



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

20th April 2018



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Easter break; we hope you had an enjoyable holiday and are looking forward to the sunnier weather that the summer term brings.

To start this newsletter, we would like to share some exciting news with you. Our school has achieved its Bronze School Mark for Active Travel. This is due to the fantastic work the school has been doing in encouraging children to walk, bike and scooter to school and give them the skills they need to do so safely.



During the school holiday, extensive work was done to the footpath leading up to the school and a zebra crossing was painted across the road. Please ensure your children's safety by following our school's pedestrian route. Please do not walk pupils through the car park to enter through the back gate. This route may be quicker but it is not the safe option and staff will redirect you.



Also this week, we were pleased to welcome four of our Governors into school for the morning. They spent time observing learning taking place across the school, talking to staff and meeting with some of our school councillors. It was a valuable morning of sharing how our school has improved and seeing St. Augustine's in action.

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term so please take time to read all of this newsletter as it contains lots of important information.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher.

St. George's Day Monday 23rd April

On Monday 23rd April it is St. George's Day. Any pupil who belongs to a uniformed organisation such as Brownies, Cubs, Beavers or Rainbows may wear their uniform to school. We look forward to seeing you in your uniforms and celebrating with you.



The Big Pedal Monday 23rd April – Friday 4th May



Get set... we are taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2018, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

The challenge runs from 23rd April to 4th May. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to be involved.

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. Our best 5 days will determine our final position in the challenge. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

This is a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

You and your family can also win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Post a photo of you and your child cycling or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin. To be in with a chance of winning, follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook [facebook.com/Sustrans](https://www.facebook.com/Sustrans). Be sure to check the terms and conditions found on the Big Pedal website prior to entering the competition.

All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way; parent & sibling journeys count too!

For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk

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Gardening Club Update



Gardening Club have been working hard this week weeding, planting strawberries and making a fantastic scarecrow. We all need to watch our scarecrow carefully during the year as we have heard that he likes to dress up for special occasions!

London's Burning



Year 2 had a thought-provoking time as they watched their cardboard, replica, London houses burn until there was nothing left but ash. Teaching history in this way really brings it to life. We are sure that our pupils will always remember learning about the Great Fire of London

Netball Club



This week we were really excited that our new, after-school, netball club began. Following the gold medal success of the GB women's netball team at the Commonwealth Games, there was a huge turnout for the club. Who knows, maybe one of our pupils will be a gold medal winner one day!

The Daily Mile



During Sport Relief, pupils and staff took part in a mile walk altogether around our school field. As you can see from the picture above, we all had a lot of fun.

Every break-time, our pupils are still being encouraged to walk or jog a mile. We hope that this extra exercise will really help to boost our pupils' health and well-being.

Music Curriculum



Inspire Music is helping to enhance our Music Curriculum by providing our pupils with exciting opportunities to play a range of musical instruments together. In the picture above, you can see our Year 3 pupils enjoying learning to play African djembe drums. They have a super sound and the children had to concentrate very hard to ensure they were able to copy and keep to the rhythms.

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Achievements and Awards

😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Betty Newport
 Year 1 – Zuzanna Sliczniuk
 Year 2 – Mason Bryden
 Year 3 – Lillie-Mai West
 Year 4 – Declan Jones
 Year 5 – Lealand Massey
 Year 6 – Amy Sutton

The SELF question for next week is:

*****What makes you want to stay in bed in the morning?*****

Our value of the half term is:

Forgiveness

✍️ Writer of the Week ✍️

Reception – Stephen Amaritei
 Year 1 – Jacob Brodie
 Year 2 – Summer-May Graur
 Year 3 – Evie Philpott
 Year 4 – Katie Hopper
 Year 5 – Beatrice Cojocar
 Year 6 – Nakita Lawrence

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Maliscia Martin
 Year 1 – Kiera Keyte
 Year 2 – Jacob Turner
 Year 3 – Kayla Impey
 Year 4 – Caitlin Weeden
 Year 5 – Poppie-Flo Brodie
 Year 6 – Blessing Nakueti

🏠 Housepoints

Neptune (Blue) – 111
 Mars (Red) – 114
 Earth (Green) – 85
 Venus (Yellow) – 101

✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 94.05%
 Year 2 – 96.55%
 Year 3 – 94.44%
 Year 4 – 91.36%
 Year 5 – 97.10%
 Year 6 – 95.83%

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

Chocolate Mufti Day Wednesday 25th April

The Spring Fair will soon be here and one of the stalls that we hope to run is a Chocolate Tombola.



On Wednesday 25th April, we would like all children to come to school in mufti and bring with them a voluntary chocolate donation which will be put into the tombola.

Thank you for your support.

Sun Safety



Being sun-safe is essential for this time of year. Children must come to school, each day, with a sun hat and water bottle.

They should also have a strong factor sun-cream applied before they come to school, in the morning, which will last for the duration of the school day. If children need to bring extra sun-cream to school they may do so but it is for their own personal use, must not be shared and must be applied by them.

Thank you for helping our children to be safe in the sun.

Diary Dates

Mon. 23rd Apr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Big Pedal St. George's Day – Children belonging to uniformed organisations may wear their uniforms to school
Wed. 25 th Apr.	Chocolate Mufti Day for the Spring Fair
Sat. 28th Apr	PTFA Spring Fayre (See attached poster)
Tue. 1st May	9:00am – Parent Forum
Mon. 7th May	Bank Holiday
Mon. 14th May	KS2 SATs WEEK
Mon. 21 st May	Bikeability (Year groups to be confirmed)
Fri. 25 th May	Last day of the half term
Tue. 5 th June	Children return to school
Fri. 22 nd June	Sports Day
Fri. 20 th July	Last day of term



28th April 2018

10am - 1pm

Football Tournament

10am Year 3 & 4

St Augustine's Academy Vs Lancot Academy

11am Year 5 & 6

St Augustine's Academy Vs Ashton St Peter's

Treasure Hunt

Please email fosa.ptfa@gmail.com to book

Places must be booked and paid in advance

Supporters; Perfect Personalised Parties, Nat's House Childminding Services, Thurlow Nunn, Claire @ Tropic Skincare, The Butchers Dunstable, Lily the Ink, Zoom Photography Studio, Grove Theatre



Fancy Dress competition 50p

Entry by 11:30 on the day

Prizes for best dressed

Bouncy Castle

Candy Floss, Snow Cones, Popcorn

Assault Course

Guess the Teacher

Chocolate Tombola

Face Painting

Adopt a Teddy

Raffle

How many balloons in a car

Ice Cream Van

Refreshments

Downside Neighbourhood Centre activities for younger children

Beavers, Scouts and Cubs Stall

Sand Art

Gardening Stall

Raffle

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