



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021



### Headteacher's Message



### End of Year Trophy

Dear Parents, Carers and Children



We did it! Together, we made it through to the end of an academic year that has been a real challenge for the whole school community.

Firstly, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the support that you have shown us during the year. Staff have been overwhelmed with flowers and gifts today and everyone is very grateful. Thank you all.

The last day of the school year is always tinged with a little sadness as we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. They have made us so proud and we know that they have exciting times ahead. To every Year 6 pupil, keep on shining and living out the St Augustine's Way. You will always be part of our family and have a special place in our hearts.

At the end of every year we create a PowerPoint of memories. Please visit the school website where, if you scroll to the bottom of the Home page, you will find the link. We hope you enjoy looking at our school memories of 2021.

All that is left to do, is to wish you all a safe, fun and happy summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We will send out information about the school day start and finish procedures, the week before we all return.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**



A huge congratulations to the winners of our Gina Bates – Kindness and Caring trophy and our Bamford Academic Achievement Shield. You have been super ambassadors for our school and we are thrilled for you.

### Year 2 – Bishop of York Young Leaders Award



We are so proud of our Year 2 class. Throughout the year, they have taken part in a range of activities in order to complete their Bishop of York Young Leaders Award. It has not been an easy task as the activities are made to challenge; the tasks have promoted kindness, perseverance, teamwork and action.

The class have written to the council to discuss play equipment in the local area and have been ambassadors for keeping our community litter free.

We look forward to seeing our Year 2 children develop their leadership skills in the future and continuing the good work they have begun. Well done children as Year 2 staff.

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



Oakwood Avenue, Dunstable, Bedfordshire. LU5 4AS  
 Telephone: 01582 661778 Email: [office@staugustinesacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@staugustinesacademy.co.uk)  
 Website: [www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk](http://www.staugustinesacademy.co.uk)



## Celebrations

### CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

#### ✠ Christian Values ✠

Reception – Harry  
Year 1 – Kaysie-Mae  
Year 2 – Arnel  
Year 3 – Bathujan  
Year 4 – Elise  
Year 5 – Yasmin  
Year 6 – Lillyanna

#### 📖 British Values 📖

Reception – Eldon  
Year 1 – Samantha  
Year 2 – Laelia  
Year 3 – Stephen  
Year 4 – Finn  
Year 5 – Kyle  
Year 6 – Alfie

#### ✧ Effort ✧

Reception – Dominik  
Year 1 – David  
Year 2 – Brian  
Year 3 – Maliscia-Mai  
Year 4 – McKenzie  
Year 5 – Summer-May  
Year 6 – Kayla

#### ✍ Handwriting ✍

Reception – Makayla-Rose  
Year 1 – Harmannat  
Year 2 – Saoirse  
Year 3 – Taya  
Year 4 – Kai  
Year 5 – Chancenes  
Year 6 – Rose

#### 📖 100 Reads 📖

Antoni, David, Eddie, Olly, Akila, Izabella, Saoirse, Ella, Alessia, Carlos, Isabelle, Tyler, Christopher, Amelia, Alfie, McKenzie, Adrian, Alfie

#### 📖 200 Reads 📖

Oneli, Raisa, Izabella, Laelia, Carlos, Stephen, Sophia, Matylda, Aidan, Ruby, Jacob

#### 📖 300 Reads 📖

Archie, Kajetan, Orion, Sabina, Sophia, Bhiraveenaa, Rose

#### 📖 400 Reads 📖

Diana

#### 📖 500 Reads 📖

Ciaran

#### 📖 1 Million Words 📖

Stephen, Ciaran, Bhiraveenaa

#### x 2, 5 and 10 Times Tables x

Laelia, Terri, Ella, Saoirse, Oscar, Kenzie, Akila, Yoanna, Bliss, Alessia, Izabella, Charlie

#### x Times Tables to 12 x

Chancenes, Kayden, Sally, Summer-May, Cameron, Carlos, Jacob, Amelie, Jamie, Jake

#### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Paige, Year 1 – Riley, Year 2 – Alexander, Year 3 – Stephen, Year 4 – Mason, Year 5 – Kayden, Year 6 – Zak

#### ☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Scarlett, Year 1 – Sabina, Year 2 – Cody, Year 3 – Taya, Year 4 – Caiden, Year 5 – Kelsey, Year 6 – Bhiraveenaa

#### 📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Antoni, Year 1 – Roman, Year 2 – Elis, Year 3 – Blake, Year 4 – Kai, Year 5 – Logan, Year 6 – Alfie

### The House Point totals for this year are...



Mars



Venus



Neptune



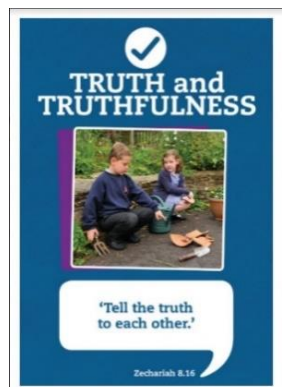
Earth

## Value of the Half Term - Truthfulness



Children, staff, Governors and clergy joined us for a special Wild Worship on the theme of John the Baptist. As part of the worship, everyone had the chance to eat bread and honey and roasted crickets as well as having some symbolic water poured over their hands.

It was a wonderful way to end the term and it was so good to be together in praise and worship.



## Early Years Carnival



Early Years delighted the whole school with a performance of their carnival. Ribbon twirling, plate spinning, feather balancing and juggling were all part of act. Thank you Early Years for bringing a smile to the whole school.. You were amazing. Thank you.

## Diary Dates

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Sep.

Children return to school

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

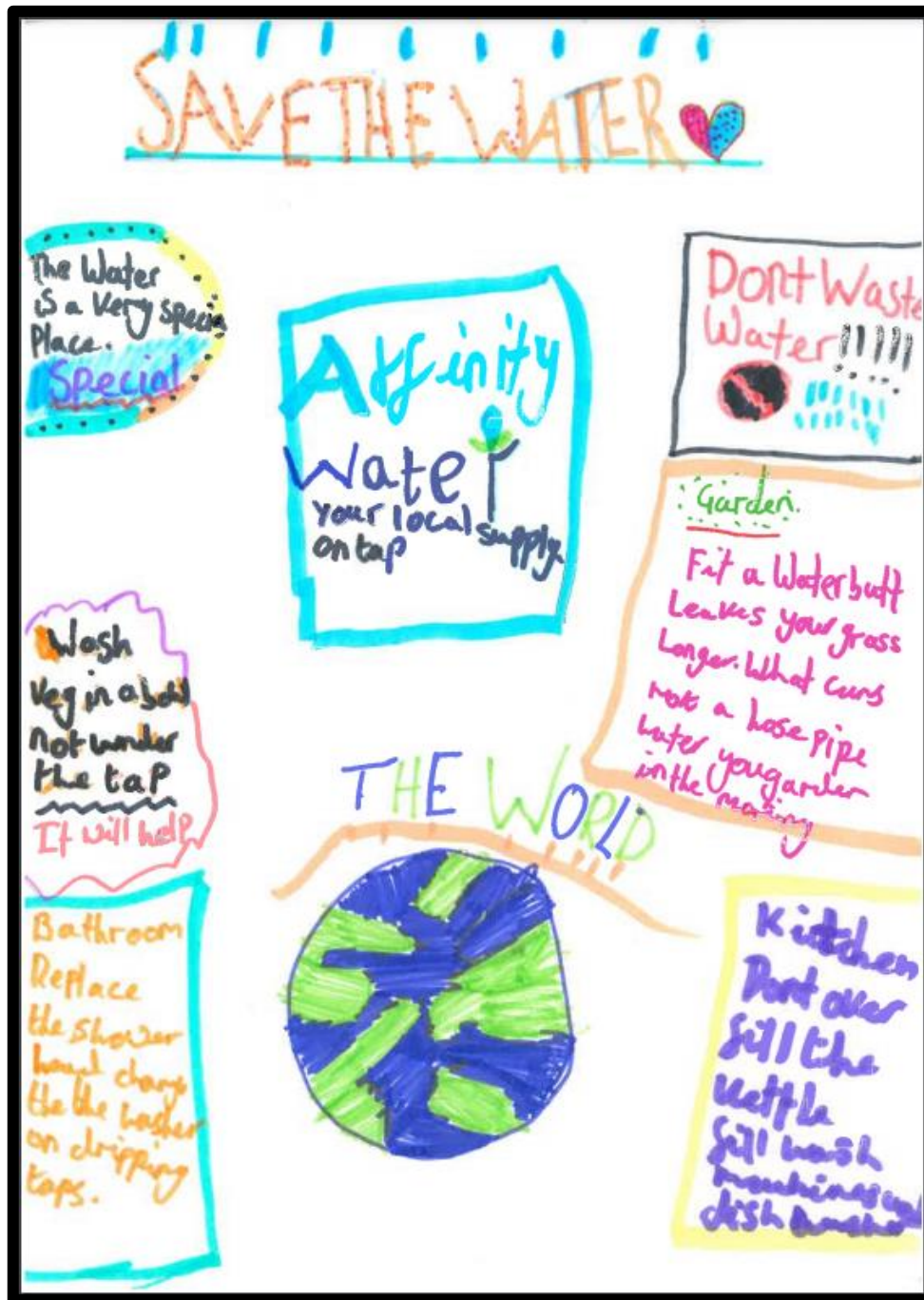
Last day of the half term

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



## Save Our Water!

In partnership with Affinity Water, we have been asked to advise you of ways to save water, and therefore money, to help preserve our rare and local Chalk Streams. Thank you Amelie for your engaging poster which helps us all to understand how we can all save water.



## Attendance



Huge CONGRATULATIONS to Year 2 for being our attendance winners for the last week of term with 99%, and to Year 4 who are our overall attendance winners with 97% for the whole year.

## Support and Advice

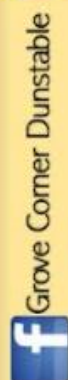
The table below gives a whole range of support services that you can access for help and advice. Please use them. This is a really testing time for us all and we all need a little bit of help and support sometimes. Remember, if you feel you can't cope, you can also ring the school to speak to someone.

Service	Number	Website	Information
<b>Child Line</b>	0800 1111	<a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/">https://www.childline.org.uk/</a>	Child Line is a free, private and confidential service where young people can talk about anything. Support is available online, on the phone, anytime
<b>Rev Ricky Dunstable Team Vicars</b>	01582 528485	Contact – <a href="mailto:rickyturner@ntlworld.com">rickyturner@ntlworld.com</a> <a href="mailto:PrayDunstable@gmail.com">PrayDunstable@gmail.com</a>	Prayer and general help and support.
<b>MIND</b>	0300 300 0648	<a href="https://www.mind.org.uk/">https://www.mind.org.uk/</a>	Mind offers information and advice to people with mental health problems
<b>Headspace</b>		<a href="https://www.headspace.com/">https://www.headspace.com/</a> App is available to download on the App store or Google Play	Mental health activities. Provides guided meditations, animations, articles and videos
<b>Victim Support</b>	0808 1689111	<a href="https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/">https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/</a>	Free and confidential support for people affected by crime and traumatic events – regardless of whether you have reported the crime to the police or not
<b>Salvation Army</b>	01582 606031	<a href="https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/dunstable">https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/dunstable</a>	The Samaritans offer a church and social services to support those in need
<b>Kooth</b>		<a href="https://kooth.com/">https://kooth.com/</a>	Kooth is an online and confidential service giving help and advice about emotional health to young people
<b>Samaritans</b>	116 123	<a href="https://www.samaritans.org/">https://www.samaritans.org/</a>	Free and confidential support and advice
<b>Anxiety UK</b>	TextService: 07537 416 905 Infoline: 03444 775 774	<a href="https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/">https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/</a>	Anxiety UK relieve and support those living with anxiety and anxiety-based depression by providing information, support and understanding
<b>Youngminds</b>	Parents Helpline 0808 802 5544	<a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/">https://youngminds.org.uk/</a>	A UK charity fighting for children and young people's mental health
<b>Signpost</b>	0800 0282 887	<a href="https://www.signpostforbedfordshire.com/">https://www.signpostforbedfordshire.com/</a>	Support for those affected by crime
<b>NSPCC</b>	0808 800 5000	<a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/</a>	Help for adults concerned about a child
<b>National Online Safety</b>		<a href="https://nationaleducationgroup.cmail20.com/t/t-l-nkrhhuy-fyhllutij-y/">https://nationaleducationgroup.cmail20.com/t/t-l-nkrhhuy-fyhllutij-y/</a>	Highly visual and informative Online Safety posters for parents, carers and children
<b>Central Bedfordshire Council</b>		<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers</a>	Coronavirus – Information for Parents and Carers
<b>Central Bedfordshire Children's Services</b>	0300 300 8585  Out of hours: 0300 300 8123		If you think a child you know is being harmed or at risk of being harmed, please contact the Access and Referral Hub, who you can talk to about your concerns. All child protection calls are treated in confidence and you don't need to give your details

