



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 22 March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week at St. Augustine's, as you will know we have had a visit from Ofsted who carried out a two-day inspection. It was a pleasure to share with our inspector what happens on a daily basis at St. Augustine's. Our children were impeccably behaved and the children who spoke directly with the inspector did so with confidence and pride. As usual, our wonderful staff team worked hard and demonstrated the learning that takes place at St. Augustine's. It was also appreciated to hear the positivity with which parents regard our school. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to children, staff and parents in our school community who all contribute to make this a vibrant, caring and supportive environment to learn and work.

Next week, we have a plethora of activities, Monday, our Year 5 class will perform the Passion Play, all are welcome to attend the church at 6.30PM to watch. Tuesday at 8.45AM we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet parade. Please arrive in time for your child to join the parade, which will take place in the KS2 playground. Wednesday we will be hosting Lenten Breakfast, we welcome all families to come and join us where you will be served by Year 6. There will be porridge and toast available, later in the day we will be going for a 'Big Lent Walk' to Beckenham Place Park. We would appreciate parent to walk with us and make it a great success as it was last year. Donations to Cafod for our Lent activities can be made at <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-augustines-big-lent-walk>

Mrs Barnett

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Barnett at the end of this term. She has been a fabulous member of our staff team and a wonderful teacher for all of our children. Mrs Barnett has moved house to a new area and is therefore taking up a position closer to home. We wish her every success for the future and thank her for her contribution to St. Augustine's.



This week our Year 5 and 6 children were treated to an alternative lunch option, they enjoyed our new sub-station, which is based on a more secondary approach to lunch. This will happen each Thursday for the Upper Key Stage 2 children.

[Years 5 & 6](#)

Bring Your Family to University Days are a series of free one-day events aimed at providing information, advice and guidance about university to young people and their parents and carers through fun and interactive sessions on UCL's central London campus.

These events will include activities such as subject taster lectures, panels, support sessions for parents/carers, campus tours and the opportunity to talk to current university students. A free packed lunch will be provided.

Primary School Dates

- Saturday 27 April: Primary school (Year 5-6)
- Saturday 15 June: Primary school (Year 5-6)

For More details please click on the link below:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/primary/bring-your-family-university-days>

Oscar Romero Award Mass

Mrs Caballero and Mrs Zefi were delighted to accompany our Head Pupils and our Faith Leaders to St. George's Cathedral on Wednesday. We attended a special Mass in honour of the Feast of St. Oscar Romero, our Federation Patron. The Faith Leaders met Bishop John Wilson, the Archbishop of Southwark who presented them with The Oscar Romero Award. The Oscar Romero Award recognises the huge impact of schools that practise Catholic Social Teaching. The Bishop was delighted to hear that we are raising money for CAFOD through our BIG LENT WALK. Please remember to donate to our fundraising page <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-augustines-big-lent-walk>.

Even a small donation would help us achieve our target. Thank you to all those who have donated.



Artist of the month – Sonia Boyce

As a school we celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March therefore it is only right our artist of the month is an inspirational women. Dame Sonia Dawn Boyce is a British Afro-Caribbean artist and educator, living and working in London. She is a Professor of Black Art and Design at University of the Arts London. Boyce's work involves a variety of media, such as drawing, print, photography, video, and sound. Her art explores "the relationship between sound and memory, the dynamics of space, and incorporating the spectator". Her work is available to see at Tate and Victoria & Albert Museum.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/sonia-boyce-obe-794>

Unicef Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 24 (health and health services)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.



Sharing REAL with Parents (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy)

Parents are invited to four fun workshops (with Crèche) to explore ways can support literacy both at home and while you're out and about. The workshops emphasise four strands of literacy: environmental print; books; early writing; and oral language. The first session starts Wednesday 6 March for more information please click on the link: [Sharing REAL with Parents](#)

YouTube video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZ_MF_kihLY



Head of School Award



All our wonderful children and Staff Team!



