



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 24 May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week at St. Augustine's. On Monday we held a very special collective worship led by Year 3, where we crowned Our Lady. The children led the whole school in readings, hymns and prayers to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Huge thanks to Mrs Owen, Mrs Stoneham, Mrs Zefi, Miss Stevens, Mrs Caballero and Mrs Ley for supporting the children. On Thursday, it was the turn of our wonderful Year 1 to share all they have learned through their topic of 'Explorers'. We heard about a story they have been reading along with poetry, Science, Geography, Art and of course their delightful singing. They were all amazing and I know the parents who attended were very pleased they had been able to witness the progress of our lovely Year 1 children. Thank you to Ms Igharben, Miss Bailey, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Ley for all their hard work in preparing the children so well.

Year 2 had a fabulous day at the Tate Modern this week and enjoyed the sights of the South Bank of the River Thames. We continued with our Spelling Bee across the school, congratulations to all our finalists, after half term we will announce the overall winners.

Today, Year 4 are going to showcase their Djembe skills to parents and the Year 3 class. It has been wonderful to hear the sound of drumming filling the school over the last few weeks and I know we are for a real treat this afternoon; it will be a great way to end this half term.

Thank you to all parents for showing their support and appreciation for everything we do as St. Augustine's. Your dedication to our school community always shines through in your enthusiastic attendance to school events, help with trips and cheery smiles and greetings each morning.

Year 1 Class Assembly



Year 2

This Wednesday Year 2 visited the Tate Modern. They looked at many different sculptures, paintings and collages. They even had a go at sketching some of their own versions of this artwork! They stood on top of the Millennium Bridge and identified the different London landmarks that they could see. They were excellent ambassadors for our school!



Year 3 Assembly - Crowning of Mary



Lewisham Inclusive Sports Festival 2024

The Lewisham Disability Sports Network (chaired and steered by Access Sport, Lewisham Council, GLL, Kaleidoscope, South East London Tennis and London Sport) are hosting an inclusive multi sports festival for deaf, disabled and neurodivergent children, young people and their families.

When: Saturday 8th June 2024, 2-4pm

Where: Ladywell Arena, Silvermere Road, SE6 4QX

Age: 5 - 25 years old

Eligibility: Open to Lewisham residents and those that live locally in the surrounding areas

Cost: Free

Please click here for more details: [Flyer - Lewisham Inclusive Sports Event](#)

Click here for Registration Form: [Lewisham Inclusive Multi-Sport Festival Registration Form](#)

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.

A message from Miss Forrest - Year 5

Please can you collect as much newspaper as possible over the holidays for Year five's project on their return.



Jordan for being an amazing helper at lunchtimes



Times Tables Rock Stars

Samuel, Patricia and Annabelle for their improvement in 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: **Ayra** for always listening well to instructions and doing the right thing!
Selin for her improvement in phonics.

Year 1: **Year 1** for a fantastic class assembly!

Year 2: **For the whole Year 2 Class** for being fantastic ambassadors of the school on our trip.

Year 3: **Daniel** and **Mohamed** for excellent teamwork and problem solving in computing.

Year 4: **Ike** for producing a detailed information page all about life in Ancient Egypt.
Lindsay for your great ideas in English this week. You have a fantastic imagination.

Year 5: **Adele**, **Varshitha** and **Abnishanth** for getting to the spelling bee final!

Year 6: **Mekhi** for an excellent botanical drawing.
Ava for leading the class with our morning prayers.

SPELLING BEE FINALIST



Wisdom	Amber	Yashmiga	Neriah
Grace	Chimamaka	Abishanth	David
Ike	Adam	Varshintha	Ese
Annabelle	Jeshmi	Adele	Alfie
	Lucas	Sophie	



Preparing for Transition to Secondary School

A workshop looking at how to plan for change and support independence
as your young person prepares for secondary school.

Parent Workshop

Tuesday 11th June 2024 - 6pm-7.30pm

This session will be a webinar.

Please email 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



Mental Health Awareness Week occurs every year in May and is an ideal time for us all to think about mental health, tackle stigma, and discuss how we can create school environments that protect our mental wellbeing.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zb6ngwx>

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 Date: 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>

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.



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 1st September please click on the link below:

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

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 happy half-term, I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th June,

Mrs Duffus
Head of School



Dates for your Diary

27-31 May - Half Term

3 June - INSET Day Staff Training - Children do not attend school on this day.

4 June - Children return to school by 8.55AM

5 June - Year 6 Trip to London Aquarium

11 June - Bee Man Visiting Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

- Drumbeat - Preparing for Transition to Secondary School ([Click here for details](#))

17 June - Year 6 Paddle Boarding at 1:30

18 June - Year 2 Trip to National Portrait Gallery

20 June - Reception Class Assembly

21 June - Year 5 Trip Royal Observatory, Greenwich

26 June - Year 1 Trip to Royal Observatory

27 June - Year 3 Class Mass

A message from Miss Collins:

It has been a wonderfully busy and successful half term and as it draws to a close it is important for us to look back and feel proud of all that has been achieved. Our children have enjoyed excellent teaching and learning, they have been on class trips and had visitors come into School to share knowledge and expertise. The children have participated in a range of Masses, services and assemblies to show and to share their faith and their learning. Our staff have all worked exceptionally hard to ensure that this happens and that the children of St. Augustine's receive the very best education and enjoy their primary school experience.

I hope that over the half term you have the chance to spend time with your children and maybe get to share some days out - there is so much to do in our wonderful city and lots is available to families for free. There are sights to see, parks to visit and lots of fun to be had.

Enjoy your half term and I look forward to seeing you for the last half of the summer term!