



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 8 March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Every week at St. Augustine's there are fantastic activities and learning opportunities on offer for our children and this week has been no exception.

Year 6 went into the City of London this week to experience amazing views from Horizon 22 and then they enjoyed a trip to the Bank of England taking in many London landmarks along the way. Year 3 had a visitor in to talk about the River Thames as part of their Geography curriculum.

Year 5 attended their Commissioning Mass as part of their role as Mini Vinnies. They were able to participate with their counterparts from Holy Cross to celebrate becoming official Mini Vinnies. They were great ambassadors for our School and have many fundraising ideas to help those less fortunate.

We have also celebrated World Book Day this week by wearing our pyjamas to school, sharing our favourite bedtime story and bringing along our special teddy bears. The children loved all the activities arranged by their class teacher and our English Lead - Mrs Weatherhead, thank you to her for organising such a fun day. We really do value reading here at St. Augustine's and it is great to see that children are enjoying bedtime stories as these routines now, forming lifelong habits and a love of reading.

Our final celebration was International Women's Day, we had a visit from Janet Daby MP. Janet is the Member of Parliament for Lewisham East, she spoke with the children about her political priorities and answered questions about her daily role and her views on prominent politicians. We discussed why it is important to celebrate women and ensure equal opportunities for all. Our children are surrounded by inspirational women in our community and I would like to wish you all a Happy Inspirational Women's Day'.

Nursery

We have a 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.

Janet Daby in our International Women's Day Assembly



World Book Day



Unicef Convention on the Rights of the Child

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on 8 March. It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.



Year 5 Mini Vinnie Commissioning Mass

On Tuesday, our Y5 Mini Vinnies joined the Mini Vinnies from Holy Cross in a very special Mass where they made their Mini Vinnie pledge and were commissioned into their role to help those in need within their school and local community so that they can make a difference in this world. We were reminded of the important work of the Mini Vinnies, through the St Vincent de Paul Society. Our parish priest, Father Uduak led a lovely Mass and spoke to the children passionately about how to use their gifts and talents to serve; strengthen their friendship with Jesus by talking to him each day and talking to others about him and care for others in their School and community by being a friend to those who are alone, in need or in trouble.

Our Mini Vinnies are now proud members of the Vincentian family.



Year 6

On Monday 4 March Year 6 had a fabulous trip into the City of London where they travelled to the 58th Floor of Horizon 22 and saw amazing views across London and beyond. The children described the views as a once in a life time opportunity as they picked out all the landmarks of our fabulous city. After leaving Liverpool Street they went to the Bank of England and learned about the economic importance of banking. They were amazed by the weight of a gold bar!



PSA

We have arranged an own clothes day on Friday 15 March 2024, in exchange for donations from parents for the Easter Hampers. Please ensure the expiry dates do not have a short life span.
List of donations below requested from each class

Reception - Books, boxed chocolates, wines & spirits, Easter eggs

Year 1 - unused soaps, bubble bath, bath salts/soaks, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, Easter eggs

Year 2 - cakes, boxed biscuits, wines & spirit, Easter eggs

Year 3 - unused soaps, bubble bath, bath salts/soaks, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, cakes, Easter eggs

Year 4 - boxed sweets/cookies, jams, preserves Easter eggs

Year 5 - unused make up/perfume, Easter eggs

Year 6 - boxed sweets/biscuits/chocolates, Easter eggs.

Any queries please ask Mrs Renata Graver (PSA)

Many Thanks



Head of School Award



Jaway for fantastic progress in his writing



Times Tables Rock Stars

Max, Aniyah and Rehoboth for achieving 1, 2nd and 3 rd. place
respectively improvement in studio speed.

Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Angel** for playing so nicely with her friends.
Chisimdi for great problem solving in maths.

Year 1: **Xhasmina** for fantastic subtraction using a numberline.
Sharon for explain new vocabulary to her class.

Year 2: **Diaz** for her excellent singing during assembly practice.
Levi for producing a beautiful postcard in English.

Year 3: **Mohamed** for making a great effort to improve his presentation in maths.
Matheus for his observation and questioning skills in science.

Year 4: **Sherkhan** for your terrific ideas in English this week. You shared your ideas clearly and with confidence.
Jessica for coming 1st in our World Book Day crossword competition. Well done!

Year 5: **Wilson** and **Flynn** for making relevant links and plausible predictions during our Book Club session.

Year 6: **Daniel** and **Victoria** for being ready, respectful and responsible.

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

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, I will provide you with more details shortly, for now just put the date in your diary.

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 Mile is a free, family-friendly event that is held on the same finishing stretch as The Big Half in Greenwich, running past the iconic Cutty Sark. It's being held on 1 September, starting at Tower Bridge and finishing by The Cutty Sark. Entries will be £15 each (reduced from £56).

If you would like to take part you find more information and register your place at <https://www.thebighalf.co.uk/>



We will also be taking part in this year's Big Walk and Wheel between 11th and 22nd March. It is the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school challenge. Please encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible.

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 weather is getting milder and the days are longer, please try and go into the outdoors to enjoy all that Spring has to offer. A very happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Mothers at St. Augustine's.

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

- 12 March
 - Year 5 to Cinema - Bromley
 - Year 2 to Pizza Express
- 13 March
 - Science Day
- 14 March
 - Year 2 Class Assembly
- 15 March
 - Own clothes day exchange for donation to add our Easter Hampers.
- 22 March
 - Year 4 British Library
- 25 March
 - Passion Play - Year 5 at 6.30PM
- 26 March
 - Easter Bonnet Parade
- 27 March
 - Lenten Breakfast 8AM
 - Big Lent Walk at 2PM
- 28 March
 - End of Term - 2PM Finish



A message from Miss Collins:

Goodness me, it has been another hectic week at St. Augustine's full of learning and fun! It is wonderful to see the children enjoying such an enriched curriculum full of visitors, trips and experiences as well as classroom learning. The primary years are so precious and we can feed our children's minds with the excitement of learning and the joy of being inquisitive.

It is also Mother's Day this weekend and I wish all mothers within the St. Augustine's family and all those fulfilling a nurturing and motherly role for our children a very happy day. I hope that you all have the opportunity to rest, relax and maybe even be pampered a little! Thanks to all our Mums for showing our children kindness, support and love. You model it for them and they, in turn will become kind, supportive and loving people. Have a lovely weekend, happy Mother's Day!