



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been one of the busiest weeks we have seen at St. Augustine's so far this academic year. The children have taken part in some amazing learning and we have welcomed many visitors to our school.



Year 2 were visited by our local fire service



and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon learning about fire safety. They even had the opportunity to use the hoses which was very exciting.

Our Year 6 pupils have been working exceptionally hard with their learning and those attending Booster Groups are finding them really helpful. Even though English and Maths are a big focus for our school, pupils enjoy a wide range of additional subjects as part of their curriculum. Here is a picture of Year 6 pupils making gargoyles, out of clay, as part of their Art curriculum.



In addition, this week we held a Parents' Forum where we were delighted to be able to share our 'Prize Box'; pupils dip into this when they achieve 5 stickers. Year 1 also had their Parent Consultation evening. Both events were very positive and we would like to thank parents and carers for their attendance.

Also this week, Year 4 took part in the trial for the new Times Tables test which the government are implementing in 2019/20. It was exciting to be chosen for the trial and we would like to thank our Year 4 pupils who took part with enthusiasm and a determined sense of responsibility.

Visitors to the school this week included our School Improvement Partner, Bob Hopcraft, who had a very positive and rigorous meeting with Governors, and Craig White from the Ranstad Supply Agency.

Craig had asked St. Augustine's if we would allow him to spend time at our school getting a feel for what it was like to be in a school classroom. We were privileged to be asked and thoroughly enjoyed having Craig as an additional pair of hands in the classroom for the morning. Craig thoroughly enjoyed his visit and commented on the excellent behaviour of our pupils. Craig now has an excellent understanding of our school which will help him to find us suitable supply staff, if ever we need them.

This week has also seen our Gardening club continue to clear our school garden in preparation for growing fruit and vegetables. It is hard work digging and clearing the ground but the children are showing great perseverance and determination.



Finally, we wish to inform you that Mrs. Sue Smart, who has been our school business manager for more than 20 years, will be leaving us at Easter. Sue has been a kind and valued member of staff and we are sure that you join with us in wishing her all the very, very best for the future.

We will keep you all updated regarding recruitment at our school. Please visit the school's website where you will find information about current positions available.

Best wishes  
Amanda Howes - Headteacher.

### Milton Monkeys



This week, we are pleased to inform you that some of our Year 5 children have been trained as Milton Monkey play leaders. These children will lead games and activities for children at lunchtime and be ambassadors for health and fitness at our school. Well done to all of you!

## Achievements and Awards

### 😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Rico Strachan  
 Year 1 – Elise Goode  
 Year 2 – Jasmine Rowe  
 Year 3 – Evie Philpott  
 Year 4 – Micah Connage  
 Year 5 – Charlie Creasy  
 Year 6 – Szymon Rysak

The SELF question for next week is:

**\*\*\*How can I be more independent?\*\*\***

Our value of the half term is:

**Forgiveness**

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

Reception – Alexandra Majerska  
 Year 1 – Jay Hickman  
 Year 2 – Kyle Ireson  
 Year 3 – Melisa Duduianu  
 Year 4 – Abby Gazeley  
 Year 5 – Andile Masola  
 Year 6 – Ben Allard

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Jamie Angove  
 Year 1 – Zuzanna Sliczniuk  
 Year 2 – Kayden King  
 Year 3 – Luke Monaghan  
 Year 4 – Lewis Kudzibatira  
 Year 5 – Emily Rudy  
 Year 6 – Jasmine Massey

### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune (Blue) – 296  
 Mars (Red) – 279  
 Earth (Green) – 226  
 Venus (Yellow) – 204

### ✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 91.07%  
 Year 2 – 90.69%  
 Year 3 – 95.00%  
 Year 4 – 94.81%  
 Year 5 – 91.30%  
 Year 6 – 86.25%

**Year 3, you were our highest attenders this week.  
 Well Done!**

## School Driveway Safety

At this week's Parent Forum, it was mentioned that parents are continuing to come into the carpark at the rear of the Children's Centre at the end of the school day. It is vital that parents do not drive onto the site to collect pupils. It is incredibly dangerous and, unless this stops, someone could end up causing an accident where a pupil gets seriously hurt. No-one wants this to happen! Please be sensible and courteous.



We are currently working with local professionals to try to implement more stringent parking controls around our school to make it safer for everyone.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 93.95%. This is higher than last year but we still need to aim higher. 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

Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Activity Day at St. Augustine's Church
Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar.	Sports Relief – Mufti Day Easter Activity Day at St. Augustine's Church FOSA Quiz Night
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	2:45pm - End of Term Celebration Assembly – EYFS, Year 1 and 2
Tue. 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	2:45pm - End of Term Celebration Assembly – Years 3 to 6
Thu. 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Last day of term
Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Children return to school
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	FOSA Spring Fayre
Tue. 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Parent Forum
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – Children not in school
Mon. 14 <sup>th</sup> May (All Week)	KS2 SATs WEEK
Week Beginning Mon. 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Bikeability (Year Groups to be agreed)
Fri. 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of half term
Tue. 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term



# FOSA NEWS

## **Committee change**

Following two failed attempts to vote for a new committee, Sharon Bowman has taken the decision to step down as Chair and Rebecca Weeden has stepped down as Secretary. Until the next AGM, Rebecca will be acting Chair and Sharon will be acting Secretary. This will mean FOSA can continue to work towards fund raising and holding events for our children's enjoyment.

## **Spring Fair – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

We are busy planning the Spring Fair. If anyone would like to help with the planning, or can offer to help on the day, please speak to one of the team (see below) or come along to our next meeting, everyone is welcome. If you have any soft toys that you can donate, or any items for the tombola, we would be very grateful.

## **How are we spending money raised?**

We are currently talking with the school about buying outside equipment for the children. This may include all weather table tennis tables and a reading shelter for the garden that children can use during breaks. We will let you know how the money you have helped us raise will be spent as soon as a decision has been made.

## **FOSA committee:**

Rebecca Weeden - Acting Chairman  
Sharon Bowman - Acting Secretary  
Moira Wollington - Treasurer

## **FOSA members:**

Stacy Evans  
Paul Allard  
Lucy Allard  
Emma Gibson  
Lisa Impey  
Sinead Kinsella  
Charlotte Green

We welcome anyone who would like to join FOSA. If you would like to further information please contact one of the team and they will be happy to help.

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## Quiz Night – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

FOSA is holding a quiz night on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. However this is an adults only event with the minimum age being 16.

There will be a prize of £50 for the winning team and a wooden spoon for the team that comes in last place!

Teams can bring their own drinks (alcohol is permitted) and snacks.

To enter a team (of up to six people) please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March in a sealed envelope marked 'Quiz Night' and enclosing the entrance fee of £2 per team member.

We are expecting demand to be high, with a limited number of tables available. Tickets will go fast so don't forget to book your team a place.

### FOSA Quiz night, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm

Team Name:

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Team Members:

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Contact Number:

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Entry Fee enclosed (£2 per team member):

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Please enclose this slip with the correct entrance fee in a sealed envelope titled 'FOSA Quiz Night' and hand it in to the school office