



St. Augustine's Academy Newsletter

29th September 2017



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has flown by and it has been made extra special by celebrating European Day of Languages. We were also visited this week by two local Headteachers who commented on the lovely feel of the school; it was good to be able to share all that we are doing at St. Augustine's with them. Being able to attend a Diocesan Headteachers' Day at St. Albans this week was also a valued time of learning about the role of the church school and the support available to us from a range of educational professionals.

Next week, we are looking forward to meeting you at our Parents' Evenings. Please come a little bit early so that you can look at your children's books in their classrooms before meeting with their class teacher in the school hall. Children are more than welcome to attend.

We hope that the sun continues to shine this weekend and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday for another full and exciting week.

Amanda Howes
Headteacher

Website

www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk

This week, we met with the School Council to seek their views about the appearance of the school website. We looked at a variety of websites to see what we liked and didn't like and then made a list of features that we wanted to see in our new look site. The School Council asked for our new website to be free from clip art and to have lots of photographs. They didn't like the pencil tabs and one school councillor said the current look of the site would 'prevent people from taking us seriously'. It was also requested that the school colours, purple and yellow, were used on the home page.



Following this meeting we then met with our website providers to begin the process of redesigning the site. Hopefully, in 6-10 weeks' time, our new look site will be up and running. The website will contain the same information as it does now but will just have a much more modern feel about it. We are really excited about our new site and will keep you informed of progress.

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European Day of Languages



European Day of Languages was an enjoyable day of learning where we celebrated the cultural diversity of our school community.

Children came to school dressed in European costume or flag colours and throughout the day greeted each other in a variety of languages. In addition, each class prepared a colourful poster about a European country which they shared in a special afternoon assembly.

Thank you parents and carers for supporting the day by sending the children to school in such wonderful costumes and for the work you put in at home to prepare the children for the day. We saw some super pieces of home learning which the children were delighted to share with us. We would also like to say a huge thank you to parents who came into school to talk to the children about their culture; it was much appreciated.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 95.22%, which again is a rise from last week. Well done everyone! We are getting very close to our 96% target now. Let's keep working together to improve attendance and give our pupils the best possible life chances. Attendance counts! Thank you.



Earrings



If your child is unable to remove their earrings for PE, please provide them with tape to cover them so that they do not get caught and cause injury. Thank you.

Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Carlos Aviero
 Year 1 – Kai Lloyd
 Year 2 – Lily Marks
 Year 3 – Lillie-Mai West
 Year 4 – Lara Catlin
 Year 5 – Rhys Cox
 Year 6 – Claudiu Olaru

The SELF question for next week is:

*****What are my ambitions?*****

Our value of the week is:

Generosity

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Kenny Andrews
 Year 1 – Amelia Sullivan
 Year 2 – Yasmin Travagli
 Year 3 – Erin Lewry
 Year 4 – Jordan Allard
 Year 5 – Charlie Newport
 Year 6 – Jasmine Massey

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Alayah Hinds
 Year 1 – Jason Holmes
 Year 2 – Jack Shannon
 Year 3 – Rosie Reilly
 Year 4 – Sasha Bignall
 Year 5 – Frankie Parker
 Year 6 – Nicola Jakubas

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 121
 Mars (Red) – 136
 Earth (Green) – 148
 Venus (Yellow) - 143

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 95.6%
 Year 2 – 96.6%
 Year 3 – 95.45%
 Year 4 – 94.9%
 Year 5 – 94.9%
 Year 6 – 93.8%

Well Done Year 2 for being our highest attenders this week.

Harvest



At St. Augustine's Academy we always like to celebrate Harvest and God's provision by sharing food produce with our local community.

This year, our Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday October 18th at 2:30pm and parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Donations of tinned or fresh food items are welcomed and these may be brought into school by your child from Monday 9th October.

The school value that we are remembering at this time of year is 'Generosity' which fits in perfectly with Harvest. We look forward to being able to share Harvest with you.

Diary Dates

Tue. 3 rd Oct.	3:30pm–5:30pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 4 th Oct.	4:30pm–6:30pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 18 th Oct.	2:30pm Harvest Festival
Thu. 19 th Oct.	7:00pm – PT FA Annual General Meeting
Fri. 20 th Oct.	Halloween Disco Last day of the half term
Mon. 30 th Oct.	Children return to school
Tue. 7 th Nov.	Grammar Workshop
Tue. 21 st Nov.	Parent Forum
Wed. 29 th Nov.	Cinema Night
Tue. 19 th Dec.	Last day of term

*****Celebration Assemblies***** take place every Thursday morning at 9:00am in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend and share in the achievements of our pupils.