



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

18th September 2020



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



We have now finished our second week of school and the children continue to be happy and settled. Early Years are becoming familiar with their new school environment and are especially enjoying their outdoor learning, as you can see by our smiley pupil in the above photograph.



We would like to remind everyone that St Augustine's will follow both the National and Central Bedfordshire Covid-19 guidelines to ensure that our school and community are as safe as possible.

If someone in your household is being tested for Covid-19 because they are displaying symptoms then the whole household, including their support bubble, must isolate while they are awaiting test results. This means that children in these households will not be allowed to attend school. We understand that having to self-isolate is very frustrating but it is essential that we all play our part. The fully updated Central Bedfordshire Coronavirus guidelines from 16.09.20 are included later on in this newsletter.

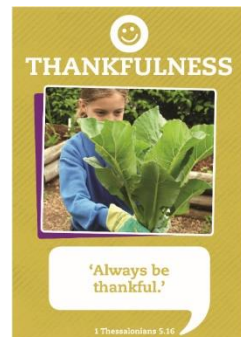
We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. We have lots to celebrate this week with our Parliamentary Review article, Music Mark and certificate winners. We wish you all the best for a sunny and happy weekend.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher

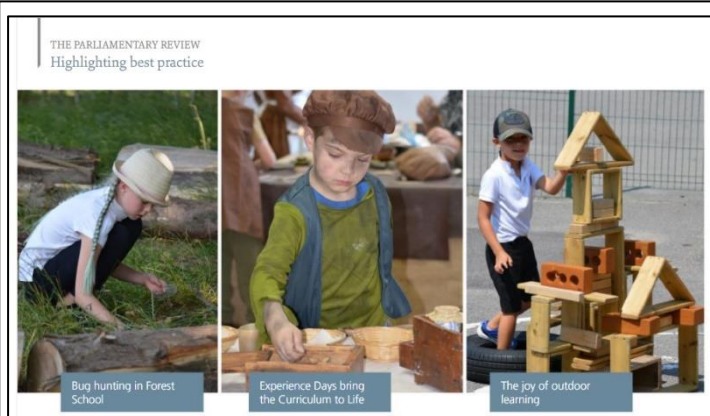
Value of the Half Term

In our Collective Worship we have been signing the actions to the song 'Music Maker' by Fischy Music. The song reminds us how the birds, skies, animals, waves, trees, and children sing to their Creator.

Try to listen to the amazing array of nature's sounds all around you, and give thanks to God, the creator of our wonderful world.



Parliamentary Review



We are delighted that The Parliamentary Review (an independent body that produces best practice articles for a range of businesses) has published an article about our wonderful school. Please read the full article using the link below and be proud to share with others.

<https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/organisations/st-augustines-academy>

Music Mark



We are proud to inform you that our school has been awarded the 'Music Mark' for our commitment to ensuring the delivery of high-quality Music at our school. We look forward to continuing to work with Inspiring Music to provide the very best Music education for our pupils.

'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

Celebrations

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Year 1 – Olly
Year 2 – Riley
Year 3 – Lena
Year 4 – Jay
Year 5 – Yasmin
Year 6 – Bhiraveenaa

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"What makes me me?" are...

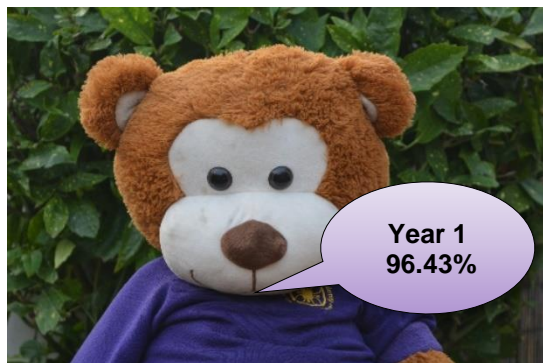
Year 1 – Lillie
Year 2 – Akila
Year 3 – Matylda
Year 4 – Caiden
Year 5 – Kyle
Year 6 – Adrian



Our Readers of the Week are...



Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Noticeboard

Please remember to
inform the school office
if your contact details
change.

Thank you



Please remember to
return your permission
slips for the school
photographer.

Thank you



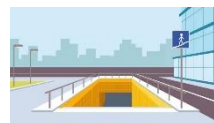
Please check our school
website or School Jotter
App for more
information about St.
Augustine's Academy.



