



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are delighted to be able to share the news with you, that our school has been judged 'Good' by Ofsted. We would like to thank the whole school community for the work that has gone towards achieving this outcome.

You will see, when reading the report, that we were judged 'Good' for 'Effectiveness of leadership and management', 'Quality of teaching, learning and assessment', 'Personal development, behaviour and welfare' and 'Early Years Provision'. The school was judged as 'Requires Improvement' for 'Outcomes' based on the school's poor performance results over the last three years. If you read the 'Outcomes' section of the report however, you will see that it is still a very positive read in terms of the rapid improvements that have been made this year. Next week, when we report our end of year results, you will see this improvement for yourselves!

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible at our Celebration Assemblies next week. Please take a look at the diary, on page 2 of this newsletter, where you will find all the necessary information.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher.

### Hendon Trip - Year 4



This week, our Year 4 pupils stepped back in time as they put on their 1940s clothes and were evacuated to Hendon.



They had a wonderful day learning about World War 2 and gained a feel for what life was like in those tumultuous times. Teaching History in this way, captures children's imagination, broadens their experiences and is tremendous fun!

### Kite Making in Year 2



Year 2 had a wonderful time this week, making and flying kites, as part of their Design and Technology project.

The delight on the children's faces was a joy to see as they raced around the field with their kites soaring behind them.

Well done Year 2!

## Celebration Assembly

### 😊 SELF Award 😊

Reception – Tyler  
 Year 1 – Jay  
 Year 2 – Summer-May  
 Year 3 – Kayla  
 Year 4 – Lidia  
 Year 5 – Frankie  
 Year 6 – Logan

The SELF question for our next school week is:

**\*\*\*What have we done well as a class this year?\*\*\***

Our value of the half term is:

**Respect**

### ✍️ Writer of the Week ✍️

Reception – Maliscia  
 Year 1 – Caiden  
 Year 2 – Leon  
 Year 3 – Zak  
 Year 4 – Caitlin  
 Year 5 – Courtney  
 Year 6 – Szymon

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Stephen  
 Year 1 – Chaynee  
 Year 2 – Jamie  
 Year 3 – Peyton  
 Year 4 – Tyler  
 Year 5 – Channelle  
 Year 6 – Jessica

### 🏠 Housepoints

Neptune (Blue) – 145  
 Mars (Red) – 141  
 Earth (Green) – 144  
 Venus (Yellow) – 110

### ✓ Attendance ✓

Year 1 – 94.19%  
 Year 2 – 94.74%  
 Year 3 – 93.81%  
 Year 4 – 94.2%  
 Year 5 – 95.58%  
 Year 6 – 95.15%

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

**Well Done!**

## Attendance and Punctuality

We have been disappointed that a couple of families have decided to take their children out of school for holidays recently; particularly alarming, has been how absence has been reported by families as 'sickness' rather than 'holiday' absence.

Putting children in the position of having to tell untruths about their absence is unkind; we should be teaching our children the values of honesty and respect.

Please remember that even though it is near the end of the school year, children's learning will take place up until the last day of the term. Please do not take your children out of school for holidays; they will be unauthorised. Learning is vital to ensure that children have the best life chances.

Our current overall attendance is 94.64%, which although is the highest so far this academic year, is still below the National Average of 96%.



## Diary Dates

Mon. 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2:45pm - End of Year Celebration Assembly – Years 3, 4 and 5 (Parents invited to attend)
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> July	6:00pm - Year 6 Leavers' Event for Year 6 pupils and parents
Thu. 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2:45pm - End of Year Celebration Assembly – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Parents invited to attend)
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
Tue. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	Children return to school
Tue. 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	9:00am Parent Forum
Tue. 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	9:00am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm Phonics Workshops
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	European Day of Languages Mufti Day
Thu. 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	3:30pm – PTFA Annual General Meeting (All parents/carers invited)
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	9:15am – KS2 Service at St. Augustine's Church (Parents/Carers invited)