



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

16th November 2018



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent and Carers,



It was lovely to see so many people at the Remembrance Day parade and service on Sunday. Being able to lay a wreath on behalf of the school community was a real privilege for us. The pictures above show Dunstable's beautifully refurbished war memorial with its sea of red poppies beneath.

We have had many visitors into school this week. Eight teachers from local schools came to see teaching and learning taking place in Years 1 and 2, and the Headteacher from Alameda Middle School came to view the school's Feedback Policy in action. It was good to be able to share our school with others in the educational community.

This week we have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week and have championed Children in Need. Parent Forum was well attended and provided interesting discussion about school trips and visits. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school through everything that has taken place recently. It is much appreciated. We hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Anti-bullying week

The theme for Anti-bullying week this year was 'Choose Respect' which echoes one of our school rules and values.

At St Augustine's, Behaviour is good. We support all children to treat one another with kindness and to recognise and report when this does not occur.

Through our week's activities, we have been helping our children to understand the definition of respect and know that bullying is a behaviour choice. They have also been learning that we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other. We all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online.



Attendance

Our attendance so far this year is...



96.24%



Raising attendance at our school is a top priority for this year. Our school target is 96%, which is the National Average; this is what we aim to achieve.

Our attendance is now in-line with the National Average. Well Done Everyone!

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 93.21%	Year 2 – 96.90%
Year 3 – 97.59%	Year 4 – 100%
Year 5 – 94.48%	Year 6 – 97.92%

Year 4 were our attendance winners this week and receive a Mufti Day. Well Done!

Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

😊 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 😊

Reception – Alaa
Year 1 – Maliscia Mai
Year 2 – Bobby Lee
Year 3 – Ciaran
Year 4 – Andi
Year 5 – Darlean
Year 6 – Leonard

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Amber
Year 1 – Carlos
Year 2 – Aaron
Year 3 – Sally
Year 4 – Luke
Year 5 – Lidia
Year 6 – Nicole

★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Katelyn
Year 1 – Lina
Year 2 – Ethan
Year 3 – Kyle
Year 4 – Zak
Year 5 – Nathan
Year 6 – Andile

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 144
Mars - 193
Earth - 184
Venus - 185

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Unique

Unique means 'to be the only one of its kind' or 'unlike anything else'.

Can you use the word 'unique' in your speaking and writing this week?

Diary Dates

Wed. 21 st Nov.	6:00pm Yr6 SATS information evening
Fri. 23 rd Nov	Chocolate Mufti-Day for Christmas Fayre
Mon. 26 th Nov.	Christmas Post Box opens
Mon. 3 rd Dec.	Pantomime – Peter Pan (At school)
Fri. 7 th Dec.	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Tue. 11 th Dec.	9:15am – Yr1, 2 and 3 Christmas Performance 2:00pm – Yr4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Wed. 12 th Dec.	9:15am – Yr4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance 2:00pm – Yr1, 2 and 3 Christmas Performance
Fri. 14 th Dec.	9:15am – Reception Christmas Performance
Mon. 17 th Dec.	9:00am – Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 Celebration Assembly 2:45pm – Years 3 – 6 Celebration Assembly
Tue. 18 th Dec.	Christmas Dinner
Wed. 19 th Dec.	Christmas Jumper Day and afternoon Christmas Parties

Please check the school website or App for the whole year's diary and for more information about St. Augustine's Academy.

Please note that dates sometimes need to change and we will notify you if this happens.



'SELF' Question for next Week

What should I do when I find things difficult?



Our Value for this half term is...

TRUST



'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'

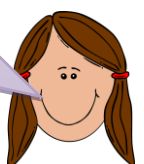
Psalm 18.2

"Trust and wait for what is still unseen."

Romans 8:24

Trust and patience go hand in hand. Try not to be impatient with others as you wait for answers. Trust and patience often reap their rewards.

Celebration Assemblies take place at 9:00am every Thursday morning in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.



Children in Need

Today we were supporting Children in Need by holding a Spotacular Mufti-Day and a Bake Sale. The children looked amazing in their spotty outfits!

Thank you to everyone who has donated money or cakes. We look forward to telling you, next week, about how much money we have raised.



SATs Meeting

On Wednesday 21st November at 6:00pm, we will be holding a SATs meeting to which we would like all Year 6 pupils to attend with their parent/s.

