



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

18th January 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week of trips, visits and exciting lesson opportunities taking place at St. Augustine's. Some of our older pupils in Years 4-6 attended a rousing 'Rapper' event at the Incuba; Junior Police Squad took place for Year 5, Years 4 and 6 had an inspiring trip to Amazon and the whole school shared in a Great British Classics Dining Experience. We will be introducing a variety of themed days in our kitchen, some of which will celebrate various Saints' days.

In addition, Reception have been very busy learning about Traditional Tales and especially the story of the Three Little Pigs. Early Years are part of an exciting project called 'Hello' which is aimed at developing pupils' 'Communication' and 'Reading'. This week, Victoria Rempel from the Peter Pan Teaching School, visited us to see what we have been doing.

Some of the changes we have made in Early Years include: the introduction of books to enhance each learning activity; free-flow activities which last throughout the day; a text rich environment and a new home library.



We received very positive feedback about our Early Years provision and look forward to introducing Forest School, a board game library and more opportunities for parents to see 'in-school' learning in the weeks to come.

We hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Year 4 and 6 – Amazon Visit



Years 4 and 6 had a fantastic trip to the Amazon warehouse in Dunstable this week. As part of the visit, they were given a tour of the depot where they saw how robotics are used to shuffle cages of products around the site; how parcels are packaged to ensure that goods are protected during delivery and how packages are transported, via conveyors, throughout the factory.

Both pupils and staff alike, were excited to have been given the opportunity to visit a company that employs many workers from our local community, and to experience what factory life is like. We would like to pass on our thanks to the amazing Amazon staff who hosted the visit and to the Amazon company for paying for our transport to and from the factory; it was very much appreciated. We look forward to more pupils visiting in the future.

Attendance

Our attendance so far this academic year is...

95.93%

Raising attendance at our school is a top priority for this year. Our school target is 96%, which is the National Average; this is what we aim to achieve.

Our attendance is now just below the National Average.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 94.67%	Year 2 – 94.29%
Year 3 – 95.17%	Year 4 – 97.27%
Year 5 – 94.29%	Year 6 – 95.83%

Year 4 were our attendance winners this week. Well Done!



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

😊 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 😊

Reception – Amelia-Lilly
 Year 1 – Daniel
 Year 2 – Callum
 Year 3 – Ciaran
 Year 4 – Kayla
 Year 5 – Katie
 Year 6 – Charlie

+x÷ Mathematician of the Week ÷x+

Reception – Charlie
 Year 1 – Tyler
 Year 2 – Tyler
 Year 3 – Summer
 Year 4 – Andi
 Year 5 – Sasha
 Year 6 – Andile

★Star of the Week ★

Reception – Oscar
 Year 1 – Daisy-Mae
 Year 2 – Alfie
 Year 3 – Jack
 Year 4 – Kamil
 Year 5 – Amara
 Year 6 – Poppie-Flo

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 217
 Mars - 247
 Earth - 257
 Venus - 240

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Cantankerous

Cantankerous means 'bad tempered, grumpy and uncooperative'.

Can you use the word 'cantankerous' in your speaking and writing this week?

Parent Forum

On Tuesday 22nd January at 9:00am, we will be holding our half termly Parent Forum.

The Parent Forum is a way for the school to share its future plans with you; listen to your views and answer any questions you may have about the school.

On Tuesday we will be looking at the school's vision map and talking about ways in which we can support parents in helping their children with their learning at home. We hope you can come along; it would be good to see you.



Diary Dates

Tue. 22 nd Jan	9:00am Parent Forum
Tue. 5 th Feb	Parent Consultation Evening (EYFS – 5) Safer Internet Day
Wed. 6 th Feb	Parent Consultation Evening (EYFS – 6)
Fri. 8 th Feb	Last Day of Half Term
Mon. 18 th Feb.	Children Return to School
Fri. 22 nd Feb.	PTFA Valentine's Disco
Thu. 7 th Mar.	World Book Day – Book Character Mufti
Fri. 15 th Mar.	Comic Relief
Mon. 1 st Apr.	2:45pm – Years R, 1 and 2 Celebration Assembly
Tue. 2 nd Apr.	2:45pm – Years 3 – 6 Celebration Assembly
Fri. 5 th Apr.	Last Day of Term
Tue. 23 rd Apr.	Children Return 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 and we will notify you if this happens.

'SELF' Question of the Week

Why do we have rules?



Our Value for this half term is...

PERSEVERANCE



'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4:13

"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."
 Hebrews 3:10:36

It can sometimes be difficult to keep going when the going gets tough. Keep persevering though; it will be worth it.

Celebration Assembly takes place at 9:00am every Thursday morning. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

