



# St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 12 January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the new term, with all children returning to school with enthusiasm and eager to learn. Standing at the gate on Tuesday morning there was a such an overwhelming sense of community amongst our school and its families, we are truly blessed.

This week children began Cricket coaching, it has been rather cold and is set to be for the coming week, please ensure all PE kits are in school and contains the winter PE kit, it should include a pair of jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt. It is a great opportunity for the children and it would be a shame not to enjoy it because they do not have the appropriate clothing.

On Friday next week, we have Charlotte Smith, our Early Help Coordinator in to school at 9AM to share with you all, services that are available in Lewisham to help support children, please make use of this valuable service and drop in to find out more.

## ★ Head of School Award ★

Samson for being a good teacher of Maths and being able to write mathematical sentences!

### Head Pupils

Our Head Pupils are elected by members of the school staff from our Year 6 pupils. They are chosen for their outstanding qualities of leadership and responsibility and are excellent role models for all children at St. Augustine's. They will hold this responsible role for one school term. During their time of office, they will be called upon to be ambassadors for our



School and will meet and greet important visitors as well as being involved in a wide range of other important and enjoyable duties. We hope that the privilege of being chosen for the role of Head Pupil will help to drive their aspirations and encourage them to be leaders of the future.

### [Family Thrive](#)

Family Thrive are running a free course for parents or carers of teenagers and pre-teens who are looking to better understand and communicate with their child. Talking Teens is a course that offers an opportunity to understand what's going on in the adolescent brain and how to understand your teens feelings and behaviours using an authoritative parenting style. Sessions will focus on relationships within the family, communication, negotiation, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict.

They will be running the sessions on Thursday mornings between 10am-12pm Starting next week Thursday 18th. The next course will run at Clyde Children's Centre but the location is subject to change with each new cohort.

For more details, please click on the links below:

[Please click here for Application Form](#)

[Talking Teens poster](#)

[Bellingham Community Project – Fun Play for Children with Educational Special Needs](#)

[Citizens Advice Lewisham Outreaches](#)

### [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.



## Unicef Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 2 - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination

Article 19 - Protection from violence, abuse and neglect

Article 37- No child should be tortured, sentenced to death, imprisoned unfairly or treated in a cruel or inhuman way

Article 38- No child under 15 should join the army and children should be protected in war



### Nursery Places

We have a small number of part-time places available in our Nursery from January, please share this with friends and family in need of a place for their child.



### Times Tables Rock Stars

Chimamaka and Ella for improving their accuracy and studio speed. Well done!

### 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 trying so hard with phonics

**Maddisson** for using her words when she needs something.

Year 1: **Mia** for a great first week back, working hard and being an independent learner.

**Amiyah** for being a lovely member of our class and showing kindness to all.

Year 2: **Harry** for a fantastic start of the term

**Diaz** for being super focused for the start of the term

Year 3: **Josyldie** for really thoughtful questions and contributions in Science

**Daniel** for showing that he works very well in a team during gymnastics

Year 4: **Isabella** for not only planning a good adventure story but for adapting elements of her story after feedback  
**Grace** for a great start to your Year 4 mathematical journey of multiplication and division. Well done!

Year 5: **Leon Z** for excellent attitude, focus and positive approach towards his learning  
**Gabriel** for working hard on understanding improper fractions and mixed numbers

Year 6: **Liriano** for a great start to the New Year, demonstrating a positive attitude and commitment to learning.  
**Esther** for perseverance and resilience for writing a wonderful New Year's poem

### 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/>

Have a lovely weekend, wrap up warm!

Mrs Duffus

### Dates for your Diary

17 January - Cricket Coaching Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 (P.E. Kits must be school)  
19 January - Early Help Drop in for parents  
24 January - Cricket Coaching Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 (P.E. Kits must be school)  
31 January - Cricket Coaching Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 (P.E. Kits must be school)  
1 February - Year 4 Class Assembly  
5 February - Dress to Express Day  
6 February - Safer Internet Day  
8 February - Year 6 Class Mass  
9 February - Academic Review Day  
12 - 16 February - Half Term  
19 February - Return to school 8.55 Prompt  
19 February - Swimming Year 4



**A message from Miss Collins:**

A very happy new year to you all. I do hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to spend time with family and friends relaxing and having fun! Thank you so much for the gorgeous cards and presents sent in for staff at our School. We are incredibly grateful for all the good wishes and kind messages.

We spent the inset day on Monday training staff on safeguarding procedures for our School, it was very useful and helps us to keep the safety and protection of our precious children at the forefront of our minds. It was then lovely to welcome those precious children back to School on Tuesday. It has been a positive and calm start to the new term and I look forward to further successes and celebrations in the weeks ahead. Have a lovely weekend everyone!