



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 5th July 2019



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of amazing activities and special days. Reception children delighted us with their class assembly; Year 1 and 2 visited St Augustine's Church for a special service with their parents and carers; Year 3 visited Kew Gardens; Year 4 and Year 5 went sightseeing in London; Years 4, 5 and 6 saw 'The PAD' perform at the Grove Theatre and Year 6 spent 2 days at their new high schools.

In addition, we held our own transfer day where children met their new teachers for next year; we held a SEND Coffee Morning and an Online Safety Session for parents run by Bedfordshire police which 10 parents attended. Also, staff from Larkrise Academy and Luton Icknield Primary visited our school to see the way in which we give feedback to our children about their learning; it is a privilege to be able to share our practice with other schools.

It really has been a busy week and sometimes it is mind-boggling to see how much we fit in.

Two weeks left until the holiday now! Enjoy the weekend!

**Amanda Howes – Headteacher**

### Year 1 and 2 Church Service



This week, a special service was held at St Augustine's Church for our Year 1 and 2 pupils and their parents/carers.

Children lit the candles to start the service and helped with the leading of the readings and prayers. We sang hymns and songs together and learnt about the history of St Augustine through a children's video clip and a talk by Reverend Ricky.

During the service we thought about God's guidance for our lives and everyone was given the opportunity to take a paper boat and place it in the sea as a symbol of something they would like guidance with. It really was lovely.

We would like to thank Reverend Ricky, the children and the 30 or so adults that attended for making it so special.

### Year 4, 5 and 6 see 'The PAD' Perform



'The PAD' are a performing arts college in Dunstable where students attend to complete their Performing Arts Diplomas following GCSEs. We were delighted to be invited to see their end of year show and our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils headed down to the Grove Theatre on Thursday afternoon to watch the talented youngsters perform.

The children were wowed by a range of musical theatre numbers and saw a variety of different dancing genres which included tap and contemporary. It was a fantastic afternoon and we would like to thank 'The PAD' for allowing our pupils the opportunity to see their show.

For more information about 'The PAD' and the range of courses offered, please visit <http://www.the-pad.co.uk/>

### Attendance

Our attendance so far this academic year is...



# 96.11%



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 – 93.93%	Year 2 – 98.93%
Year 3 – 98.67%	Year 4 – 100%
Year 5 – 96.52%	Year 6 – 97.5%

**Year 4 receives a Mufti Day for 100% attendance this week. Well Done!**



Generosity



Service



£450  
Raised



Fun  
and  
Laughter



Responsibility



Friendship

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Summer Fair and to the PTFA for their tremendous hard work. It was wonderful to see our school community enjoying the range of fun activities which included tombolas, sand art, competitions, games, a bouncy castle and delicious refreshments. The ice-cream certainly went down a treat in the heat!



## Year 4 Trip to London



Year 4 had a brilliant day in London looking at the sights on the Southbank and viewing art work in the Tate Modern Gallery, especially Bridget Riley who they have been learning about. The trip was partly in response to our survey where many pupils said they had never been to London. It was fantastic to provide them with this opportunity. Their smiles say it all!

## Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens



It was a wonderful day at Kew Gardens for our Year 3 pupils. The creative arrangements of the plants looked amazing and the children were also able to use their Maths skills to explore the shapes and sizes of leaves. It was a fantastic trip!

## Activity Days at St Augustine's Church



Our Summer Activity Days at St Augustine's were focused on the theme of 'Transformation'. The children took part in a range of activities and, at the end, had the opportunity to reflect by dipping a pebble in oil which they then kept as a symbol.

## Year 2 Bread Making



Year 2 had a wonderful time making bread as part of their learning about the Great Fire of London. The smell coming from their baking was delicious and the children enjoyed taking home their home-baked rolls for tea.

## Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

### ★Star of the Week★

Reception – Brian  
Year 1 – Taya  
Year 2 – Riley  
Year 3 – Leon  
Year 4 – Luke  
Year 5 – Katie  
Year 6 – Cienna

### 😊 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 😊

Reception – Cody  
Year 1 – Alan  
Year 2 – Tyler  
Year 3 – Daniel  
Year 4 – Alfie  
Year 5 – Lara  
Year 6 – Emily

### ✍️ Writer of the Week ✍️

Reception – Amelia-Lilly  
Year 1 – Jake  
Year 2 – Jason  
Year 3 – Amelie  
Year 4 – Peyton  
Year 5 – Filip  
Year 6 – Regan

### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 272  
Mars - 221  
Earth - 249  
Venus - 238

## Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

# Inquisitive

Inquisitive means 'to show an interest in something or to be curious.'

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

## Sun Safety



As the summer is now here, it is important that we all remember to be sun safe. Children should bring sun hats and water bottles to school and should have sun cream applied before coming to school which will last for the school day. Children should not wear open-toed shoes to school as accidents can be caused through wearing them. No-one wants the pain of a chair leg on their toes!

## Diary Dates

Thu. 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	2:45pm – Year 2 Class Assembly
Mon. 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	2:45pm – Years 3, 4 and 5 Celebration Assembly
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	6:00pm – Year 6 Leavers' Event
Thu. 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	2:45pm – Reception, Years 1 and 2 Celebration Assembly
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> 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.



## 'SELF' Question of the Week

What have I learnt this year?



## Our Value for this half term is...

### ✓ TRUTH and TRUTHFULNESS



'Tell the truth to each other.'

Zechariah 8:16

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."

*Ephesians 4:15*

It is important that we help each other to grow by talking to them and helping them develop. We are all learners.

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

