to family members and friends so that our supportive Catholic community can grow. To find out more about their work or on how you can get more involved, please check out their website: <https://cafod.org.uk>.



It delights me to announce that St Augustine's has been awarded the **Gold Standard Award** in the school games 2016-17. We have gone from a Bronze Standard to Gold Standard within 2 years showing our sporting excellence and the extensive range of opportunities provided for all children to excel in P.E. and Sport. This includes 2 hours of quality P.E. lessons each week, a range of extra-curricular clubs, intra-house competitions and organised competitions outside of school taking place throughout the year.



The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is an awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. As a school we have worked hard to achieve the best standards in Sport and P.E. Thank you to all of the children, parents, families and staff for their continued commitment and enthusiasm for P.E. and Sport. It is all about providing our children with the opportunities and positive experiences in physical education; helping them to be fit and skilled for life. Our next step is to maintain the Gold Standard by continuing to work hard, using our sporting talents at every opportunity to be the best we can be at the top level. The benefits of healthy, active children are endless. Work hard. Dream big. Keep on going. Well done everyone and especially Miss Mcguire who organises sport within the school and to all the staff and parents who support the out of school events.

Year 2 visited Eltham Environment Centre and had wonderful day learning about animals and their habitats. They were greeted by Amy who explained what animals needed to survive in their habitats and what activities the children would be doing during the day. They started by meeting the cockerels and hens, one hen called Melanie was very inquisitive and pecked at Samantha's patterned welly boots. All the children were given the chance to pond dip and log lift so they could identify what insects lived in which habitat. Before lunch the children met Darwin and Wallace two very friendly pigs; one of them even performed a trick and sat for a piece of apple. After lunch children played in the adventure playground and used clay to make their own insect (spiders, caterpillars, wood louse), which they later proudly showed their parents



PSA Film Night for Year 1-6 on Friday 17th November
Watch out for further details



Music of the Month: To encourage musical appreciation and awareness, each month we focus on a musician, composer or singer. During **October** the focus will be on gospel music



Future Diary Dates: more dates will follow

- 23-27 October Half term
- 31 October Flu vaccinations Reception-Yr 4
- 7 November Beckenham Place Park; Autumn Walk
- 10 November Yr 4 British Museum
Yr 6 Assembly 9:10am
- 14 November Individual & Family photographs
- 16 November Nursery Autumn walk
- 17 November Film Night organised by PSA
- 20 November Road Safety Week –Speed Down, Save Lives
- 7 December A Wiggly Nativity'
Infant Nativity 9.30
- 15 December Junior Carol Concert **2pm**

Gentle Reminders:

Secondary School application: application and supplementary forms deadline - Tuesday 31st October 2017 (Lewisham recommend you submit your online application by Friday 20th October 2017)



Applying for Primary School place –application and supplementary forms by Monday 15th January 2018 (Lewisham recommend you submit your online application by Friday 5th January 2018)

Coats make sure your child has a warm & sensible coat to wear at school. The children always go outside at break times for fresh air & a chance to run around.

Birthday celebrations children may bring a small bag of sweets to share. No cakes or party bags.

School Finishes at 2pm on 20th December 2017

Spring Term 3rd January 2018–29th March

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