You can also find the latest information updates on the coronavirus at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>





Grove Corner Dunstable



@GroveCorner

www.dunstable.gov.uk

01582 891434

# **'THE SMALL, SMALLER AND SMALLEST' SUMMER OF PLAY 2021**

MINI WORKSHOPS ACROSS  
DUNSTABLE'S GREEN AND  
OPEN SPACES!

Please check to see if workshops are bookable.  
Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.  
All activities Covid secure!

## **BIG TOP CIRCUS**

### **WORKSHOP**

2 August 2021

11.00 am to 3.00 pm

Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground

£5.00 (No booking required)

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

3 August 2021

1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Blows Downs

FREE (Booking required)

## **SMALL CIRCUS SKILLS**

5 August 2021

2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Grove House Gardens

FREE (Booking required)

## **ARTS AND CRAFTS**

9 August 2021

10.00 am to 12.00 noon

The Square

FREE (No booking required)

## **DRAMA/DANCE**

10 August 2021

10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Grove House Gardens

FREE (Booking required)

## **BOXING/BOXERCISE**

12 August 2021

2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Downside Recreation Ground

FREE (Booking required)

## **MINI CAR RACING**

16 August 2021

10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Ridgeway Avenue Park

FREE (Booking required)

## **MESSY PLAY**

17 August 2021

10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Brewers Hill Recreation Ground

FREE (No booking required)

## **TREE DRESSING**

19 August 2021

1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Priony Gardens

FREE (No booking required)

## **ASSAULT COURSE CHALLENGE**

23 August 2021

2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground

FREE (No booking required)

## **LARGE SCALE MODEL WORKSHOP**

24 August 2021

10.00 am to 12.00 noon &

1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Priony Gardens

Free (Booking required)

## **LEARN TO SKATE/ SCOOT**

26 August 2021

1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Grove Skate Park

Free (Booking required)



IT'S SUMMER!



DUNSTABLE  
TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Parent / Carer

### Road Safety Education

I am a Road Safety Officer working for Central Bedfordshire Council and today I had the pleasure of speaking to the young people in all year groups about various aspects of road safety.

We covered the following subjects, which we hope will open conversations between you and your family:

- We spoke about what they (the young people) thought road safety was all about and what it meant to them
- They all took a guess at what age they first became a road user? Did you guess this right? ***It's when you take your first trip out in a car or pushchair after being born!***
- We covered the points to enable everyone to cross the road safely. (Think, Stop, Look & Listen) and also spoke about walking, running, cycling and scooting along footpaths reminding the pupils to stop at driveways in case a vehicle is driving/ reversing out.
- We spoke about why you must wear a seatbelt in vehicles, what the purpose of a seat belt is and how it keeps you safe
- We had a conversation about booster seats in vehicles. All participants guessed at what age or height they legally need to be before they can stop using a booster seat.  
Have you guessed the answers yet?

***The law is that children weighing more than 22kg and are taller than 125cm can use a backless booster seat, it is when children reach 12 years of age or become taller than 135cm in height (whichever comes first) that a booster seat is no longer required.***

Please ensure your children are using the correct booster seat for their weight /height and that they continue to use them until such times that they reach 12years of age or 135cm in height.