The aim of the meeting is to inform you about what the SATs involve, how pupils will be preparing for them at school, and how to help your children at home.

In the week beginning Monday 3rd December, Year 6 pupils will be taking part in a Mock SATs week which will be of the same format as the 'real' SATs next year. At Wednesday's meeting, you will find out more about the week and what it entails.

Year 6 pupils have been informed of the importance of the evening. They have created invitations for their parents/carers which they will be bringing home after school today.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.



PTFA Chocolate Mufti Day

On Friday 23rd November we will be holding our annual Chocolate Mufti Day. Please come to school in normal clothes and bring a chocolate bar with you.

All donations will become part of the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

Many thank in advance for supporting your school and the PTFA. It is much appreciated.



What children need to know about

ONLINE BULLYING



What is online bullying?

ONLINE BULLYING – ALSO KNOWN AS CYBERBULLYING – IS BULLYING THAT TAKES PLACE ON THE INTERNET OR VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES. IT CAN INCLUDE:

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, DIRECT MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACKING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING RUDE OR MEAN TO SOMEONE WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCKING THEM FOR NO REASON

BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEBODY SAID THIS TO ME?



**National
Online
Safety**

#WakeUpWednesday

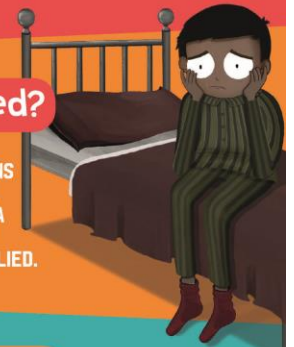


Why does it happen?

GOING ONLINE MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SAY AND DO THINGS THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO FACE TO FACE. ONLINE BULLIES DON'T GET TO SEE THEIR VICTIMS' REACTIONS IN REAL LIFE, SO THIS CAN COCOON THEM FROM THE REAL DAMAGE THAT THEY ARE DOING. QUITE OFTEN, PEOPLE BULLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH SOMETHING DIFFICULT THEMSELVES AND TAKING IT OUT ON OTHERS IS THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW TO GET CONTROL OF THEIR OWN EMOTIONS.

How does it feel to be bullied?

BEING BULLIED CAN IMPACT ON YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. BECAUSE IT HAPPENS ON YOUR PHONE, TABLET OR COMPUTER, IT CAN FEEL LIKE YOU ARE UNDER THREAT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS YOUR BEDROOM, DON'T FORGET...IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU'RE BEING BULLIED.



Am I an online bully?

SOMETIMES IT ISN'T OBVIOUS THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS WRONG, BUT IF YOU USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO UPSET, ANGER OR EMBARRASS SOMEONE ON PURPOSE, THIS MEANS YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ONLINE BULLYING. IT MIGHT BE AS SIMPLE AS 'LIKING' A MEAN POST, LAUGHING AT AN ONLINE VIDEO, OR SPREADING A RUMOUR, BUT THE PERSON BEING BULLIED COULD FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING GANGED UP ON. THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU, EVERYONE CAN MAKE MISTAKES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM THEM – GO BACK AND DELETE ANY UPSETTING OR NASTY POSTS, TWEETS OR COMMENTS YOU'VE WRITTEN.

Who do I tell?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BULLYING ON YOUR OWN. TALK TO AN ADULT THAT YOU TRUST – A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR TEACHER. MOST WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES AND ONLINE GAMES OR MOBILE APPS LET YOU REPORT AND BLOCK PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTHERING YOU. YOU COULD ALSO CONTACT CHILDLINE (WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK), WHERE A TRAINED COUNSELLOR WILL LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT'S WORRYING YOU – YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME.



How do I prove it?

WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAPPENS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DOCUMENT AND REPORT THE BEHAVIOUR, SO IT CAN BE ADDRESSED – RECORD THE DATES AND TIMES WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAS OCCURRED, AND SAVE AND PRINT SCREENSHOTS, EMAILS, AND TEXT MESSAGES.



How can I stay safe?

MAKE SURE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS ARE SET SO THAT ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND TRUST CAN SEE WHAT YOU POST. NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE, SUCH AS IN PUBLIC PROFILES, CHAT ROOMS OR BLOGS, AND AVOID FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE SENDING THE MESSAGES. KEEP AWARE OF FAKE PROFILES AND INTERNET USERS PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE NOT.