Curriculum Overviews
for each year group are
available to view on the
school website. Look at
them to see what
children will be learning
this term.



Prefix of the Week



Sub



Sub is a Latin root word which means 'under'.

You find '**Sub**' as a prefix in many English words.

Submarine – A warship
designed to operate under
water

Subway – A tunnel under a
road for use by pedestrians

Submerge – To be under
water

Subheading – A heading
given to a paragraph of
writing (under the main
heading)

Subordinate – to be under
the authority or control of
another.

Subcontinent – A large
part of a continent

Diary Dates

WB 28th Sep. DATE CHANGE	Bike To School Week
Fri. 25 th Sep.	European Day of Languages – Mufti Day
Thu. 1st Oct.	Individual Photos (For children attending our school only)

Sometimes we have to change diary dates due to circumstances beyond our control. Please keep checking the school diary regularly for updates.

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Coronavirus - schools update

Here's what you need to know about school if your child has a cold

We recognise that with children back in schools, bugs and illnesses may circulate, such as the common cold or smaller viral infections.

If your child has cold symptoms such as a runny nose or sore throat, but no fever, then treat it as such, but they should still attend school unless they are too poorly to do so.

If they are well enough to be at school, they should follow standard hygiene practice by washing their hands regularly and using tissues to catch coughs or sneezes, then disposing of them correctly.

Your child's school should not refuse your child access unless they are too unwell to be there and they should also not tell you to get a COVID test, if your child does not have any of the following [main symptoms](#):

- A new and persistent dry cough
- A high fever or temperature
- A loss or change of taste or smell

Who are COVID tests for?

COVID-19 tests are only for those people displaying one or more of the main symptoms.

If your child has any of these symptoms, then you should:

- [Get a test](#) as soon as possible to check if you have coronavirus.
- [Stay at home](#) and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.
- Tell the school

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness, but it's important to follow this guidance to help stop the spread.

If you need a Coronavirus test

If you need a COVID test, do not ring 111.

The NHS 111 service should be used for those who need urgent medical advice. It cannot be used to arrange Coronavirus testing.

Instead, please visit the [online testing portal](#). Test availability is refreshed throughout the day, if tests are not available near you, please try again later.

Face coverings

[Face coverings](#) are not compulsory in any school and only in those of secondary school age if they attend a school in a lockdown area.

COVID-19 schools update

Sign up for email alerts on council information

Stay up to date with COVID information and advice from the council – visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/CovidInfo and sign up for email alerts to tell you when the information on the pages below are updated.

Think you have symptoms?

NHS 111 online

Do not go to a GP, pharmacy or hospital.

[Find out what to do if you think you have symptoms](#)



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Family Self-Guided Trails

Fed up of your tried and tested 'Lockdown' walks? ☹️
Want to make the most of this year's remaining sunshine?
Fancy learning some more about your local Wildlife Trust
nature reserves?

Then why not **try a walk with a difference!** 😊

Simply visit our website (see links below) to buy* and download
the guide(s). Then, using the links or QR codes on the
sheets have your very own **personal guided walk**.

Follow the route, scan the codes, watch the video clips and
have a go at some fun activities whilst learning all about
your local nature reserve!

Blow's Downs Guided Walk

[https://www.wildlifebcn.org/
events/2020-07-28-blows-
downs-self-guided-trail](https://www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2020-07-28-blows-downs-self-guided-trail)

Totternhoe Guided Walk

[https://www.wildlifebcn.org/
events/2020-07-29-
totternhoe-self-guided-trail](https://www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2020-07-29-totternhoe-self-guided-trail)

*The money raised from these self-guided trails goes straight back to
supporting the work of the WT BCN – **thank you!**



Parent Space

A free, Virtual drop in for parents



SEND
Team

Tuesday
22nd
September
2020
11:30am till
12:30pm

This is a new drop in for parents, organised by the Early Help team at Central Bedfordshire Council, alongside support from Dunstable Children's Centre

Why not grab yourself a tea or coffee and join us to hear about what support is available to you, chat with other parents and ask us any questions.

Upcoming drop ins will cover various topics, such as:
Education and home learning during COVID
Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health, Parenting and support for you at home.

We'd love to hear your ideas and feedback on how we can make future drop ins relevant to you!

This drop in will take place virtually, via Microsoft Teams.

You will need to download the free Microsoft Teams app and join the drop in using the link which will be emailed to you.

Please email Zeenat.hanif@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk if you would like to join.

