



# St. Augustine's School Newsletter



Friday 19 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to be back to experience another term at St. Augustine's. We are looking forward to the Summer term and all the learning and fun that we will enjoy as part of it.

This week has been no exception, we had an author visit from Neal Zetter, the children were very excited to listen to him again and I know many were able to purchase a book personally signed by the author.

## Ms Scheuermann

Ms Scheuermann our Assistant Headteacher is sadly leaving us. She has secured a new position working in a Nursery as a Deputy Headteacher and SENDCO. We are very pleased for Ms Scheuermann in securing this promotion as it something she has been working towards for the past couple of years. She will be sadly missed by children, staff and the school community at St. Augustine's but we wish her every success. A letter will be sent to Year 5 Parents separately.

## Lent Fundraising

I am pleased to share with you the amounts we raised as a school during the season of Lent. For the Big Lent Walk we received donations to the value of £231.33 which includes online donations. We also supported the Catholic Children's Society, a charity that many of our families have received assistance from, the total raised was £412.31, which is amazing and can go towards helping so many families. Thank you for your generosity.

## Year 5 Class Mass

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April we will celebrate the class Mass for Year 5, it takes place in School at 10.15am. All parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for this special occasion.

## Neal Zetter

Poet Neal Zetter visited St. Augustine's this week to excite and enthrall the children. It is wonderful to see the children listen so attentively to our visitors and to see them thinking about possible careers for themselves.



## Health and Safety

At the beginning and end of each School day, please remember that children are **not allowed** to play on the play equipment, I know it is very tempting but I am sorry to say we are not insured for use at this time due to Health and safety Regulations. I would appreciate your support in this matter.

## 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 [outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk)  
or telephone 020 3143 1431 to reserve your place.

### Unicef Convention on the Rights of the Child

#### Article 6 (life survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



#### 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.



### 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.



## 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](#)



### Head of School Award



Esther for persevering with her studies and making great progress

Aaron for his wonderful poetry

Maddison and Karter for a super effort with their phonics



### Times Tables Rock Stars

Elijah, Ike and Tobe for achieving the biggest increase in coins earned.

## Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Karter** for his improvement in phonics

**Zeniyah** for settling in so well to St. Augustine's.

Year 1: **Sophie** for always being ready to learn.

**Onyi** for always working really hard.

Year 2: **Jason** for being incredibly focused and having an amazing first week back.

**Marysia** for being incredibly caring and helpful towards her peers.

Year 3: **Amara** for her really positive attitude and always making an effort.

**Annabella** for always being prepared to try something new and do her best.

- Year 4: **Micayla** for her maths this week. You have shown brilliant mathematical thinking and confidence when sharing. Well done!  
**Aniyah** for excellent maths this week. You gave clear explanations using mathematical language. Well done!
- Year 5: **Varshitha** for thinking systematically and strategically like a true mathematician!  
**Kian** for an excellent start to the Summer Term, being focused and producing work at a good standard.
- Year 6: **Mekhi** for thoughtful answers in R.E.  
**Jordan** for being a superb help at lunchtime.

## REMINDERS

### Punctuality

Whilst our attendance at St. Augustine's is above national average, there are a number of children who are late on a regular basis. Gates close at 8.55AM and your child needs to be in the classroom in order to be present for the register which is taken at 9AM. It is so important to be on time as it enables children to be ready and prepared for each school day. Each minute adds up and results in lost learning for your child.

### Absences

Please notify the school office preferable by 9.15AM, that your child has a medical/dental appointment or is feeling unwell. Please remember, if your child has vomited or had diarrhoea they will need to remain away from school for at least 48 hours (2 days) from the last episode. This is when you are most infectious, we like to keep everyone safe.

### PE Kit

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times. It is an important part of their learning and they need to have the appropriate kit to participate.

### School Playground

Due to health and safety we are unable to allow children to use our equipment before or after school hours. Children have lots of opportunities to use each area throughout the day. Sadly, we cannot be held responsible for any accidents or injuries received by any children playing on the equipment out of school times.

We will remind pupils but we would like parents to support us in this matter and not allow your child to play on equipment whilst they are in your care on the school grounds.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



One of the greatest London events takes place this Sunday. The London Marathon is a 26.2 mile race through our London streets, taking in many landmarks. There is a great atmosphere and a free event to watch in a street near you. It is an inspirational event and well worth going along to.

I do hope the weather is kind to the runners and spectators

Enjoy your weekend

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

### Dates for your Diary

- 25 April - Year 5 Class Mass at 10.15am
- 29 April - Year 5 Trip to Deptford Creek
- Year 6 Trip to Lewisham Junior Citizens Event
- 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
- 27 - 31 May - Half Term**



### A message from Miss Collins:

It was lovely to see all the children return to St. Augustine's this week after the Easter break. They have all returned with good attitudes and the St. Augustine's determination to achieve their very best. The weather has not been showing us that it is nearly summer, I have certainly experienced more April showers than I would have liked to! Please do make sure all children come to School each day prepared for rain or shine.

I hope you have a very lovely weekend and I also hope that as many of you as possible get along to witness the London Marathon on Sunday morning. It is a great feature of our city and a fabulous spectacle for our children to see. Tens of thousands of people will be leaving from Greenwich Park and Blackheath to set out on the 26 mile race. If you can please do get out there along the route and cheer them on. They are raising enormous amounts for a wide range of great causes.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!