



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 28 June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your generous donations today in support of the Summer Fayre. They will be sorted and prepared for next week when the Summer Fayre takes place on Friday 5th July from 3.15 - 5PM. We look forward to seeing you all there, if you are able to help in any way, even for a short while, please do let us know.

Happy Birthday to Fr. Uduak, who is celebrating a big birthday this weekend. We are so pleased to have him in our Parish and are looking forward to participating in his celebrations.

Our wonderful Year 6 Transition workshops have been taking place. They are so important in preparing the children for life beyond St. Augustine's. Today we had visits from two past pupils who now attend Bishop Challoner School, they returned to help teach the children in French lessons and also talk to Year 6 about secondary school expectations. It makes us all very proud to see how our past pupils have matured and what great ambassadors they are for St. Augustine's. It is also heart-warming to hear about the fond memories they have of their time with us.

I attended a very interesting conference around safeguarding this week. There was a great deal of information about 'Cyber Crime'. We must be vigilant and informed to ensure we are able to keep ourselves safe and also allow our children to explore the world of technology and all the possibilities it creates for our children in the future world of work.

We are very pleased with both our Phonics and Multiplication Times Tables Check results. 89% of children passed the Phonics Test and 87% passed the MTC. Congratulations to all our children and thank you to staff who prepared them so well. Individual results will be given to parents with school reports.

Please keep a lookout for details about parent workshops in the new academic year, there will be a lot on offer, more details to follow.

Whilst our attendance remains high in comparison to other schools across the borough and nationally, we know that children learn best when their attendance is consistent. Please be mindful when booking holidays and special events during term time.

Year 5 visited The Royal Observatory in Greenwich to learn more about the sun, the moon and Earth. It was a very hot day but the whole of year 5 were incredibly well behaved and great ambassadors for our school, well done year 5! During our trip, we watched an interactive show in the planetarium where we looked at the planets in our Solar System. We also took part in a workshop exploring the Sun, Earth, and Moon. The children thought about their similarities, differences, and the relative scale. They asked the astronomer really thoughtful and interesting questions during the session and I think it was clear to see we may have a few future astronomers in year 5!





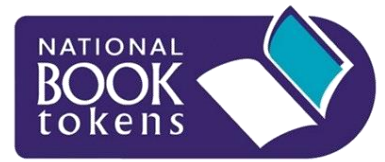
Nursery

The Nursery children had a wonderful time celebrating the Hindu Festival of Holi on Friday. The children had been learning about the Festival through various activities during Other Faiths Week, including listening to stories, painting, dancing and making sweets.



[National Book Tokens](#)

Did you know that 1 in 5 children don't have a book at home?* In fact, 1 in 7 primary schools have no library space at all - that's more than 750,000 children. Children facing poverty, who need school libraries the most, are most likely to be missing out.



Help our school rebuild our library, plus win a £100 National Book Token for yourself!

[Please click here to nominate our school by 31 July 2024.](#) (You will need to scroll down to the end of the webpage).

Or [Click here to scan the QR Code.](#)

[Piano Fun Club](#)

At St. Augustines, we believe that every child should have the opportunity to play music. We would like to offer your child the chance to learn a musical instrument during school hours.

Lessons are open to all children and will be arranged by PianoFunClub. Piano and Guitar will be taught by visiting professional tutors with all teaching material provided.

Each pupil will receive 10 lessons per term - lessons are booked in and paid for at the beginning of every new term and half term. - The tutors collect children from their classroom for their lessons.

[Please click here for more information](#)

[Multisport Summer Camp 24](#)

Get ready for a summer of action, fun, and sports galore! Join us at our multi-sport summer camp where young athletes can explore a world of games, teamwork, and skill-building. Let the games begin!

For more information please click the link below:

[Athletic Football Club Lewisham](#)

[Athletic Football Club Lewisham \(Students Eligible for Free School Meals\)](#)

[Unicef Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)

Article 2 (non-discrimination):

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



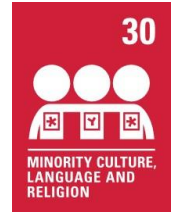
Article 8 (protection and preservation of identity):

Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.



Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups):

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live



Summer Fayre

Friday 5th July is our Summer Fayre, please read on to see requests from our PSA for donations to support this worthy cause. Please can you ensure any donated items are in date and unused. Also, the Summer Fayre requires a lot of organisation and hard work and the PSA would appreciate help from as many people as possible. Please do let a member of the PSA, School Office or Class Teacher know if you are able to help in anyway.

