



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

2nd February 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a week of making connections. Headteacher, Mr. Mike Smith from Manshead Academy, visited our school once again, to talk to pupils and spend time after school talking with parents.

Our School Improvement Partner visited the school and was pleased with the progress that pupils are making; and I had the pleasure of attending the 'Called, Committed, Connected' conference in London with other headteachers; some from our local schools.

Still on the theme of 'connection', we are looking forward to connecting further with you next week at our Parents' Evenings and hope that you are looking forward to viewing your children's work and meeting with their class teacher. Please remember to bring your child's Interim Report with you.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

CHUMS

'Shine Bright, Wear Bright'
Mufti Day - Friday 9th February



St. Augustine's will be promoting positive mental health alongside many local schools across Bedfordshire. Many children go through tough times, just like adults, and the smallest act of kindness, and learning to be yourself, can make a big difference.

Next week, CHUMS launch "Shine Bright, Wear Bright." All children are invited to wear brightly coloured clothes for a Mufti day on Friday 9th February 2018 to 'spread a little kindness' and to 'be yourself'. A donation of £1.00, to support this charity, would be greatly appreciated.

Also as part of the week, children will take part in art and poetry competitions and a range of other activities.

CHUMS provides Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Services to over 3,150 children and young people from Luton and Bedfordshire every year. The children they meet need specialist support to help with anxiety, increase self-esteem and build resilience. With your help, experienced clinicians are able to provide the right support, at the right time, for each individual child - allowing them to go forward and reach their full potential.

Football



Last weekend, 9 footballers, from Years 3 and 4, pulled on the school colours to represent St Augustine's in a football match versus Lancot Academy.

Every player gave their all for 40 minutes and they were unlucky not to get on the score sheet as a reward for their efforts.

A special mention goes to Peyton in Year 3 who showed great courage and determination; from the first minute she played until the last. She was commended by the opposing coaches and deserved the player of the match recognition that she received.

Well done to everyone involved; our game is improving every match! The next fixture is on 13th February 2018.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.29%. We have made improvements in our attendance this year but we are still below our attendance target of 96%.



On your pupils' Interim Report, which will be coming home with your child tonight, you will be able to view your child's current attendance figure. Please remember that an attendance figure of 90% is the equivalent of a pupil missing half a day off school, for every week of the school year.

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.

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Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Carlos Aveiro
 Year 1 – Jacob Brodie
 Year 2 – Clark Andrews
 Year 3 – Jessicka Antony Premini
 Year 4 – Ellie Sullivan
 Year 5 – Eimantas Bartkevicius
 Year 6 – Blessing Nakueti

The SELF question for next week is:

*****What have I learnt about self-control?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Courage

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

Reception – Stephen Amaritei
 Year 1 – Aidan Evans
 Year 2 – Jacob Turner
 Year 3 – Kamil Sokolski
 Year 4 – Charlie Langley
 Year 5 – Mia Keen
 Year 6 – Jasmine Massey

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Tarebi Egbegi
 Year 1 – Amelia Sullivan
 Year 2 – Jack Shannon
 Year 3 – Evie Philpott
 Year 4 – Abby Gazeley
 Year 5 – Lealand Massey
 Year 6 – Tiphonie Reynolds

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 262
 Mars (Red) – 321
 Earth (Green) – 233
 Venus (Yellow) - 243

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 91.43%
 Year 2 – 91.00%
 Year 3 – 92.50%
 Year 4 – 88.52%
 Year 5 – **96.96%**
 Year 6 – 95.63%

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

Website



Please continue to visit and explore our school's website at www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk where you can find out useful information about our school.

By visiting the Pupils – Learning Zone tab, you can also find links to a range of safe, online websites which children can visit to help them with their learning. We are sure they will find them useful. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Tue. 6 th Feb.	3:30pm – 5:30pm Parents' Evening
Wed. 7 th Feb.	4:30pm – 6:30pm Parents' Evening
Fri. 9 th Feb.	CHUMS Mufti Day – Children should wear bright clothes and, if possible, donate £1.00 4:30pm – 5:30pm – Years R, 1 and 2 School Disco 5:45pm – 7:00pm – Years 3 – 6 School Disco Last day of the half term
Mon. 19 th Feb.	Children return to school
Thu. 1 st Mar.	World Book Day – Book character Mufti-Day
Fri. 23 rd Mar.	Sports Relief – Mufti Day
Thu. 29 th Mar.	Last day of term
Tue. 17 th April	Children return to school
Mon. 14 th May (All Week)	KS2 SATs WEEK
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