



# St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 23 February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to be back in School on Monday following our half-term break. I was able to speak with many of you at the Academic Review Day and I know just how many of you were pleased with the progress being made by your children at our lovely School. Walking around School this week, it has been wonderful to see how focused, engaged and ready for learning our pupils are. Thank you to all parents and carers who ensure that our children are prepared for a day of learning at St. Augustine's, we appreciate home and School working together for the best outcome for all our pupils.

Year 4 went Swimming for the first time this week and were good ambassadors for St. Augustine's, their high standard of behaviour and organisation was commented upon. Year 5 visited the Science Museum today to enhance their curriculum learning.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding our annual celebration of World Book Day. This year children are encouraged to share their favourite 'bedtime' story. They can wear their pyjamas to School and bring in their teddy bear if they wish. We will spend time sharing those stories that make the bedtime routine so special.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating International Women's Day, whilst we have some guest speakers booked, I know we have many inspirational women in our own community. If you know of anyone or would yourself like to come and share your story with St. Augustine's, please do come and see me.

## Mini Vinnie Commissioning Mass

On 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11AM the Mini Vinnie Commissioning Mass will take place at Holy Cross Church. All children in Year 5 will attend and parents are encouraged to join them.

## Lent Activities

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March we will hold an Easter Bonnet Parade in the KS2 playground at 8.45AM, please come and join us. I am sure that you will be involved in helping the children create the bonnets at home.

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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>

## Unicef Convention on the Rights of the Child

### Article 2: (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



### Article 13: (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information if it is within the law.



### Article 17 - access to reliable information

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.



## 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/>



## Head of School Award



Chimamaka for her excellent Science work on Muscles and how they work



### Times Tables Rock Stars

Aniyah, Ini and Tishany for the highest number of minutes played over the last 7 days 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: **Eghosa** for being so polite and having lovely manners.

**Samson** for being such a good help at phonics time.

Year 1: **Mikolaj** for working very hard independently especially on your writing!

**Gabriella** for a great first week at St. Augustine's.

Year 2: **Jaway** for amazing work with his multiplication

**Kyane** for being super focused in the comprehension lesson.

Year 3: **Chisom** and **Pearson** for their fabulous artwork in the style of Georgia O'Keefe.

Year 4: **Amina** for your excellent contribution in science this week. You explained how we can investigate sound travelling very well.

**Lolita** for your effort during maths this week when using formal methods for multiplication and division.

Year 5: **Antoni** for improved attitude towards his learning and school, Keep it up!

**Zac** for being exemplary in everything you do! Well done.

Year 6: **Jordan** for excellent progress in maths

**Victor** for a good attitude towards his learning

## Nursery

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



At last we have some sunshine this week, make the most of it and enjoy it with family and friends.  
Have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Duffus  
Head of School

## Dates for your Diary

- 4 March
  - Hearing and Vision check for Reception Class
  - Year 6 Trip to Horizon 22 at Bishopsgate
- 5<sup>th</sup> March
  - Year 3 River Thames Workshop
  - Year 5/6 Urban Synergy Workshop
- 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
- 22 March
  - Year 4 British Library



- 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:**

Well at least it has finally stopped raining! It was wonderful to feel the sun on my face as the lovely children of St. Augustine's skipped in through the gate this morning. It is lovely to see the lighter mornings and longer evenings now – we are getting towards those warmer months slowly but surely!

The children have been their delightful selves this week showing the true spirit of a St. Augustine's child through their good manners, kindness, hard work and determination. We are a very friendly School and it is a joy to hear, and be a part of, all the little conversations that occur throughout the week with children chatting about their learning, their interests and their feelings. With such an emphasis on mental health and well being currently it is good to have children who are able to express themselves and explain their feelings.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend.