



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

23rd March 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter is nearly here and as a school we have been learning about the importance of Easter to Christian people all around the world.



The beautiful Gethsemane garden, pictured above, was produced by Mrs. Babiak and the school Gardening Club. It is currently being displayed in our Reception area but will then journey to St. Augustine's Church where it will spend the Easter holiday.

During the last week, pupils have also had the opportunity to visit St. Augustine's Church where they have taken part in Easter Activity Days. The children thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities that they participated in and we would like to thank the members of St. Augustine's Church who helped to make the visits so special.



Also this week, we hosted an event looking at the assessment of pupils' work in Year 4 called 'Comparative Judgement'. It was a privilege to show educational professionals from 3 local schools around our school; as always, our pupils enjoyed showing off their learning and the school's 'Rule Buddies'.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Celebration Assemblies next week. (Please see the Diary Dates section for details)

Best wishes
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Sports and Active Travel

Sport has been a big focus for our school this week with Sport Relief taking place. We are pleased to inform you that £115.00 has been raised for the charity. Thank you everyone for your kind donations.



As a school, we are now embarking on many initiatives to encourage healthy lifestyles and increase the amount of exercise that we participate in.

To hit the Government's new target of children having 60 minutes of exercise a day, we have introduced the 'Daily Mile' and also a range of lunchtime clubs run by All For Sport.

This week our Year 5, Milton Monkey, Sports Leaders have been trained to use Balance Bikes with our Reception pupils and they continue to engage pupils with a range of lunchtime games and activities on both the playground and field.



Encouraging pupils to walk, cycle or scooter to school is also a big focus at St. Augustine's Academy and the draft version of our Active Travel policy can be found on the policies page of our school website.

We will be taking part in the BIG PEDAL from 23rd April so please put this date in your diaries.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.08%. This is higher than last year but we still need to aim higher. Our attendance target is 96%!



Let's keep working together to improve attendance for all our pupils and give them the best possible life chances. Attendance really does count! Thank you.

Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Alan Beard
 Year 1 – Kai Lloyd
 Year 2 – Mason Bryden
 Year 3 – Kamil Sokolski
 Year 4 – Nathan Sutton
 Year 5 – Angel Burnham
 Year 6 – Natalie Zubrycki

The SELF question for next week is:

*****What have I learnt about being self-sufficient?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Forgiveness

+ - x ÷ Mathematician of the Week + - x ÷

Reception – Daniel Allard
 Year 1 – Tyler Smart
 Year 2 – Erin Keen
 Year 3 – Kayla Impey
 Year 4 – Declan Jones
 Year 5 – Charlie Newport
 Year 6 – Nicola Jakubas

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Poppy Roberts
 Year 1 – Mason Ireson
 Year 2 – Soraya Strachan
 Year 3 – Lillie West
 Year 4 – Lola-Mae Evans
 Year 5 – Bianca Floarea
 Year 6 – Amy Sutton

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 166
 Mars (Red) – 176
 Earth (Green) – 138
 Venus (Yellow) – 134

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 95.71%
 Year 2 – 97.59%
 Year 3 – 97.5%
 Year 4 – 92.59%
 Year 5 – 96.09%
 Year 6 – 97.5%

**Year 2, you were our highest attenders this week.
 Well Done!**

Holiday Club



Diary Dates

Mon. 26 th Mar.	2:45pm - End of Term Celebration Assembly – EYFS, Year 1 and 2
Tue. 27 th Mar.	2:45pm - End of Term Celebration Assembly – Years 3 to 6
Thu. 29 th Mar.	Last day of term
Tue. 17 th Apr.	Children return to school
Mon. 23 rd Apr.	The Big Pedal
Sat. 28 th Apr	FOSA Spring Fayre
Tue. 1 st May	Parent Forum
Mon. 7 th May	Bank Holiday – Children not in school
Mon. 14 th May (All Week)	KS2 SATs WEEK
Week Beginning Mon. 21 st May	Bikeability (Year Groups to be agreed)
Fri. 25 th May	Last day of half term
Tue. 5 th June	Children return to school
Fri. 22 nd June	Sports Day
Fri. 20 th July	Last day of term