



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 1 December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet another fun and busy week here at St. Augustine's!

We began by making healthy smoothies with our catering team, the children mixed a variety of fruits and vegetables to make tasty drinks. They were pleasantly surprised at how even without sugar being added the smoothies tasted delicious and sweet.

Wednesday was a phenomenal day, after a lot of hard work and dedication from the whole staff team and the children here at St. Augustine's, we were awarded our 'Gold Standard Award', from UNICEF for our commitment to and delivery of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Thank you especially to Mrs Weatherhead for her leading role on this programme.

Then our girls football team were finalists in the St. Dunstan football tournament. We were cup winners and came third overall. It was a very cold evening but despite this the girls played their very best and were supported by staff and parents. They remained great ambassadors for the school and returned with a new trophy and medals. Well done girls and thank you to everyone who supported them.



Smoothie Making Workshop

Years 3 and 4 had great fun participating in a Caterlink smoothie making workshop. They learnt the names of lots of different fruits and vegetables. At the beginning none of Year 3 could identify a butternut squash or a swede but by the end they were experts! The children had the opportunity to help make a variety of different smoothie combinations and of course taste them.



Faith Leaders

Our new Faith Leaders were very excited to take up their roles. At our meeting on Wednesday, they all explained why they wanted to become Faith Leaders. They are looking forward to our trip to the Cathedral for Advent Mass on Tuesday.



Forster Memorial Park Junior Park Run

A brand new junior park run has started at Forster Memorial Park every Sunday morning at 9am. Parkrun is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). For further information please visit: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/forstermemorialpark-juniors/>



Times Tables Rock Stars

Aniyah and Nell for improving their fluency and their accuracy. Congratulations!

★ Head of School Award ★
Eben in Year 1 for his amazing poetry

Certificates of Achievement

Each week we recognise those children who have been impressive for a whole range of reasons. This week they are:

Reception: Joshua for always joining in the prayers.
Olivia for being a good friend.

Year 1: Rhea for naming animals in our science lesson.
Vasilis for designing a lovely card for Elizabeth from Mary

Year 2: Omena for a beautiful advent promise
Jasmin for a lovely recount of the Journey to Bethlehem

Year 3: Rory for great work in R.E.
Max for great progress with his reading.

Year 4: Elijah for a beautiful and very thoughtful Advent Promise
Favour for showing kindness towards Nicollas this week. It hasn't gone unnoticed

Year 5: Wilson for working hard on understanding equivalent fractions.
Xhezuina for creating a beautiful picture of The Annunciation to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Year 6: Year 6 for all their fabulous work on Children's Rights

Basketball Tickets

We have again secured tickets for the British Basketball League 2024 Playoff Finals which will be held on Sunday 19th May 2024 at The O2 in London. The tickets are usually £32 per adult or £25 per child but we have been offered them for £10 each.

This double bill finale sees the two top teams from the men's and women's British Basketball League end their season with a battle for the title along with other entertainment including dancers, MCs and music.

Doors open at 12.30pm, the women's final is at 1:15pm and the men's final is at 4:15pm.

If you would like to buy tickets they are available to purchase on ParentPay.



Planet Club

There is an exciting new club coming in January 2024. Our Planet. Every Monday after school from 3.15 to 4.15 with Mrs Stevens and Mrs Coutinho.

Let your imagination run wild using arts and crafts to create our beautiful planet. Explore rainforests, oceans, deserts and jungles. We will be using Chromebooks for research, painting, drawing, constructing out of everyday objects and playdough. It's a way to be creative, artistic and use our minds to help our environment flourish. It will be a fantastic club to join.

Please click on link:

<https://staugustines.lewisham.sch.uk/news/letters/>

Unicef Convention on the Rights of the Child



Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Reminders

School Admission

Admission for Reception Class for September 2024 are now open. They must be submitted on line at: www.eadmissions.org.uk. The closing date for Reception places 15th January 2024.

School Dinners

Now that all children are eligible for free school dinners, it is wonderful to see them enjoying a nutritious home-cooked meal each day. The notification of changing your child's meal option remains the same. Two weeks' notice is required if your child wishes to change their meal choice. This enables the kitchen to prepare the correct number of meals and ensure that food is not going to waste unnecessarily. If your child wishes to have a packed lunch, they will need to remain on this option for the following two weeks, the same goes if they select a school dinner. Please let the school office know of any changes.

Race Equality Survey

As a Lewisham school we have signed up to the Lewisham pledge against racism. In order to measure the impact of this work please completed the following survey:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7424754/Lewisham-Race-Equality-Parent-Baseline-Survey>

St. Augustine's Church Administrative Assistant

Fr. Uduak is looking for a new admin assistant to help with the Parish newsletter, making appointments and some financial assistance. This position would be for two days per week during school hours. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 020 8695 1092 or the School Office.

PSA

Welcome to St. Augustines PSA! Follow the link to see what we do and how you can help to support your child's learning and be involved with the forthcoming school events.

We have created a WhatsApp group which will be used for the wider school to join and see what activities we have planned and how to support these activities.

Link to join the PSA WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FLpi119zu24BJpgmPmrJgE>

Nursery Places

We have a small number of full-time and part-time places available in our Nursery, please let friends and neighbours know about our wonderful School and Nursery. If you belong to any community groups for children of this age group, please feel free to share our details.

Ten Ten

Please click on the link below to access the monthly RE parent's newsletter provided by Ten: Ten Resources. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Wishing you a warm and wonderful weekend. Carols on the Green takes place on Monday 4 December at 4PM on Bellingham Green, we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mrs Duffus
Head of School



Dates for your Diary

- 4 December - Carols on the Green 4pm to 5pm
- 7 December - KSI Nativity showing at 10am and 2pm
- 8 December - PSA Christmas Fayre
- 11 December - Year 6 British Library
- 14 December - EYFS Nativity at 10am and KS2 Carol Concert at 6.30pm
- 18 December - Year 1 -6 Trip to Bromley Picture House - The Polar Express
- 19 December - Christmas Dinner Day
- 20 December - Christmas Parties
- 21 December - End of Term Early Finish at 2PM
- 9 January - Children return to School 8.55am prompt

A message from Miss Collins:

Goodness me it has been cold this week but the energy, enthusiasm and pace of life at St. Augustine's has kept us all warm!

The girls football team excelled themselves on Wednesday, it was a joy to watch them in the finals of their competition. Their sportsmanship, team effort and general behaviour and attitude were exemplary and I felt very proud of them.

Our UNICEF gold award was another highlight of the week! A true team effort from the stars of St. Augustine's. We are delighted to be a rights respecting school and for our children to understand their rights. All this knowledge and information will help to make them the fine citizens of the future our world needs. Have a lovely weekend everyone, wrap up warm!