



# St. Augustine's School Newsletter



Friday 26 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fun week at St. Augustine's, the Eco Council led an assembly on Earth Day. They explained to the rest of the school what is that we can do to help our environment and take care of our precious planet. Year 2 experienced a 'Victorian School Day' on Wednesday. There were desks arranged in rows, sports drill and the use of quills. It was interesting to see the children's reaction to having to use the Boy's and Girl's entrances in the school, something that was in existence in 1928 when the school opened.

Year 5 participated in a beautiful class Mass, it was wonderful to see so many parents come and join the children for this special occasion. Thank you to Fr. Uduak, Miss Scheuermann and Mrs Ley for supporting the children.

On Thursday you will have received a copy of our latest Ofsted Report. We are very proud with all that has been achieved over the last five years. I am happy to hear that children feel safe and enjoy coming to school. We see that on their faces each morning but it is reassuring to know that this is how they feel. There is so much to celebrate at St. Augustine's, we have wonderful polite and kind children, skilled teachers who deliver our comprehensive curriculum to ensure all pupils make good progress and a wonderfully diverse community where our differences are welcomed and celebrated. Thank you to pupils, staff, governors and parents for your positive contributions to St. Augustine's, they are very much appreciated.

Next week promises to be another exciting week, with trips for Year 6, Year 5 and Year 3.

## [The Big Mile](#)

As part of the The Big Half Marathon, 'The Big Mile' is the perfect event for first-time runners, families with children and anyone looking to get more active - plus it's accessible for wheelchair users. All participants receive a medal too! To sign up for this free event that takes place in Greenwich Park on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September please click on the link below:

<https://www.thebighalf.co.uk/the-events/the-big-mile>

## Head Pupils

Our Head Pupils are elected by members of the school staff from our Year 6 pupils. They are chosen for their outstanding qualities of leadership and responsibility and are excellent role models for all children at St. Augustine's. They will hold this responsible role for one school term. During their time of office, they will be called upon to be ambassadors for our School and will meet and greet important visitors as well as being involved in a wide range of other important and enjoyable duties. We hope that the privilege of being chosen for the role of Head Pupil will help to drive their ambitions and encourage them to be leaders of the future



## Year 2

On Wednesday Year 2 experienced what life was like in a Victorian classroom. The children sat in rows, used quills and had to follow all of the strict rules that would have been in place during the Victorian times. They practiced writing in cursive, participated in a drill session and even learned to play marbles! They had a fantastic time but all agree that they much prefer school life in 2024.



## 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

### Drumbeat Masking Parent Workshop

In this workshop we will be exploring what is meant by autistic/neurodivergent masking, listening to first-hand accounts from different individuals as they give us their unique perspectives on 'their' masking. We will consider the pros and cons for maskers and how we can support young people to manage the world in a way that is comfortable and sustainable for them.

Tuesday 14th May 2024 – 6pm-7.30pm

*These sessions will be a webinar.*

Please email [outreach.admin@drumbeatlewisham.sch.uk](mailto:outreach.admin@drumbeatlewisham.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.



### Times Tables Rock Stars

Lindsay, Nathan and Aniyah for putting a great effort into learning and practising their times tables

## Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Diamond** for knowing so much about hibernation  
**Mikai** for his interest in mini-beasts.

Year 1: **Lucus** for great use of time connectives in his writing.  
**Sienna** for always trying her best in class.

Year 2: **Annabelle** for her fantastic piece of writing on what life was in a Victorian classroom.  
**Divine** for his effort and enthusiasm during our Victorian day.

Year 3: **Max** for his great scientific thinking about gravity and black holes.  
**Lena** for fabulous reading of a poem and great projection of her voice.

Year 4: **Lolita** for your English writing this week. You edited your newspaper report independently after a conversation with your teacher. Well done!  
**Lindsay** for your focused learning this week. You are clearly more mindful of your 3Rs. Well done!



Year 5: **Antoni** for being creative in his English writing  
**Santi** for insightful comments and valuable contribution to class discussions during RE lessons.

Year 6: **Liriano** and **Mary** for an excellent piece of persuasive writing

## ENTER THE BIG HALF!

The Big Half Marathon 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.



## 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.

## 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](#)

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

## Dates for your Diary

- 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 (Postponed to Thursday 23 May)
- 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
- 20 May - Year 3 Class Assembly
- 22 May - Year 2 trip to Tate modern
- 23 May - Year 1 Class Assembly
- 27 - 31 May - Half Term**
- 3 June - INSET Day - Children do not attend school on this day**
- 4 June - Children return to school by 8.55AM prompt**
- 5 June - Year 6 to London Aquarium**



### *A message from Miss Collins:*

I was delighted to share our latest Ofsted inspection report with you this week. It clearly states all the positives that we have here at St. Augustine's including the children feeling happy and safe as well as achieving well academically. It is impossible for an inspector to see all that we would want in a two day visit - there is far too much going on at St. Augustine's to see in such a short time! I would like to thank the children and staff for their hard work and determination to achieve the very best and I would like to thank you, the parents and carers, for your support always. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.