



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

23rd February 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredibly exciting start to the half term it has been. Our new Behaviour Policy is up and running and the children can already tell everyone the 3 new Golden Rules, **'Show Respect, Be Kind, Try Our Best'**, if asked.

It has been a delight to hear the many stories of kindness that have happened during this last week. Especially heart-warming, have been the stories of children nominating each other to receive the Rule Buddies and the delight seen on the faces of pupils who have received stickers, knowing that when they receive 5, they will get a prize.

We are also pleased to inform you that, from this week, pupils are now being taught all of their PE lessons by 'Sports 4 All' trained specialist teachers. The school will also be offering additional sports clubs and the opportunity of competing in a variety of inter-school competitions as the year progresses. Our pupils have the potential to excel at sport and we want to give them every opportunity to do so.



Another highlight of the week is that Reception Class had their first experience of Forest School. They ventured out in their coats and wellies, to explore nature, experience the delights of

being outdoors and look for animals in the trees.

The children absolutely loved the experience, as you can tell by the happy faces of the children in the photographs.



The children can't wait for Forest School again in five days' time.

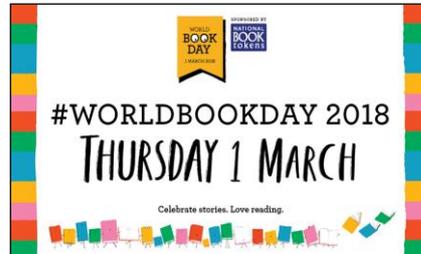


Next week also promises to be an exciting week for our pupils with World Book Day taking place. We can't wait to

celebrate books and reading together as a school.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

WORLD BOOK DAY 'Thursday 2nd March'



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March where the whole school will be getting excited about books!

On this special day, children should come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book.

During the day they will be participating in lots of exciting activities. Both children and teachers will be sharing their favourite books from home or school; pupils will hope to 'Get Caught Reading' in the hope of winning a prize; and they will meet a real life author, Martin Smith, who will visit the children to share his books and experiences as an author. There will also be an opportunity to buy his book, at a reduced price of £2.00, at the end of the school day.

Also, during lunchtime, some children in Year 5 will be running a book swap stall. If you have a children's book from home, in good condition, that you would like to swap for a different book, then this will be your chance.

World Book Day promises to be a wonderful day, so join in the fun, enjoy books and celebrate the love of reading with us!

Gardening Time

We are really excited to announce that, this week, we have begun to clear and prepare the ground in our school garden ready for planting fruit and vegetables.



Under the guidance of our wonderful volunteer, Mrs. Babiak, some of our Year 2 pupils have already begun digging the raised beds, as part of a lunchtime activity.

The children have informed us that the first fruit they are going to grow are strawberries. We can't wait to taste them in the summer. We will make sure that we keep you all informed of the garden's progress.

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Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Taya Randall
 Year 1 – Ruby Jebutu
 Year 2 – Chace Colbert
 Year 3 – Luke Monaghan
 Year 4 – Lidia Suchar
 Year 5 – Beatrice Cojocar
 Year 6 – Tiphonie Reynolds

The SELF question for next week is:

*****What can I do by myself and what do others do for me?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Forgiveness

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Reception – Tarebi Egbegi
 Year 1 – Finn Griffiths
 Year 2 – Logan Green
 Year 3 – Kayla Impey
 Year 4 – Jack Barker
 Year 5 – Conner Baatz
 Year 6 – Claudiu Olaru

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Daniel Allard
 Year 1 – Amelia Sullivan
 Year 2 – Lily Marks
 Year 3 – Jane Walker
 Year 4 – Kacie Cook
 Year 5 – Leonard Cojocar
 Year 6 – Nicola Jakubas

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 162
 Mars (Red) – 179
 Earth (Green) – 160
 Venus (Yellow) – 170

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 94.33%
 Year 2 – 96.55%
 Year 3 – 93.33%
 Year 4 – 89.78%
 Year 5 – 97.41%
 Year 6 – 85.00%

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

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.1%. At the end of Spring 1 in 2017, the school attendance figure was 93.55% so we are seeing improvements in our attendance this year. We still need to aim high though; our attendance target is 96%!



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.

Diary Dates

Thu. 1 st Mar.	World Book Day – Book character Multi-Day
Fri. 2 nd March	'Five Alive' Fire Safety visit – Year 5
Tue. 6 th March	Parent Forum
Fri. 16 th March	Easter Activity Day at St. Augustine's Church
Fri. 23 rd Mar.	Sports Relief – Mufti Day Easter Activity Day at St. Augustine's Church FOSA Quiz Night
Mon. 26 th Mar.	2:45pm - End of Term Celebration Assembly – EYFS, Year 1 and 2
Tue. 27 th Mar.	2:45pm - End of Term Celebration Assembly – Years 3 to 6
Thu. 29 th Mar.	Last day of term
Tue. 17 th Apr.	Children return to school
Sat. 28 th Apr	FOSA Spring Fayre
Tue. 1 st May	Parent Forum
Mon. 7 th May	Bank Holiday – Children not in school
Mon. 14 th May (All Week)	KS2 SATs WEEK
Week Beginning Mon. 21 st May	Bikeability (Year Groups to be agreed)
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