



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, children in three different year groups have been trying out their cookery skills. Year 1 have been making toast and jam sandwiches while learning to follow instructions; Year 5 have been making rice and learning about the various diets of people around the world and Year 4, below, have been making their own pizzas which they chose as part of a class reward.



These are all things that children can help to cook at home so hopefully they might use their skills to help prepare some delicious family meals.

Also, this week, our Year 5 children enjoyed a trip to Manshead C of E Academy to watch their fantastic production of Peter Pan. The children had a wonderful time and it was lovely to see some of our old pupils taking part and doing so well.

Engaging NSPCC talks also took place for our older pupils this week where they were reminded to speak out and stay safe.

Lastly, we are really pleased to see our attendance rise again this week but we are thinking of our pupils who are poorly at the moment, especially those with chicken pox. We hope you get better soon.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### School Site news



Our Site Agent has been working really hard to develop both our Forest School and school garden this week. 11 new trees including, maple, silver birch, pine, oak and more have been planted in our Forest school to aid its growth. You may have seen him on the digger in the school garden creating a new, larger pond, raised vegetable beds and flower borders. It is really exciting to see our school developing in this way and we will continue to update you on progress. Let's all work together to look after and respect our school environment and enjoy nature.

### Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year is...

**96.08%**

Raising attendance continues to be a top priority at our school. 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.

We aim to be above the national average of 96% and are currently in-line with this.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 95.56%	Year 2 – 96.79%
Year 3 – 98.62%	Year 4 – 97.14%
Year 5 – 95.35%	Year 6 – 96.00%

**Year 3 were our attendance bear winners 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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## School Gate



Please be reminded that all children must use the pedestrian footpath, in and out of the school grounds, at the beginning and end of the school day, unless specific permission to use the car park has been given to their grown up. Walking unnecessarily through the car park is a dangerous choice to make and it is important that our children are safe at all times and have safe choices modelled to them.

## Celebrations

### Well Done to the following children.

#### ★Star of the Week★

Reception – Kaysie-Mae  
Year 1 – Cody  
Year 2 – Cody  
Year 3 – Kai  
Year 4 – Ciaran  
Year 5 – Kamil  
Year 6 – Kacie

#### 😊 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 😊

Reception – Sabina  
Year 1 – Kenzie  
Year 2 – Kenny  
Year 3 – Alice  
Year 4 – Xander  
Year 5 – Lillie Mai  
Year 6 – Harvey

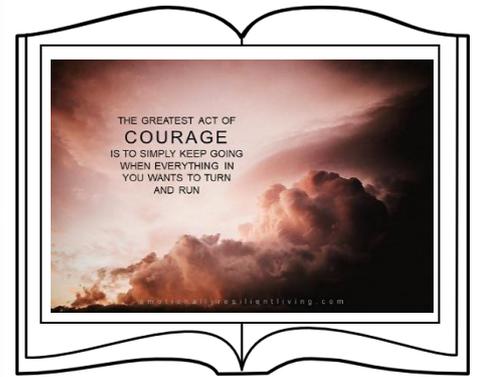
#### +x÷ Mathematician of the Week +x÷

Reception – Mason  
Year 1 – Charlie  
Year 2 – Angelo  
Year 3 – Ryan  
Year 4 – Skye  
Year 5 – Alex  
Year 6 – Jordan

#### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 238  
Mars - 260  
Earth - 284  
Venus - 230

## Value of the Half Term



## SELF Question of the Week

Why do we have rules?



## Word of the Week



# Brisk



The word '**Brisk**' means to be active and energetic.

Why don't you take a **brisk** walk this weekend or take part in some **brisk** exercise to raise your heart rate?

## Diary Dates

Fri. 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Interim Reports Out
Tue. 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Evening
Fri. 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	2:30pm - EYFS Stay and Play Session Last Day of the Half Term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Children back to school

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.

