



# St. Augustine's School Newsletter

Friday 5 July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

There are lots of end of term preparations happening at St. Augustine's. We have only a couple of weeks to go but still so much learning and fun to fit into our busy schedule. Last Friday some of our children sang at Fr. Uduak's Mass to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and twenty-one years as a Priest. Thank you to the children and parents for making an effort to join in the celebrations and the staff who accompanied me. It was a joyous occasion and brought our community together.

This Friday the PSA are working hard to prepare for the Summer Fayre, we do hope that there will be a break in the rain so that all activities can go ahead. However, the rain cannot dampen our spirits and, as always, the PSA will do their best to make it a fun event. I look forward to seeing you there and supporting our school community. Huge thanks to the PSA for all their hard work in the past few weeks in ensuring that the fayre is a success.

The money raised by the PSA goes directly to the children, please see the photos of some recent equipment purchased with funds raised

## [PSA New Equipment](#)





### Year 6 Cricket Match

Year 6 had a great time as guests of Kent Cricket Club who opened their doors to schools to watch the West Indies play in a warm up match against an England select. As part of the fun Kent coaches took the class for a fun coaching session.



### Nursery

On Tuesday this week, the Nursery Class visited our church and met with Fr Uduak. The children were very excited to explore the empty church. They noticed the smell of incense and were very interested in the big and small statues. We have been learning about Baptism and we were able to look at the Font. When Fr Uduak joined us the children were very pleased to see him and they sang to him. He showed them the altar and the Cross that hangs above it.



## Sports Week

Next week we are holding a sports week in school. There are activities planned for the entire week and therefore children must come into school wearing their school PE kit each day. Please note that no other kit may be worn. The week will culminate in our annual Sports Day at Sedgehill School Sports Field.

On Friday the day will begin at 9.30 where children will take part in a carousel of activities.

Children should come to school as usual to be registered, they will then go up to the playing field, any parents able to accompany them on the walk would be most appreciated.

Children who have a school meal will be provided with a packed lunch, if you would rather provide your child with their own lunch for this day, please let the school office know. Those children currently on packed lunch will need to provide a packed lunch on that day too. Children should also have a sun hat and sunscreen applied before the start of the day. Alternatively, if the weather is cold or wet they should have a fleece or jacket to wear. Once the sports activities are complete, children can be dismissed from Sedgehill Sports Field. Parents must let the Class Teacher know that they are taking children from the playing field. Any children remaining with school staff will be taken back to school to be dismissed at the usual time of 3.15PM. Nursery children are warmly invited to join the Sports Day with their parents at 9.30AM, they should make their way directly to the sports field on Sedgehill Road and can be taken home when they are finished. There will be no nursery on that day. Please speak to Mrs Caballero for more details.

## 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



## Certificates of Achievement

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

Reception: **Kacper** for his interest in the life cycle of a ladybird.  
**Samson** for joining in with phonics.

Year 1: **Adesuma** for a fantastic attitude towards her learning and focus in class.  
**Vasilis** for writing a fantastic character description of a wicked witch!

Year 2: **Kashawn** for being focused in maths with addition problems.  
**Harry** for being kind and supportive to others at playtime.

Year 3: **Max** for showing kindness and being a good friend.  
**Francia** for an excellent explanation of what prefixes are.

Year 4: **Ini** for a well written letter in English this week. You included formal language, ellipsis, an exclamation sentence and postscript (p.s). Well done!  
**Rehoboth** for making a real effort in English this week. Your letter was written in character.

Year 5: **Bailey** and **Patricia** for excellent work in maths.

Year 6: **Daniel** and **Reuben** for being role models whilst on the school trip.

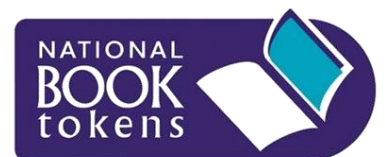
## National Book Tokens

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

## [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/>

## 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](#)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> September please click on the link below:

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

I hope to have seen you at the Summer Fayre today and wish you all a very good weekend.

Mrs Duffus

Head of School

## Dates for your Diary

- 10 July - Year 6 Olympic Park - Stratford
- 8 - 12 July - Sports Week
- 12 July - Sports Day
- 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.



- 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 an eventful week it has been - at St. Augustine's and in the UK in general! St. Augustine's has been busy and the children have been working hard and preparing for the many different events and activities they enjoy as the end of the academic year approaches. The UK has been busy voting in the general election and we now have a new Prime Minister! I do hope that you have shared the excitement of a general election with your children and encouraged them to take part in the democratic process as they grow up. We teach them this through the various roles we offer at St. Augustine's from School Council to Head Pupils and we help them to understand and take part in elections on a small scale. I am very much hoping that a new Prime Minister will result in fairer and more manageable funding for our lovely School!

Have a wonderful weekend.