



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

15th November 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were honoured to have taken part in Remembrance activities this week at St Augustine's. On Sunday, pupils, Governors, parents and staff represented our school at the Remembrance Sunday parade in Dunstable town centre and on Monday the whole school met on the playground for a time of Remembrance at 11:00am. We were so proud of our children's respectfulness and dignity.



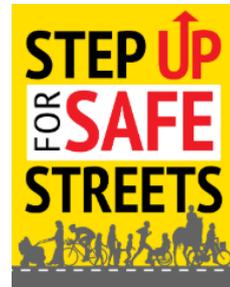
Also this week, staff attended a 'Teach Meet' where we were able to share, with other schools, our successful rise in attendance; we attended the Modeshift Stars National Award ceremony where we had been nominated for a regional award for our commitment to sustainable, active travel and we also enjoyed visiting our close neighbours at the Children's Centre to hear about the future plans under CBC as they go 0 – 12 years.

Today we also supported Children in Need and we look forward to sharing with you next week about how we took part and the amount of money we raised for this worthy cause.

Have an enjoyable weekend everyone.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Road Safety



At St Augustine's Academy we want everyone to travel to and from school safely. We can all 'step up' and play a part in staying safe. The roads around our school are 20 mph. Ensure that you keep to the speed limit. A vehicle travelling at 20mph would stop in time to avoid a child running out three car-lengths in front. The same vehicle travelling at 25mph would not be able to stop in time, and would hit the child at 18mph. This is roughly the same impact as a child falling from an upstairs window. A pedestrian hit at 30mph has a one in five chance of being killed. Use the footpaths and crossings (where available) when walking to school. If cycling or scooting, ensure that your bike or scooter is in good working condition.

Watch out for activities next week led by our new team of Junior Road Safety Officers!

Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year is...

97.09%



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 – 93.46%	Year 2 – 97.24%
Year 3 – 99.00%	Year 4 – 98.57%
Year 5 – 97.50%	Year 6 – 97.08%

Year 3 were our attendance bear winners and also receive a Mufti Day for achieving 100%. 😊

'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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Anti-bullying Week

Anti-bullying week has once again been promoted at our school and each class has done some super work on the theme of 'Change starts with us'.

Bullying, in any form will not be tolerated at our school and we remind ourselves daily to follow our 'Golden Rules' and live out our school's vision and values.



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception - Riley
 Year 1 – Bliss
 Year 2 – Lena
 Year 3 – Jay
 Year 4 – Billy
 Year 5 – Lillie-Mai
 Year 6 – Harvey

☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Olly
 Year 1 – Cody
 Year 2 – Betty
 Year 3 – Jacob
 Year 4 – Amelie
 Year 5 – Jake
 Year 6 – Lara

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception - Miryam
 Year 1 – Alex
 Year 2 – Santiago
 Year 3 – Christopher
 Year 4 – Summer May
 Year 5 – Kayla
 Year 6 – Katie

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 246
 Mars - 228
 Earth - 270
 Venus – 236

Value of the Half Term



SELF Question of the Week

What should I do when I find things difficult?



Word of the Week



Empathy

Empathy means 'to understand and share the feelings of another.'

Try to use the word **empathy** in your speaking and writing.

Diary Dates

Mon. 18 th Nov.	Road Safety Week
Wed. 20 th Nov.	6:00pm Year 6 SATs Information Evening
Mon. 25 th Nov.	Christmas Post Box ready
Fri. 29 th Nov.	PTFA Chocolate Mufti Day
Mon. 2 nd Dec.	Year 6 Mock SATs Week Santa Challenge
Fri. 6 th Dec.	Christmas Service (Parents too!)
Mon. 9 th Dec.	2:45pm – Year 1 Christmas Show
Tue. 10 th Dec.	9:15am – Years 2 & 3 Christmas Show 2:00pm – Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Show
Wed. 11 th Dec.	9:15am – Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Show 2:00pm – Years 2 & 3 Christmas Show
Thu. 12 th Dec.	9:15am – Year 1 Christmas Show
Fri. 13 th Dec.	9:15am – Reception Christmas Show 3:20pm – PTFA Christmas Fayre
Tue. 17 th Dec.	Christmas Dinner

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.