



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

21st June 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



Circuses are wonderful, exciting places full of fun, laughter, awe and wonder. The joy of the circus has been brought to St Augustine's with a wonderful circus workshop for our Early Years pupils.

They, however, are not the only ones who have had exciting opportunities recently. Read our newsletter to find out all about the exciting things that have been happening at our school both home and abroad. Enjoy reading. It will wow you!

Amanda Howes – Headteacher

Modeshift Stars



We are delighted to announce that St Augustine's are the first school in Central Bedfordshire to be awarded the Modeshift Stars Bronze award, a national scheme that aims to reduce the number of cars used to travel to school.

The scheme recognises schools who demonstrate excellence in promoting, supporting and increasing sustainable forms of travelling to school, to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

To achieve the award, we have been working closely with Bike It Officers from Sustrans, who are funded by Central Beds. Council, to take part in many initiatives including Dr Bike maintenance sessions, cycle and scooter training, and participating in cycle competitions such as the Big Pedal and the Santa Challenge. Well done everyone!

Year 2 Trip to Affinity Water Education Centre



We always try to link our trips with what our pupils are learning in school. Our Year 2 trip to Affinity Water was new for St Augustine's and it proved to be a wonderful choice. The children loved learning all about important environmental issues and particularly enjoyed the pond dipping activity as you can see in the above photograph.

Attendance

Our attendance so far this academic year is...



96.02%



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.

We are delighted that our attendance is now in-line with the National Average. Well done everyone!

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 96.79%	Year 2 – 95.93%
Year 3 – 95.33%	Year 4 – 94.44%
Year 5 – 95.65%	Year 6 – 96.67%

**Year 1 have the best attendance this week.
Well Done!**



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Year 4 Trip to Grundschule Eitorf, Germany



What a wonderful few days some of our few Year 4 pupils had in Germany! The trip took place along with pupils from neighbouring schools in Caddington and Slip End and our children enjoyed forming new friendships with both local and international children,

During the trip our pupils explored the town of Eitorf and visited the beautiful St Patricius Church; participated in a range of science, art and music lessons with their German partners; sampled delicious German cuisine (including incredible ice-creams) and experienced the excitement that being away from home and visiting a new country brings.

Our pupils were wonderful ambassadors for our school and country, and even when our flight home was cancelled, meaning that we needed to stay in Germany for an extra night, they were resilient and supportive of one another.

It was an amazing experience and the photos that you can see on this page say it all really. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff from all 4 schools who worked together to make this wonderful opportunity happen. Danke!



Year 6 Trip to Rock UK



Although a bit drizzly, our Year 6 pupils had a wonderful time away at Rock UK. They took part in a range of challenging and adventurous activities which tested their perseverance, resilience and team-building skills. All children participated in all activities and it was fantastic to see them overcome fears and support each other to achieve.

It was wonderful to be able to provide our pupils with such a fantastic experience and we look forward to taking children there again next year. The children were praised for their excellent behaviour and attitudes and we are delighted that they have been such strong ambassadors for our school.

PTFA Summer Fair – 3:20pm Friday 28th June



St Augustine's summer fair!

Friday 28th of June straight after school!





BBQ Menu:
Burgers: £2
Hotdogs: £1.50
Veggie options available
Hot + cold drinks



Stalls
Games
Face painting
Raffle
Chocolate tombola
Adopt a teddy
Bouncy castle
And lots more!

Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

★Star of the Week★

Reception – Hayden
Year 1 – Tyler
Year 2 – Isabelle
Year 3 – Billy
Year 4 – Alfie
Year 5 – Abby
Year 6 – Courtney

😊 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 😊

Reception – Izabella
Year 1 – Matylda
Year 2 – Elise
Year 3 – Jacob
Year 4 – Kayla
Year 5 – Shea
Year 6 – Rhys

✍ Writer of the Week ✍

Reception – Saoirse
Year 1 – Alfie
Year 2 – Noah
Year 3 – Lily
Year 4 – Peyton
Year 5 – Rico
Year 6 – Charlie

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 182
Mars - 190
Earth - 187
Venus - 190

'SELF' Question of the Week

What has made me feel proud this year?



Our Value for this half term is...

✓ TRUTH and TRUTHFULNESS



'Tell the truth to each other.'

Zechariah 8:16

"Stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled around your waist..."
Ephesians 6:14

It is so important to tell the truth, even if it is hard to do. If you don't tell the truth then maybe someone won't believe you one day when you do.

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Extraordinary

Extraordinary means 'very unusual or remarkable.'

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

Reception and Year 1's Messy Church



Our youngest pupils enjoyed a visit to St Augustine's Church this week where they took part in a variety of activities based on the story of The Good Samaritan. They took part in role play, made characters from play dough and used a 'Godly Play' box full of beautiful wooden figures to retell the story. It was a wonderful afternoon.

Diary Dates

Thu. 27 th Jun.	2:45pm – Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri. 28 th Jun.	PTFA SUMMER FAIR
Wed. 3 rd Jul.	TRANSFER DAY 3:30pm – 4:15pm – Meet new teacher
Tue. 2 nd Jul.	2:15pm Years 1, 2 and their Parents/Carers, Service at St Augustine's Church
Thu. 4 th Jul.	2:45pm – Reception Class Assembly
Thu. 11 th Jul.	2:45pm – Year 2 Class Assembly
Mon. 15 th Jul.	2:45pm – Years 3, 4 and 5 Celebration Assembly
Wed. 17 th Jul.	6:00pm – Year 6 Leavers' Event
Thu. 18 th Jul.	2:45pm – Reception, Years 1 and 2 Celebration Assembly
Fri. 19 th Jul.	Last Day of Term

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.

Celebration Assembly takes place at 9:00am every Thursday morning. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

