



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Thursday 28 March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another very successful term at St. Augustine's, it is amazing to look back on all that has been achieved. There are so many reasons for us to celebrate. We have been on numerous visits and welcomed visitors into school to help deepen our knowledge and understanding. The children have participated in a range of sporting activities and have been great ambassadors for our school whilst doing so. International Women's Day and World Book Day have been celebrated. Our children have shared their learning with our school community through class assemblies and have enjoyed this period of Lent. We received our Oscar Romero Award and it has been rather special to have been in school during Holy Week, you will see from the pictures below that the children, staff and families have enjoyed all the activities.

PSA

Thank you once again to our team of volunteers who have done a fantastic job in preparing hampers for our school Easter Raffle. The team have also prepared a sweet treat for every child for Easter. One member of the team was also recently evacuated from her home following a serious incident in the local area. However, St. Augustine's remained at the forefront of her mind and she still came to school and helped. How very remarkable and resilient!



The PSA have raised another £265 for our school, thank you.

Easter Bonnet Parade



Lenten Breakfast

It was pleasing to see so many families attend the Lenten breakfast. I was also very proud of how our Year 6 helpers served our school community. The Passion play was magnificent on Monday evening, just as the Easter Bonnets were on Tuesday morning. The Big Lent walk unfortunately was postponed due to the weather. However, at 2PM the sun began to shine as so we took the opportunity to go on a much shorter walk to our Parish Church. The children made banners and created a great awareness of the Big Lent Walk amongst the general public.



Big Lent Walk



Leavers

At the end of this term we say a sad goodbye to Mrs Lallijee, we thank her for all the hard work she has contributed in supporting many children across the school.

Also, Mrs Barnett is leaving us today, to pursue a teaching role in a school much closer to home. She will be sorely missed but we wish her every success in her new school, they are very fortunate to be gaining Mrs Barnett to their team.

Reception Spring Walk

Reception went on a Spring walk. They were looking for signs of spring.

The children saw blossom, daffodils, bees, birds and goslings.



Year 4

Last week Friday Year 4 visited The British Library for a 'Voyage into Maps' workshop. They had the opportunity to spend some time looking at the exhibits within the library before lunch. After lunch the year 4 children were greeted by Debbie, the educator, who led the workshop alongside Ruby. The children answered questions about different maps, examined different maps and created maps based upon some of the collected items in the treasure collection.

The class behaved impeccably throughout and we received a lovely email from Debbie congratulating the class upon our return. Mrs Thomas would like to thank the parent helpers who accompanied the class and made the day even more special for the children.



Neal Zetter

After Easter we are delighted to announce that the poet Neal Zetter will be joining us in School to give performances of his new collection of poems. Next week, we will be sending home an order form that will give you the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of his books. There are a number to choose from that will suit all ages.

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 and Saturday 15 June:

For More details please click on the link below:

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



Parent Workshop – Managing Anxiety

A workshop to help parents/carers to understand their child's anxiety in the context of their autism diagnosis, with opportunities to discuss and explore useful strategies.

Tuesday 23 April 2024 – 6pm- 7.30pm

This session will be a webinar.

Please email outreachadmin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk
or telephone 020 3143 1431 to reserve your place.

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.



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel challenge over the past couple of weeks. We recorded 889 journeys where children either walked, wheeled, cycled or scooted to school which is fantastic and especially well done to Nursery who recorded the most with 159 active journeys!

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.



Good to be Green

The following children have remained Green all Spring term, congratulations to them all!



Year 6: Mary, Reuben, Neriah, Gabriela, Valentina, Paulina, Alicja, Lucia, Sultan, Daniel, Mihaela, Fiachra, Victoria, Liriano, Jordan, Jeshmi and Yashmiga.

Year 5: Ebose, Adele, Khalista, Zac, Santi, Elize, Kashwin, Patricia, Xhezuina, Flynn, Bailey, Amy, Niarae, Davi, Abishanth, Adeola and Varshitha.

Year 4: Ini, Alexander, Talia, Rehoboth, Tobe, Isabella, Renee, Ike, Maxwell, Lolita, Micayla, Jan, Grace, Jessica, Wisdom and Ella.

Year 3: Pearson, Josyldie, Daniel, Richard, Rory, Adam, Piotr, Amber, Amelia, Amara, Chimamaka, Skylah, Godswill, Tishany and Esther.

Year 2: David, Harry, Ezekiel, Victoria, Jay-Jay, Joel, Annabelle, Azraiah, Javay, Zara, Jasmin, Knowledge, Christina, Otis, Diaz, Faidra, Divine, Kayscha, Olivia, Tabitha, Samuel, Anujithan, Kyanee, Kashawn and Marysia.

Year 1: Ese, Sophie, Eben, Julia, Amelia D, Joshua, Sienna, Hosanna, Amiyah, Kaan, Bilkisu, Onyi, Kayson, Adesuwa, Joan, Yisrael, Sharon, Naheim, Amelia S, Sebastian, Lucas, Alfie, Vasilis, Xhasmina, Mikolaj, Gabriella and Joanna.

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](#)

A huge thank you to our staff team, we have had a number of reviews which have all been a huge success. Despite the pressure some inspections bring, the staff team pulled together and presented a business as usual approach. All inspections and reviews received positive outcomes. This is as a result of having a very dedicated staff team and the most wonderful children who always strive to be the very best they can be. It is now time for us all to have a well-earned rest.

Thank you for all your kind wishes and support this term, it is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a blessed and Holy Easter!

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

- 15 April - Children return to school 8.55AM Prompt
 - Year 4 Swimming
- 16 April - School photographers Class Photos
- 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 - 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:

The end of term is here! It has been such a busy and successful term here at St. Augustine's. All through the term our children have enjoyed a wealth of enrichment activities to excite and extend their learning. The trips and visitors all add to a fabulous curriculum provision to help our children learn and develop. The activities this week have added to that learning - Passion Play, Lenten Breakfast, Easter Bonnet Parade, Big Lent walk - these have all been part of the experience our children gain so much from. My thanks, as always, to our wonderful staff who ensure that our children enjoy their learning at St. Augustine's. My enormous thanks and best wishes to Mrs Barnett and Mrs Laljee for all they have done to help our precious children. I wish them well in their futures and remind them that they will always be a part of the St. Augustine's family.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. Enjoy the break and time with your lovely children.

