



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 3 May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have experienced some wonderful opportunities this week. Year 5 attended Deptford Creek on Monday, the sun shone and the children were so excited to share their delight at what living creatures they had found in the river. Year 3 also enjoyed a wonderful trip to learn how to reuse and recycle items, it is great to encourage the children in this way as our planet is precious and we must look after it.

Year 6 attended the annual Junior Citizen event to help with their transition from Primary to Secondary school. They were coached by the Police, Fire Brigade and Transport for London.

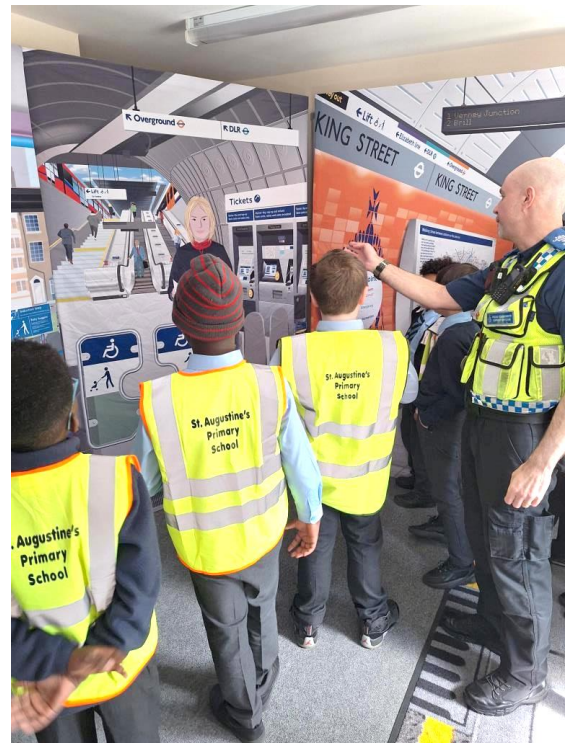
[Year 5](#)



Year 6

Year 6 attended the annual Junior Citizen event at Lee Green Fire Station which is sponsored by Lewisham Council. The children learned the importance of stranger danger and who are our safe strangers, what to do in the event that a fire breaks out in your home and about the many services that TFL provide us.

If you do not have a working fire alarm the Fire Brigade have a great service where they will provide one for you.



Year 3

Year 3 visited The Hub, in The Glades, Bromley to participate in a number of workshops linked to reusing, recycling, upcycling and protecting our local wildlife. The children brought old containers to upcycle and turn into something new, such as a plant pot. They designed posters to encourage people to protect our local wildlife such as



building hedgehog highways or log piles. In addition, the children took part in a book swap which is a good way to reuse our resources and come away with a 'new' book to enjoy! We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed our lunch and a play outside. If you want more information about what The Hub had to offer, including a library of household items to rent, there are leaflets at the school office.



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

This session will be a webinar.

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Developing Attention for Children with Social Communication Differences Parent Workshop

A workshop developing an understanding of stages of attention development in children with Social Communication Differences, including the development of activities and resources to further support engagement and communication.

Wednesday 8th May 2024 - 10am-12pm

This session will be held at:

*Drumbeat Turnham, Turnham Road,
London, SE4 2HH.*

Please email outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk

or telephone 020 3143 1431 to reserve your place

[Please click here for more details](#)

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>

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 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](#)



Times Tables Rock Stars awards were presented to Kashwin, Lindsay and Gabriel today for the most amount of time spent learning their Times Tables - Well done to them all!



Head of School Award



Nathan for his phenomenal speed on Times Tables RockStars

Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Onyekachim** for excellent maths!

Joshua for knowing lots about pandas - they eat bamboo!

Year 1: **Joan** for working hard at finding facts about Neil Armstrong.

Yisra'el for always trying his best in all lessons.

Year 2: **Jasmin** for her fantastic piece of independent art work.

David for his exceptional work in maths this week.

Year 3: **Thanik** for his clear explanations of how friction works.

Esther for creating a fantastic hinge for her box lid on the Year 3 trip.

Year 4: **Amina** for showing great perseverance this week. Well done!

Favour for your maths this week. You explored the investigations this week using mathematical thinking. Well done!

Year 5: **Mikkel** for helping to introduce me to all of the parents on my first day.

Bailey for producing amazing work in English, writing a speech as Odysseus.

Year 6: **Liriano** for excellent work in maths.

Sultan for trying really hard in all subjects.

I do hope the long weekend blesses us with some sunshine to enjoy.

Enjoy the extra day at home to spend time with your family and friends, I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning.

Mrs Duffus

Dates for your Diary

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:

Another rather damp week comes to an end! When will the summer come?

It has been lovely this week to see the children enjoying the many and various activities offered to them at St. Augustine's. The OPAL play times continue to be a great success. This week we had music playing at lunch time and children from all classes mixed together to dance, laugh and have fun. This afternoon we have enjoyed our weekly djembe sessions - a fabulous type of drumming - the rhythm and the confidence of our children is such a delight. I saw Year 3 with one child at a time leading the drumming and the rest responding as an echo, it was absolutely marvellous!

This week we said goodbye to our Miss Scheuermann. We are so grateful for all that she did for us at St. Augustine's and wish her happiness and success in her promotion to Deputy Head at a Nursery. Thank you Miss Scheuermann - you are a star!

Enjoy the lovely long weekend everyone!