Times Tables Rock Stars

Max, Favour and Rehoboth for huge improvement in their studio speed and accuracy

Certificates of Achievement

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

- Reception: **D'bowrah** for being resilient when she found out she wasn't the leader.
Eghosa for playing so nicely with children and being so understanding when his building was knocked down.
- Year 1: **Vasilis** for working hard on your handwriting and presentation.
Joanna for a great first week at St Augustine's. You are a lovely addition to year 1!
- Year 2: **Azraiah** for a great performance in drama during our English lesson.
Samuel for being super focused in Maths with doubling.
- Year 3: **Serena** for always listening so carefully and applying her learning so well.
Thank for his huge enthusiasm for reading and sharing his enjoyment of it.
- Year 4: **Tobi** for showing perseverance in Dance this week. You worked really well alongside your dance partner. Well done!
Alexander for showing accuracy in Dance this week. You ensured each step was accurate and you clearly enjoyed the lesson.
- Year 5: **Patricia** and **Angelo** for representing our school and for being a reflective faith leader.

Year 6: **Neriah** for amazing artwork.
Liriano for impeccable behaviour.

Lent Activities

On Monday 25 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 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 March we will share **Lenten Breakfast**, at 8AM and the participate in **The Big Lent Walk** at 1.30PM.



The Big Lent Walk

The children are very excited about our BIG LENT WALK. Last year's walk was a big success. We have launched our Justgiving page and have already had some donations. The money raised from the walk will go to CAFOD who are working tirelessly to support communities affected by climate change. Please make an online donation on our Justgiving page:

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

You can also come and join us for our walk on Wednesday 27 March at 2pm.

ENTER THE BIG MILE!

The Big Half in Greenwich, running past the iconic Cutty Sark, is being held on **1 September**, starting at Tower Bridge and finishing by The Cutty Sark. Entries will be £15 each (reduced from £56). Please see Mrs Stoneham if you would like to reserve a place.



After School Clubs

After School Club letters was sent out on Monday 18 March, so keep a look out in your e-mail Inbox as well as checking Spam/Junk folder.

LOOK!

Nursery

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

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/>

The Wednesday Word is available to families and can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

Link: [The Wednesday Word](#)

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

25 March - Passion Play - Year 5 at 6.30PM

26 March - Easter Bonnet Parade 8.45AM

27 March - Lenten Breakfast 8AM

- Big Lent Walk at 2PM

28 March - End of Term - 2PM Finish

Easter Holiday

15 April - Children return to school 8.55AM Prompt

- Year 4 Swimming

16 April - School photographers Year 6 only and any individuals missed in November.

25 April - Year 5 Class Mass at 10.15am

29 April - Year 5 Trip to Deptford Creek

30 April - Year 3 Trip to The Hub at The Glades in Bromley

- Governor's Learning Walk

2 May - Nurses in to carry out National Dental Programme. 15 Selected children across Reception and Year 1

- Year 1 Class Assembly

6 May - May Bank Holiday

9 May - Ascension Day Mass 9.15AM

13 - 16 May - KS2 SATs Week

14 May - Year 3 trip Guildhall Art Gallery and Amphitheatre



A message from Miss Collins:

Goodness me, it has been a very busy week at St. Augustine's! A visit from Ofsted was announced on Tuesday and we had our two-day inspection on Wednesday and Thursday. It was full of positive comments and I was, as ever, proud of our staff and children. The brilliance of our staff was noted as was the behaviour and achievements of our children.

Our report will be published after the Easter holiday and we will be sending each of you a copy to read and enjoy!

I think the staff deserve a good rest this weekend to be ready for all the activities next week as we journey through Holy Week to the celebration of Easter. As well as the excitement of Easter bonnets we will also experience the solemnity of the season through our Passion Play in the Church on Monday as we follow the last footsteps of Jesus on his way to the crucifixion.

Thank you parents and carers for all your support this week, your kind words and recognition of all we do at St. Augustine's is very much appreciated.