- A conversation was held around distractions in vehicles, what did they think a distraction was, who the distraction affected and what could happen if the driver was distracted for too long and lastly we brain stormed about what could be taken on a long car journey to keep them amused and so leaving the driver to concentrate on the task at hand.
- And lastly we spoke about being bright and being seen whilst riding bicycles and scooters and how these two form of transport are made visible to others i.e rear reflectors, reflectors on pedals, mud guards etc. and most importantly why a cycle helmet should be worn.

Please note that no graphic photographs or films were shown throughout this session.

I hope that all who participated enjoyed the session and that they safe when using any footpaths and roads in the future.

Yours sincerely

**Joanne Glen**

Road Safety Officer

Email [RoadSafety.Education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:RoadSafety.Education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)



Look after your wellbeing this summer - choose one, two or three activities to complete each week and tick them off as you go! Share your favourite activities on social media and tag @ThriveApproach in your post.



### 1. Natureweek

Make a bird feeder. Find a toilet roll tube and cover it in peanut butter\*. Roll it in bird seed until covered, and then thread a piece of string through the tube and tie a knot. It's ready to go! Hang where birds can enjoy, and you can watch them.

Use the Thrive Rainbow colour hunt and take it outside to a beach, park or your garden. Draw, write or even collect what you find.

Have a digital detox and plan a day out somewhere new to you. Your plan could include how you get there, what to take for lunch, any items you might need (walking boots for a hike, or towels for the beach). Once you've planned it, invite your friends and family.



### 2. Mindfulnessweek

Enjoy time outside and take note of what surrounds you. Notice the sounds, smells, colours and textures. How does your body feel when you are walking? Try describing this to who you are with.

Take time eating your food and appreciate the taste, texture and smell of what you're eating.

Take photos throughout the day of things you are grateful for - they can be big or small. Reflect on your pictures at the end of the day. You could ask friends and family to do the challenge too and share your pictures with each other.



Let's help every child  
**thrive**



Thrive's

# 6 weeks of summer

## 3. Musicweek

Have a game of musical statues or musical bumps!

Make your own musical instrument. It could be a replica of a real instrument or one of your own imagination! Use items such as boxes, elastic bands, tubes, beads and string and have fun!

Create a playlist of your favourite songs. They could be songs that remind you of people, holidays, events or just songs you really like. Why not create different playlists: one for fun and dancing, one for relaxing and one for motivation.



## 4. Artweek

Make your own paintbrushes by collecting sticks, grass, leaves and petals. Attach the grass, leaves or petals to the stick with string and away you go! Explore the different patterns and textures the paintbrushes can create.

Recreate the cover of your favourite book. Use anything from crayons to modelling clay and have some fun. Think about why this book is so special to you.

Make a tin foil sculpture. Set a time limit of 1 hour and see what you come up with. Why not invite friends and family to make their own sculptures too!



## 5. Sportsweek

Set up an obstacle course; you could jump over pillows, do a hopscotch, crawl through a tunnel or balance a ball on a racket. Or, visit a local park and use the equipment there to plan out your course.

Create your own sports day and invite friends to join in the fun. Plan sports with items you already have: balloon tennis, pillowcase race, hula hooping or mark out a long jump. Any activity that you enjoy! You could make certificates for your friends that join in.



Set yourself a target of achieving a daily step goal. See if you can beat your previous day's goal. Why not get your friends and family to join in and encourage each other to get those steps in.

## 6. Kindnessweek

Find a rock or stone and paint it with a happy message. On your next walk, leave it somewhere for someone else to find and re-hide to pass on the positive message!

Create a kindness jar; find a jar (or box or bag!), paper and pencil. When you do something nice, or someone does something nice for you, write it down and add it to the jar. When it's full, take all the pieces of paper out and enjoy reading all the acts of kindness you've shared in.

Offer to do a chore for a family member, friend or neighbour who might need some extra help.



Yay, you've completed Thrive's 6 weeks of summer! Celebrate by downloading your certificate from [thriveapproach.com/resources](https://thriveapproach.com/resources)

\*Or a peanut butter alternative of your choice  
\*\*Available from 23 August  
© Fronting the Challenge Projects Ltd 2021. All Rights Reserved