



St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 12 July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely Sports Week, we have had many inter-house competitions in a range of sports such as hockey, bench ball and team challenges. We have experienced coaching in multi-sports coach and karate. The children have been so engaged in all sessions and we are going to introduce these two coaches into our programme for after-school clubs in September. Today we have had our Sports Day, which has been great fun. Thank you to Mrs Stoneham our PE Lead for all the hard work she has put into organising the Sports week with the help of Mrs Allen. Also, for organising such a fabulous Sports Day, there is a lot of preparation that goes into this day of fun, not forgetting our wonderful kitchen staff who prepared a packed lunch for all who needed it. As usual our generous PSA paid for all the delicious ice-creams.



Last Friday we had a fabulous Summer Fayre, organised by our wonderful PSA, despite the weather, good fun was had by all. It was a great event with so much on offer. I am so pleased to tell you that we raised £1029.95 and Year 6 raised £116 on their cake stall. Thank you to the Parents and Staff team that gave up their valuable time to ensure this event happens each year. Thank you to the generosity of the PSA again, all of our Year 6 children were presented with Leavers Hoodies this week. They children were delighted and really appreciated this gift.



Huge congratulations go to our Year 6 for their superb SATS results. 86% of our pupils achieved the expected standard or above for their end of key stage 2 results, this is in comparison of a national figure of 61%. We did very well at St. Augustine's and I am very proud of all of our Year 6 children. I would like to extend my thanks to the whole staff team who have contributed to this success and also to you, our parents who have supported the children and school over the course of the last year and beyond.

Results of all statutory tests will be given with school reports. These will be available on Friday 19th July, please collect them from your child's class teacher. They need to be signed for by a parent in-line with GDPR guidelines. If you are unable to collect from the class teacher, please come to the School Office.

On Monday 15th July, Year 6 will be performing 'Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat', in the school hall. All are welcome to come and watch and I do hope all Year 6 parents will attend. Year 6 pupils will need to be in school for 6PM and the performance will start at 6.30PM. There will be a Leaver's Mass at 2pm in the church on Thursday 18th July which parents are invited to. Then a Leaver's Disco on the 19th July at 5PM, which parents can drop off the children for and then return for pick up at 7.30PM.

Tuesday 16th July a number of children in Year 2, 3 and 4 will be attending 'Songfest at Sedgehill'. Children will be taken to Sedgehill at 2:30pm to rehearse. At 4pm they will have a packed tea, which will need to be provided from home. Then at 5pm parents are encouraged to join us for the concert. Please arrive on time as there will be a number of schools there and the hall may become very busy.

[Year 6 at the Olympic Park](#)



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

Article 17, Access to information from the media

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.



Article 19, Protection from violence, abuse and neglect

Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.



Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Reception** for their superb participation in sports day

Year 1: **Sophie** and **Mikolaj** for taking part in all sport activities with a big smile!

Year 2: **Olivia** for being an excellent team player and working really hard during Sports Week.
David for his fantastic motivational speech to the class before all of our sports activities.

Year 3: **Jayden O** and **Amber** for showing great sportsmanship in our team challenge activity.

Year 4: **Isabella** for showing kindness, forgiveness and respect towards others this week. Your maturity during our PSHE conversations followed through with positive actions. Well done!

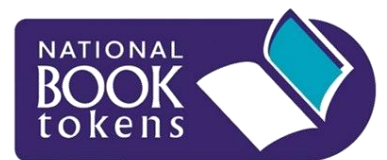
Ini for the overall improvement of the presentation of your work. You produced a beautiful double-page spread in RE this week all about World Youth Day.

Year 5: **Mikkel** for excellent teamwork all of sports week.
Cassia for amazing work in history on the Great Exhibition.

Year 6: **Lucia** and **Esther** for exceptional behaviour on our school trip.

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 \(Students Eligible for Free School Meals\)](#)

[Cricket Summer Training](#)

Junior cricket training at Catford Wanderers CC every Friday 6.15 - 7.30pm.

For more details [click here](#)

Website: <https://catfordwanderers.com/>

[Afro Caribbean Cricket](#)

Junior Training at Blackheath Wanderers Sports Club every Friday 5.00 - 6.30pm.

For more details [click here](#)

Website: <https://www.bwsc.co.uk/>

[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](#)

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://wisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

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>



The last few days of sunshine have been beautiful, I do hope we see more of it at the weekend. I spoke to many of you at the Sport's Day and I am so glad you were able to join us. There were so many smiles and happy faces at Sedgehill Sports Field. Thank you all for making it a joyous day.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

- 15 July -Year 5 End of Year Production
- 16 July -Years 2, 3 & 4 Songfest
- 18 July -Year 6 Leaver's Mass at 2pm
- 19 July -Nursery and Reception BPP Teddy Bear's Picnic.
-Year 6 Leaver's Disco 5pm
- 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:

Goodness me it has been a busy week! Sports Day today was fabulous and we were blessed with the weather - no rain! Sports Week has been fantastically well organised by Mrs Stoneham, our PE lead. She is an expert and an enthusiast in all things PE and we are very grateful to her for helping to share that enthusiasm and positivity with our children. I was delighted to see so many parents at Sports Day today, thank you for your constant support which is appreciated by both staff and children. Have a wonderful weekend. Will we see lots of tired children and staff on Monday morning after the Euros final? I do hope that they are tired but very happy and celebrating a victory for Gareth Southgate and the England team!