



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 19 January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

After getting over the shock of the sharp downturn in temperatures we have had this week, we have been as busy as ever. We welcomed new children into our Nursery, they have been made to feel very welcome and have settled extremely well. Our children have had cricket coaching and some year groups began their Djembe tutoring for this term too.

A group of children in Year 5 and 6 attended Blackheath Rugby Club to take part in an inter-school festival. Despite the freezing temperatures, our children did extremely well. They all enjoyed themselves immensely and were proud to represent St. Augustine's. Well done children and well done Miss Scheuermann and Miss Stevens as well as the parents who accompanied the children to enable them to participate. The children were presented with their medals in assembly this morning.

For the first time we led OPAL - Outdoor Play And Learning every day, giving the children the opportunity to experience creative and free flow play each lunchtime. The children have loved it and it has been a great success, we will continue in this way moving forward. However, we do need some more equipment. Please think about our environment and recycle goods; old clothes, bags, utensils, curtains, pieces of material can all be used by our children to be innovative and imaginative. Please bring any donations to the school office.

Phonics Workshop

On Friday 26th January at 9AM we will be holding another Phonics workshop for Reception Parents. The focus of the meeting will be to ensure a full understanding of our phonics scheme, 'All Aboard' and the App which accompanies it. If your child is in Reception, please do try to attend this valuable meeting led by Mrs Power.

Book Bingo

Each week Miss Scheuermann and myself look at a number of children's books. A number is selected and children who are that number on the register are invited to share all their work with us. We talk about what they have learnt in their current class and well as previous years. It is wonderful to hear them talking so articulately about their learning.

This week we saw books from: **Rhys, AJ, Annabella and Jessica.**

Thank you for sharing your hard work with us children.

Year 4 Swimming

Just a reminder that after half term Year 4 will begin swimming lessons which take place at Downham Leisure Centre on a Monday afternoon. Children will have their lunch and then be taken by coach to the pool. They will return before the end of the school day. A letter with further details will be sent to you shortly. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Year 6 Class Mass

Class Mass for Year 6 has been postponed from 8th February to Thursday 22nd February, due to Fr. Uduak, currently being away from the Parish. All parents are very welcome.

Bellingham Family Hub

We have had a visit from Kashmir, Bellingham's Family Navigator. She is based at the children's centre in Randlesdown Road and works 9am to 5pm. Please reach out to her if there is anything you are struggling with. There is a great deal of support available on offer for you to access. Also, our Family Coordinator Thanh is going to be available at times throughout the school year to help support you. Please feel free to attend her drop-ins, each half term and ask any questions about help or support you may need from our local area.

Rugby Festival

On Thursday a selection of children from Year 5 and Year 6 attended the Rugby Festival organised by Blackheath Rugby Club. The children played tag rugby against other primary schools from Lewisham and Greenwich boroughs. Throughout the day the children showed excellent sportsmanship, kindness, teamwork and resilience, true St. Augustine's champions. It was a great day and we are very proud of all participating pupils for showing such commitment, dedication and perseverance.





This week we had the pleasure of celebrating a pupil for his commitment to Beavers. He was awarded with a Chief Scout's Award for collecting all of his badges. Well done!

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



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/>



Times Tables Rock Stars

Elijah and Yashmiga- for the biggest increase in coins earned over the last 7 days. 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: **Giovanna** for understanding of the story
Selin for super talking about the story and good eye contact
- Year 1: **Joshua** for working extra hard this week and being an enthusiastic learner
Kayson for trying his best in all lessons and working hard on his handwriting
- Year 2: **Marysia** for a great piece of English work researching for an information sheet
Victoria for fantastic work recognising 3D shapes
- Year 3: **Lena** for always helping others without being asked or making a fuss
Max for his excellent drawings of landmarks in the UK
- Year 4: **Renee** for fabulous science work including a wonderful diagram explaining evaporation
Ini for beautiful RE work , answering questions about Jesus in the temple and showing deep knowledge of the Bible
- Year 5: **Mikkel** for writing a beautiful poem called the 'Rhythm of the sea'
Bailey for his exemplary attitude towards his learning.
- Year 6: **Gabriela** for excellent effort and application in all subjects and always being ready, respectful and responsible.
Nell for great focus in maths and improved presentation

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.

It looks as though the weekend weather may be kinder to us, a perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy the green spaces and parks in our local community.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

- 24 January - Cricket Coaching Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 (P.E. Kits must be school)
- 26 January - Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents at 9.00am
- 31 January - Cricket Coaching Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 (P.E. Kits must be school)
- 1 February - Year 4 Class Assembly
 - Nurses in School for Height and Weight Checks Reception and Year 6
- 5 February - Dress to Express Day
- 6 February - Safer Internet Day
- 9 February - Academic Review Day
- 12 - 16 February - Half Term
- 19 February - Return to school 8.55 Prompt
- 19 February - Swimming Year 4
- 22 February - Year 6 Class Mass



A message from Miss Collins:

Goodness me, what a very cold week it has been! The children have been kept warm at playtime by the expansion of our OPAL provision at lunch time. It is lovely to see the children playing with other children from across the age ranges in School, the Year 6 children particularly enjoy spending lunch time with their Reception buddies. We require more items for the children to play with however as mentioned by Mrs Duffus. Please do donate all you can, this play helps children to develop their creativity, social skills and imaginations.

The children all look very smart in their school uniforms each day, please do make sure that children wear the full uniform and adhere to all school rules such as not wearing earrings.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend – make sure you wrap up warm!