



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 2 February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all enjoying the milder temperatures we are experiencing; it really does lift the spirit to see the sunshine.



Miss Spencer, who worked in Reception Class gave birth this week, we welcome a beautiful baby girl, 'Lennie' into the world. Congratulations to Miss Spencer, her partner and their family.

The children have experienced another wonderful week at St. Augustine's. We had the pleasure of seeing Year 4's Class Assembly on Thursday. It is always a joy to share with you the learning that is taking place in school. Thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs Ley for preparing the children so well.

We have also had cricket coaching for many year groups and djembe lessons. I am pleased that OPAL remains the favoured way by the children to play at lunchtimes and we will continue to develop this. Don't forget if you have items to recycle, we may always be able to use them at St. Augustine's, please ask at the School Office.

Next week we have our Academic Review day for all year groups with the exception of Year 6. Mrs Weatherhead's recovery is going well, however she needs a little more time before she is fully fit and able to return to School. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers, for a speedy recovery so she can be back at St. Augustine's very soon.

We also have our Dress to Express Day on Monday 5th February to launch our Children's Mental Health Week. On this day children are able to come to School dressed as they wish. Please remember they will be at School all day and will be going out into the playground, so should have appropriate clothing for the weather.

I have been participating in lots of learning this week too, visiting other schools and working with colleagues in the local authority. On Thursday Miss Collins and I attended training, we know it will help our School to become even more inclusive and I look forward to sharing the findings of this research based project with you shortly.

Lent Activities

On Monday 25th March at 6.30 pm, Year 5 will perform the Passion Play, in the church, a warm welcome is extended to you all.

On Tuesday 26th March we will hold an Easter Bonnet Parade in the KS2 playground at 8.45AM, please come and join us.

On Wednesday 27th March we will share Lenten Breakfast, I will provide you with more details shortly, for now just put the date in your diary.

The Big Lent Walk will also take place on this day at 1.30PM. We need as many parents to help us walk through Beckenham Place Park to the Mansion House. It was a great event last year. We will be raising money for CAFOD, please click on the following link to donate.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-augustines-big-lent-walk>

Urban Synergy ' Outstanding School contribution Award'

This award was presented to St. Augustine's for their work with Urban Synergy, an award winning youth empowerment charity. They work with young people aged 9-24 years of age, helping them to reach their full potential. It focuses on support to build confidence through connections with aspirational role models and mentors from industry leaders. We have had a number of mentors come and speak to the children about their roles, their career path and giving top tips on how to study at school and to be motivated in life, to be in a better position to achieve their individual potential.

St. Augustine's has collaborated with Urban Synergy as we are keen to build an equitable environment where everyone is empowered to write their own future. We were very pleased to receive this award and will continue our work in inspiring our children to make the most of all the opportunities that are available to them, in school, our community and the wider world.

Head of School Award

Aniyah for her brave performance in the Year 4 Assembly



Gymnastics Awards

Year 4 Class Assembly



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.

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 learned 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: **Angel, Sharon, Otis, Piotr, Ike, Wilson, Aaron and Danielle.**

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.



Times Tables Rock Stars

Aniyah, Alexander and Elijah for achieving the highest number of minutes played out of the whole school.

Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Selin, Diamond** and **Giovanna** for their thoughtful discussion about Jesus.

Year 1: **Kaan** for trying hard in all lessons this week and contributing more to class discussions.
Amelia D for being very focused this week and working independently on all your tasks.

- Year 2: [Otis](#) for a fantastic explanation of his maths working out.
[Omena](#) for being incredibly kind and thoughtful during our cricket session this week.
- Year 3: [Jayden O.](#) for being a good friend to other children and helping others without being asked.
[Amelia](#) for always setting an example, being ready to learn and trying her best.
- Year 4: [Year 4 class](#) for an outstanding assembly all about the Anglo- Saxons. Your confidence, singing and acting was exceptional. I am proud to be your teacher.
- Year 5: [Kian](#) for excellent contribution in Science.
[Adrian](#) for a fantastic, detailed 'Rainforest in a shoebox' project.
- Year 6: [Julia](#) for focus and attitude to learning and being a great role model.
[Mihaela](#) for working independently and her creativity.

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.

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/>

We have many parks and open space around us. Each weekend there are Parkrun's that take for adults and children. It is a great way to start the weekend with a sense of purpose and achievement. Follow the link to find your nearest event <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/events/events/>

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

- 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 another busy week for us all at St. Augustine's. As Mrs Duffus mentioned, she and I were on a course about inclusivity yesterday. It was fascinating and gave us plenty to think about. We know that we are a very inclusive School but we can always do even better!

Next week we have some visitors from the Local Authority coming in to see how fabulous our School is and to help us on our continuous road of school improvement. We will let you know what they have to say!

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy time with those precious children.