



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 9 February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see lots of parents in school today for our Annual Academic Review Day. It is a valuable time for you to get to meet with your child's teacher with your child to find out about their academic progress and their personal development in school.

This week we have celebrated, Children's Mental Health week. We began this with Dress to Express on Monday and it was lovely to see our children, dressed in what they felt was good for their mental health. Thank you to Mrs Owen for organising the activities and leading an assembly to talk to the children about mental health.

We also participated in 'Internet Safety Day' on Tuesday. It is very important that children stay safe online. Please check all parent controls are activated at home and talk to your child about the need to report anything they may see that they feel is not right. I recently conducted a survey with all children around online safety, it was reported by some children that they would just delete inappropriate content without alerting a parent. We must encourage them to share anything that they are concerned about with a trusted adult so it can be reported. Also, some children indicated that they have no restrictions over how much online time they experience, I would encourage all parents to limit screen time and engage your child in a range of suitable activities. Thank you to Mrs Barnett, our Computing Lead who prepared a range of resources for children to access.

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>

Artist of the Month

Each month we will be looking at an Artist, their work or an exhibition to inspire our children. The aim is to educate children on current artist work and the topics they are exploring through their chosen medium. Most month the artist or exhibition will be available for you to go and visit with your children and family. There is nothing quite like seeing a piece of artwork in its glory hanging on a wall in a gallery.

For February we are looking at **Wildlife Photographer of the Year** which is currently on display at the National History Museum. This exhibition is run yearly, with 16 categories as well as young Wildlife Photographer of the year. Entries are made from around the world from professional to novices and of all ages. It is an extraordinary exhibition that not only includes photographs which take your breath away but ones that make you consider world events and affairs.

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/wpy/gallery>

Unisex Convention on the Rights of the Child



Mental Health Awareness Week occurs every year in May and is an ideal time for us all to think about mental health, tackle stigma, and discuss how we can create school environments that protect our mental wellbeing.

The week is based around a different theme each year, and previous themes have included nature, kindness, and body image. It is hoped that as many people as possible will have conversations about mental health and the everyday things that can affect it. Our mental health clearly links to Article 24 of the CRC but, if you think about it, many of the other rights that children and young people are entitled to, also contribute to good mental health. See how many connections you make to different rights in this week's activities.



Head of School Award



Uriah for remaining focused and completing Algebraic work to a high standard

Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Brielle** for being so brave when she hurt her arm.

Diya for confidence in moving around the school.

Year 1: **Sebastian** for always listening in cricket and improving his skills.

Ese for beautiful writing and using great vocabulary.

Year 2: **Kayscha** for developing her atlas skills.

Joel for being a fantastic sports captain and leading by example.

Year 3: **Max** for some good multiplication and division work.

Piotr for paying good attention in class.

Year 4: **Jan** for determination during our maths investigation.

Rehoboth for your cricket skills this week.

Year 5: **Ebose** for his engagement during drumming and playing a complicated sequence accurately.

Adeola for making a conscious effort to always stay on task and engaged.

Year 6: **Jeshmi** for her competitiveness in hockey and basketball and being a good role model.

Uriah for attitude to learning in class and being an Algebra Superstar.

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/>

Nursery

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.

Have a wonderful half-term break, don't forget to make use of the open spaces around in our local community and all the free activities at various museums and galleries in London.

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

12 - 16 February- Half Term

19 February - Return to school 8.55 Prompt

19 February - Swimming Year 4

23 February - Year 5 trip to The Science Museum

4 March - Year 6 Trip to Horizon 22 at Bishopsgate

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:

The half term has flown by but we have fitted a great deal into the last five weeks! Yesterday we had visitors from Lewisham coming in to review our School and they found plenty to be very pleased with. It is always good to work with other professionals to ensure we are doing the very best for our precious children. The behaviour of our children was commented on regularly, they were described as calm, engaged and ready for learning. Our staff work hard to make sure our children receive every opportunity to grow and develop into fine young people.

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely half term break. Rest, relax and enjoy the company of your lovely children.