



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather continues to be so warm, lots of outdoor fun has been taking place at St Augustine's this week. The Reflection Garden is being constantly used by the children, Forest School has taken place and Year 6 have learnt about the American artist Jackson Pollock and have enjoyed recreating his Abstract Expressionist style.



This week we have also been visited by the Headteacher and a senior staff member from Waulud Primary School in Luton and a member of senior staff from Caddington Village School. One staff member said, "We came to learn about the school's Feedback Policy, but we are leaving with so much more." It is always a pleasure to show visitors our wonderful school and it makes us feel so proud of our pupils.

We wish you all a happy weekend.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### European Day of Languages

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we are celebrating European Day of Languages. Children should come dressed in the colours of a European flag or in traditional costume; no money donation is requested. Children will enjoy a range of activities during the day to celebrate diversity.



### Bike To School Week

# Bike to School Week 2019

23 to 27 September

Bike to School Week is a week-long event designed to showcase the benefits of cycling to school across the UK. It is a great opportunity to promote the positive impact that an active lifestyle can have on wellbeing and health. It's free, there's no need to register, and it's a fantastic way to get warmed up ready for Sustrans Big Pedal in the spring.

During Bike to School Week we would like as many pupils, parents and staff to cycle or scoot to school.

You are able to download a free 'Guide to walking, cycling and scooting to school' and can part in the photo competition for a chance to win a brand new bike from Frog Bikes at <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-2019/>

### Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year is...

**97.38%**

Raising attendance continues to be a top priority at our school. We aim to continue to beat the National Average and achieve a minimum of 96% attendance.

The whole school community is working hard to maintain good attendance levels; we value every second our children spend learning and understand the impact it has on their achievement.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 97.04%	Year 2 – 99.31%
Year 3 – 98.28%	Year 4 – 94.64%
Year 5 – 100%	Year 6 – 96.00%

**Years 2 and 5 received a Mufti Day for 99%+ attendance this week. Well Done!**

**'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16**



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## Jewellery and Toys



Please support your children by reminding them that toys, and unsuitable jewellery e.g. bracelets and non-stud earrings, are not allowed in school.

These items can cause distraction in class, become lost or broken and be unsafe for your child and others.

Thank you for your support.

## Celebrations

### Well Done to the following children.

#### ★Star of the Week ★

- Year 1 – Bliss
- Year 2 – Bathujan
- Year 3 – Finn
- Year 4 – Chancenes
- Year 5 – Jake
- Year 6 – Jordan

#### ☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

- Year 1 – Cody
- Year 2 – Matylda
- Year 3 – Amelia
- Year 4 – Lily
- Year 5 – Kianna
- Year 6 – Bowie

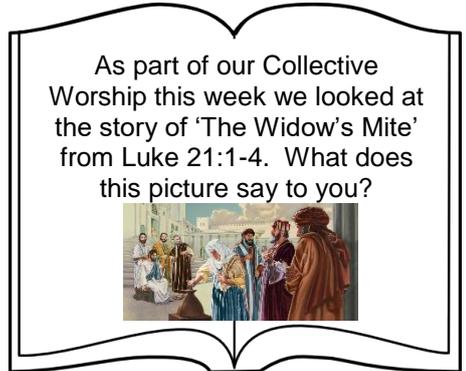
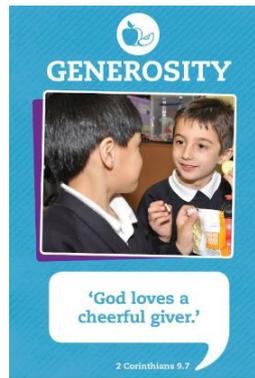
#### 📖 Reader of the Week 📖

- Year 1 – Armel
- Year 2 – Lina
- Year 3 – Mason
- Year 4 – Jasmin
- Year 5 – Kamil
- Year 6 – Lidia

#### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

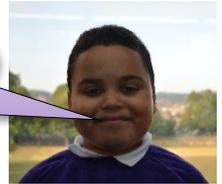
- Neptune - 288
- Mars - 257
- Earth - 298
- Venus - 242

## Value of the Half Term



## SELF Question of the Week

What are my strengths and weaknesses?



## Word of the Week



# Ethereal



**Ethereal** means 'extremely delicate, light or not of this world.'

Look to see if you can see something ethereal this week and use the word ethereal in your speaking and writing.

## Diary Dates

Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep.	BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK
Thu. 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	European Day of Languages – Mufti Day
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	EYFS and Year 1 Phonics Morning
Tue. 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Evening
Thu. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.	3:30pm - PTFA Annual General Meeting
Tue. 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	2:15pm – Year 3 and 4 Service at St Augustine's Church (Parents Welcome)

Please check the school website or App for the whole year's diary and for more information about St. Augustine's Academy.



Please note that dates sometimes need to change. We will notify you if this happens.