



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

2nd March 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your positive comments about our school being open during today's snow. It is never an easy decision opening a school in inclement weather, but we are so pleased that we were able to do so. A full team of staff made it into school today as well as 78% of pupils. Thank you everyone!



In the words of Darlean, one of our Year 4 pupils, "Our school is open today because we need to learn!" She is right; we will always do our best to keep our school open because children's learning is so important!

This week has seen some wonderful learning taking place. As well as World Book Day being celebrated, Reception



Class continued their Forest School, Year 1 built the Great Wall of China and some amazing PE took place with our Sports for All coaches.

In addition, Mrs. Kate Hooft, Principal of The Vale, visited our school. She commented on the, "Lovely feel," that our school has; it was lovely to see the children talking to her all about our new school rules and behaviour system. Have a good weekend!
Amanda Howes – Headteacher.

WORLD BOOK DAY



What a wonderful day World Book Day was! The children, and staff, looked amazing in their costumes and it was great to be able to celebrate books and the

love of reading together. Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a range of reading related activities.



Paired reading took place throughout the school with our older children sharing



books with our younger pupils. You can see by the faces of the children in the photos just how much they enjoyed reading together and it was heart-warming to see the encouragement and

patience that our older pupils displayed.



Each class was also visited by our visiting author, Martin Smith, who shared his book 'Treasure Tree'



with the children. The pupils really enjoyed listening to the poems and learning about what it was like to be an author.

One of our biggest highlights of the day was the 'Book Swap' which was led by our Year 5 children. Pupils brought books into school which they had finished reading at home. They then had an opportunity to swap them with another book.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day so special for our pupils.

Happy Reading!



Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Alayah Hinds
 Year 1 – Alice Connell
 Year 2 – Kayden King
 Year 3 – Kianna Robertson
 Year 4 – Wyatt White
 Year 5 – Tomek Kobylecki
 Year 6 – Nakita Lawrence

The SELF question for next week is:

*****How does it feel to try something new?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Forgiveness

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

Reception – Tyler Murphy
 Year 1 – Finn Griffiths
 Year 2 – Batia Egbegi
 Year 3 – Peyton Egbegi
 Year 4 – Harvey Waterson
 Year 5 – Frankie Parker
 Year 6 – Amy Sutton

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Lina Panaee
 Year 1 – Ethan Hand
 Year 2 – Lily Devlin
 Year 3 – Jessicka Premini
 Year 4 – Lidia Suchar
 Year 5 – Courtney Impey
 Year 6 – Dylan Walker

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 139
 Mars (Red) – 178
 Earth (Green) – 145
 Venus (Yellow) – 157

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 94.16%
 Year 2 – 96.95%
 Year 3 – 89.62%
 Year 4 – 91.43%
 Year 5 – 95.65%
 Year 6 – 79.73%

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

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.06%. 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

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

Website

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