



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our pupils have taken part in a range of exciting learning opportunities that have enhanced our curriculum. Below, you can see some of our proud Year 5 pupils who have been learning kitchen knife skills. Each pupil made a healthy pasta salad to take home for their tea. Delicious!



Also this week, Year 5 visited the London Science Museum and had a wonderful time enjoying the amazing 3D cinema and workshop activities. Years 2 and 6 had a fantastic trip to Kidzania and we held our annual Sports Day. (More about this next week!)

A special thank you also goes to our Year 1 pupils for their special Class Assembly this week. You did the school proud!

Amanda Howes - Headteacher.

### Collective Worship Suggestions

We are considering the timings for our Collective Worship next year and would like to ask for your suggestions regarding the worship that, as parents/carers, you are invited to.



Currently, parents are invited to Thursday morning Celebration Assemblies, end of term Award Services and Class Assemblies in the summer term.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding any of these events then please do talk to one of us or e-mail the school with your comments. Your opinions and thoughts matter. Thank you.

### Year 5 Science Museum Trip



On Monday, Year 5 spent an amazing day at The Science Museum. They watched a 3D film about bugs, on one of the largest IMAX screens in the UK, which explored various lifecycles and other fascinating creatures from the rainforest. After a quick walk through The Flight

Zone the children took part in a Science show all about electricity.

Finally, they spent time exploring the Wonderlab, an interactive gallery with hair-raising live Science shows. They got to speed



down slides to explore forces and friction, see lightning strike at the Tesla coil and travel through the universe under a canopy of stars. What a fantastic day!

### Learn to Ride a Bicycle

**Ditch those stabilisers!**

Learn to ride on two wheels. Come along after school on **Thursday 5th July** and get going. Contact the school office to book your place.

**Date:** Thursday 5th July  
**Time:** 3:30pm  
**Venue:** St Augustine's Academy playground

Please bring a bike and a parent/guardian.

Contact [alister.barclay@staugustrans.com](mailto:alister.barclay@staugustrans.com) 07917 084663 if you want more information about the session

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Would you like your child to learn to ride a bike? If so, please visit the office to collect a form to allow your child to attend a special 'free' session where they can learn the skills needed.

All that is required is your child, a bike and you!

Please don't let this opportunity pass you by. Safety is important.

## Celebration Assembly

### 😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Tarabi  
 Year 1 – Alice  
 Year 2 – Jasmin  
 Year 3 – Alfie  
 Year 4 – Micah  
 Year 5 – Lucas  
 Year 6 – Kamil

The SELF question for our next school week is:

**\*\*\*What has made me feel proud this year?\*\*\***

Our value of the half term is:

**Respect**

### ✍️ Writer of the Week ✍️

Reception – Lena  
 Year 1 – Caiden  
 Year 2 – Lily  
 Year 3 – Jane  
 Year 4 – Abby  
 Year 5 – Conner  
 Year 6 – Blessing

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Sophia  
 Year 1 – Alfie  
 Year 2 – Daniel  
 Year 3 – Zak  
 Year 4 – Reegan  
 Year 5 – Frankie  
 Year 6 – Natalie

### 🏠 Housepoints

Neptune (Blue) – 245  
 Mars (Red) – 209  
 Earth (Green) – 218  
 Venus (Yellow) – 238

### ✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 95.36%  
 Year 2 – 92.41%  
 Year 3 – 95.38%  
 Year 4 – 95.93%  
 Year 5 – 98.75%  
 Year 6 – 96.25%

**Year 5, you were our highest attenders this week!**

**Well Done!**

## Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.52%. This is the highest our school attendance has been this year but we still need to aim higher. Our attendance target is 96%!



We have recently had a couple of requests for holiday leave of absence. Please can we remind parents and carers that holidays during term-time are not exceptional circumstances and will not be authorised. A fixed penalty notice may then be issued.

Taking children out of school is detrimental to their learning and it is proven that children with high levels of absence are often a school's lowest attainers. Our pupils already have 12-13 weeks school holiday a year, please do not add to this. Many thanks for your support.

## Class Photographs

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, class photographs will now be taking place. Please ensure that children come to school, as usual, in smart, correct, school uniform. Thank you.



## Diary Dates

Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability (Years 4, 5 and 6)
Tue. 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00am Reception Class Assembly
Thu. 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00am Year 4 Class Assembly
Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photographs
Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Church Activity Days
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transfer Day and 'Meet the Teacher' (After School)
Thu. 5 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am Year 5 Class Assembly
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Activity Days
Mon. 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2:45pm - End of Year Celebration Assembly – Years 3, 4 and 5
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> July	6:00pm - Year 6 Leavers' Event for Year 6 pupils and parents
Thu. 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2:45pm - End of Year Celebration Assembly – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term