SUMMER FAYRE DONATIONS NEEDED

- **Nursery**- Wine/spirits, unused toiletries e.g. shampoo, deodorant, body wash, shower gel, dry/tinned food, craft items, glitter (various colours), fruit shoot, water, mixed pack sweets, cupcakes
- **Reception**- Wine/spirits, biscuits, PVA glue, hot dog rolls, canned drinks, multipack crisps, hot dogs
- **Year 1**- Wine/spirits, hot dogs, unused toiletries e.g. shampoo, deodorant, body wash, shower gel, fruit shoots, jam/preserves, water, multipack crisps, cupcakes
- **Year 2**- Wine/spirits, face paint and sponges, biscuits, wet wipes, mixed pack sweets, canned drinks, perfume
- **Year 3**- Wine/spirits, cookies, hot dogs, hot dog rolls, tinned food, unused toiletries e.g. shampoo, deodorant, body wash, shower gel, water
- **Year 4**- Wine/spirits, face paint and sponges, nail varnish, fruit shoots, chocolate, multipack crisps, craft items, glitter (various colours)
- **Year 5**- Wine/spirits, perfume, hot dogs, multipack crisps, biscuits, chocolate, cup cakes
- **Year 6**- Wine/spirits, water, sweets, unused toiletries e.g. shampoo, deodorant, body wash, shower gel, biscuits, fruit shoots, nail varnish.

Year 6- need to bring in additional cupcakes for their independent cake sale that will support raising funds for their end of year celebrations.

Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Uriel** for being a good friend to others.
Maddisson for her independent writing.

Year 1: **Year 1 Class** for giving amazing answers at the workshop on their trip to The Royal Observatory.

Year 2: **Leanna** for being kind and supportive to her class friends
Ezekiel for being focused in English when describing the setting from our book.

Year 3: **Year 3** for their beautiful class mass.

Year 4: **Talia** for a wonderfully written storybook in English this week. You also included well drawn illustrations. Well done!
Aniyah for a noticeable improvement in the presentation of your work. Well done!

Year 5: **Year 5** for all of the class for being so great on school trip.

Year 6: **Matias** for creating an excellent buddy maths book.
Mary for wonderful work on Ancient Benin.

Parent Training

We have two fantastic opportunities for parents to gain greater knowledge and understanding of a range of topics related to the difficult job of raising young people.

In September 2024 we will be running a series of Parent Workshops to help with building relationships and strategies to help with behaviour; we know parenting can sometimes be tricky and we all need a little help from time to time. More details to follow.

There is also a Metropolitan Police initiative to help parents and professionals deal with identifying signs of County Lines, gang affiliation, grooming and exploitation. The input will also include a lived experience speaker who will explain how they themselves or their children, became involved with County

Lines and/or exploitation. Whilst at primary age you believe it will not be relevant to your family it is always best to be prepared and know how to spots signs of such behaviour.

Training for parents will be on Tuesday 9th July at 7:30pm. This event is open to Lewisham residents to attend.

Please follow the link below to view further details and to book via Eventbrite:

<https://wisotrust.org.uk/webinars/>

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 wonderful weekend

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

- 2 - 10 July - Year 6 Olympic Park - Stratford
- 4 July - Year 6 West Indies Cricket Match
- 5 July - PSA Summer Fayre
- 8 - 12 July - Sports Week
- 12 July - Sports Day
- 16 July - Years 2.3 & 4 Songfest
- 15 July - Year 5 End of Year Production
- 18 July - Year 6 Leaver's Mass at 2pm
- 19 July - Nursery and Reception BPP Teddy Bear's Picnic.
- 23 July - End of Summer Term - Early Closing 2pm
- 24 July - INSET Day for Staff (Children do not attend school on this day)
- 3 September - Children return to school.



A message from Miss Collins:

What a warm week it has been! The children of St. Augustine's have been their usual wonderful selves. The end of term may be getting closer but there is still so much to do and the staff are working hard to ensure that all trips, visits, activities, productions, sports days and so much more are all in place to offer our children the very best experiences.

Looking ahead to September there is a slight alteration to my timetable I would like to let you know about. As you will be aware I currently spend two days each week at St. Augustine's and two days at Holy Cross but my fifth day is often spent working with either Lewisham Learning or Challenge Partners. From September I will be reducing the work I undertake with Lewisham Learning and Challenge Partners and will spend a day with a group of schools in East London who require some help with their primary provision. As always, all learning gained will come back to our lovely School for the good of our fabulous children.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone!