



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 26 January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been working hard to ensure our Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL) continues to develop. Children are enjoying the freedom that 'Free Flow' around the school grounds brings. Our children enjoy a range of activities and have the opportunity to play with children from all year groups.

Thank you to those Reception Parents who attended the Phonics Workshop this morning to find out more about our phonics scheme and how you are able to support children at home. Thank you to Mrs Power for sharing valuable information with you.

The children have continued to enjoy a fun-filled curriculum, they have experienced additional coaching in cricket and djembe. The learning that takes place in those sessions is invaluable to their experience at St. Augustine's.

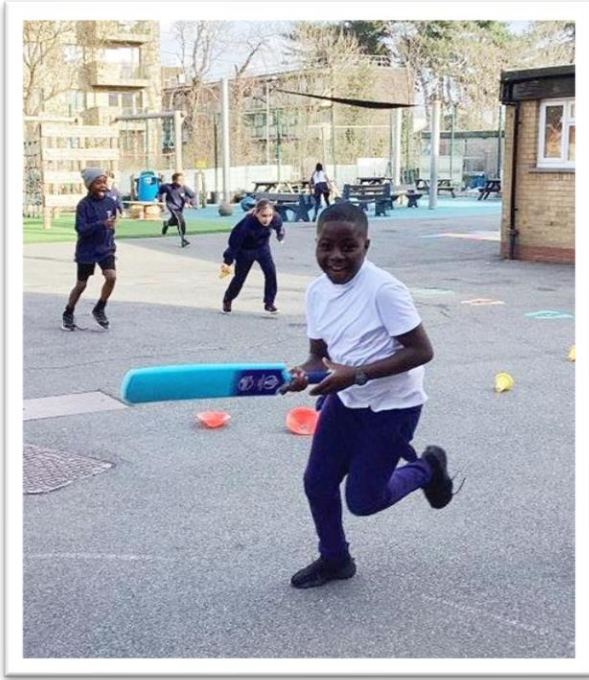
Unfortunately, we have to cancel the Year 6 Mass which had been rescheduled to the 22nd February. It was our understanding that Fr. Uduak would be back in the Parish by then, however, today I have been informed that is not the case. We will notify you of a new date as soon as we can.

Book Bingo

This week Miss Scheuermann looked 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:

Kendra, Sebastian, Faidra, Rory, Nathan and Matias



Year 6 enjoying Cricket Coaching sessions.

Unicef Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 1 makes clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.



Article 4 states that governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.



Article 41 states that if a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.



Bellingham Family Hub

Bellingham's Family Navigator is based at the children's centre in Randlesdown Road and works 9am to 5pm with Kashmir. 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.



Times Tables Rock Stars

Jayden G, Ini and Talia for improving their studio speed.

Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Kylian** for always being so polite when talking to an adult.

Angel for making props to retell the story of the 'Three Little Pigs'.

Year 1: **Eben** for fantastic R.E work, you always have original and thoughtful ideas.

Bilkisu for a great first week at St Augustine's, you are a great member of our class.

Year 2: **Ezekiel** for his fantastic football skills.

Christina for writing a lovely piece of work in RE on helping others.

Year 3: **Mohamed** for settling in so well to Year 3.

Richard for focus and determination in science and computing.

Year 4: **Year 4** for your determination, team work and overall attitude to learning your lines and the songs for our class assembly. You surpassed all of my expectations - Well done!

Year 5: **Khalista** for settling in well, you have been a great addition to our class.

Santi for increased focus and effort especially in English.

Year 6: **Paulina** for teamwork and speed in completing a scavenger hunt on North America.

Edgar for teamwork and speed in completing a scavenger hunt on North America.

Mary for two beautifully presented and informative fact files on countries in North America.

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.

REMINDERS!

Choir

Mrs Ley, our music teacher, will continue with choir practice this term each Thursday commencing next week on **Thursday at 8:30am**. This is being offered to children in years 4-6. This will offer great opportunities throughout the year for the children to take part in various musical events. If your child is interested in joining the choir, please visit Parent Pay to sign up. There is no charge to join the Choir. Once your child has signed up, it will be expected that they attend weekly. If your child is unwell or no longer wish to attend choir, you must notify the School Office.

School Uniform

Footwear must be black or navy, strong and sensible in style, no boots are allowed. Trainers should only be worn for games or during lunchtime in the playground. Open toed sandals must not be worn in School.

All clothing must be marked with the child's name so that lost clothing may be traced and returned quickly.

Hairstyles are to be conventional in style, length and colour. Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back and hair accessories must be small, simple and navy or pale blue in colour.

Jewellery, including earrings, is not permitted though watches may be worn. Children who walk to School without an adult are allowed to bring a mobile phone to School, these must be handed in to the School Office at the start of the day.

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/>

Now the weather is so much milder and brighter, it is the perfect opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors with your friends and family. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

- 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
 - Choir 8.30 - 8.55 in Hall
- 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
- 23 February - Year 5 trip to The Science Museum
- 7 March - World Book Day
- 8 March - International Women's Day
- 12 March - Year 5 to Cinema - Bromley
 - Year 2 to Pizza Express
- 13 March - Science Day
- 14 March - Year 2 Class Assembly
- 25 March - Passion Play - Year 5 at 6.30PM
- 26 March - Easter Bonnet Parade
- 27 March - Lenten Breakfast
 - Big Lent Walk
- 28 March - End of Term - 2PM Finish



A message from Miss Collins:

It has been a very lovely week at St. Augustine's. The children have been as busy as ever concentrating on their learning and making great progress as a result. Thank you to all those staff who have gone above and beyond to help and support our lovely children. A special mention to Mrs Andrews who has been an absolute star in our Year 6 class in the absence of Mrs Weatherhead. Thank you Julie!

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely weekend, see you on Monday!