



St. Augustine's Academy Newsletter

5th October 2017



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week. The feedback we received about the new organisation of the evenings was extremely positive and we are pleased that you enjoyed having the opportunity to look at your children's work in their classrooms. Also it was good to hear that you valued being able to bring your children along to Parents' Evening; we believe that this sends a strong message to our pupils that we are all working together to support them in their learning.

This week, we saw a lead member of the Central Bedfordshire School Improvement Team visit our school. In the past couple of years, the school has been struggling to ensure that pupils meet their potential; the steps we are taking to put the school back on track were recognised and we were greatly encouraged by this.

St. Augustine's Academy are due an Ofsted inspection imminently; we know that it will be difficult to maintain the 'Good' grading we currently have with the school's historic attainment data but we will be able to show the steps we are taking, and have already taken, to help our children excel in their learning and fulfil their potential.

Once again, we thank you for your kind words and support that you show for the school.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you all back at school again on Monday.

Amanda Howes
Headteacher

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.59% which unfortunately is a dip from last week. We appreciate that some children have had a nasty sickness bug and hope that they are now fully recovered. We have disinfected all school door handles to help keep unwanted germs at bay. Let's keep working together to improve attendance and give our pupils the best possible life chances. Attendance counts! Thank you



Weaving in Year 4



Year 4 are learning weaving skills as part of their Art work about Mayans. Weaving can be a rather tricky skill to learn as it involves good hand-eye coordination and the use of fine motor skills. We are sure you will agree that the concentration on their faces is amazing.

Lining-up

The organisation of collecting children at the end of the school day is causing a bit of frustration for the whole school community. To ensure that we fulfil our duty of care, teachers must hand children to their designated adult; due to the volume of people and the design of our school building this can take a long time to do.



From Monday 9th October, we will be trialling something new which we hope will help.

Year 1 and 2 children will leave school via the doors they leave through at the moment, however Years 3 and 4 will be delivered to parents via the far door near the Early Years end of the building. Years 5 and 6 will be escorted to the entrance where they will walk out with their class teacher to meet their parents/carers in the playground.

When arriving to collect children, parents can you please line up in the playground, just as you do when bringing your children to school in the morning. This will enable staff to see who is waiting and avoid a large gathering of people outside the school entrance doors.

We look forward to seeing if this helps to alleviate congestion; please let us know your feedback after trialling it for a few days. Thank you.

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Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Lexi Walker
 Year 1 – Alice Connell
 Year 2 – Clark Andrews
 Year 3 – Kianna Robertson
 Year 4 – Shea Graffin
 Year 5 – Jessica McColl
 Year 6 – Natalie Zubrycki

The SELF question for next week is:

*****How can I be more self-aware as a learner?*****

Our value of the week is:

Generosity

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Tarebi Egbegi
 Year 1 – Damian Browne
 Year 2 – Jack Shannon
 Year 3 – Kayla Impey
 Year 4 – Ellie Sullivan
 Year 5 – Mia Keen
 Year 6 – Nathan Ince

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Jamie Angove
 Year 1 – Tyler Smart
 Year 2 – Amelie Battams
 Year 3 – Melisa Dudianu
 Year 4 – Ross Angove
 Year 5 – Lucas Catlin
 Year 6 – Tiphanie Reynolds

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 92
 Mars (Red) – 115
 Earth (Green) – 120
 Venus (Yellow) - 108

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 94%
 Year 2 – 95.5%
 Year 3 – 91.19%
 Year 4 – 94.48%
 Year 5 – 91.3%
 Year 6 – 83.75%

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

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

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 (Please remember to return your reply slip if you wish your child to attend.) Last day of the half term
Mon. 30 th Oct.	Children return to school
Tue. 7 th Nov.	Grammar Workshop – For all parents and carers
Tue. 21 st Nov.	Parent Forum – A chance to share your feedback and thoughts with senior staff
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.