



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



We have been really pleased to be able to offer Bikeability to our Year 4 children this week. The children learnt to ride on their own bikes and our school bikes were used to teach children who have not ridden a bike before. We were thrilled that many of the children earned their Level 1 Bikeability certificate. Well done all of you!

As the sunny weather approaches we encourage everyone to be sun safe and remember sun hats and water bottles. Remember to apply sun cream before coming to school too. Have a good weekend everyone.

Best wishes, Amanda Howes - Headteacher

### Statutory Assessments

As you are already aware, end of Key stage 1 SATs, Key Stage 2 SATs, Phonics testing and Multiplication Tables Testing (Year 4) are taking place in May and June.

The Department for Education have produced booklets and videos about the tests especially for parents and these can be accessed by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

**Year 6 SATs** will take place next week. Each day, at 8:00am, Year 6 pupils are invited to a free Breakfast Club. A wholesome breakfast and time to relax with friends before the tests aids their focus and well-being. It is important that all children are in school for the SATs and for Breakfast Club. We wish them all the very best. 😊

If you have any questions about any of the tests then please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will be happy to help.



### Vocabulary Velociraptors

'T' has been the focus letter for the week. The children have learnt the names of different types of tools and have spent time using some of them in our school grounds, especially in our school garden and Forest School.



The specific tools that the children learnt this week were: screwdriver, hacksaw, claw hammer, hand drill, spanner, chisel, spade, rake, hand trowel, hand fork hoe and secateurs.

The children also looked for words beginning with 't' in 'The Ultimate Alphabet' by Mike Wilks and found words such as: torpedo, trident and trunk.

### School Dinners



Just a reminder that, from the start of this term, school dinners raised to £2.30. This is to cover rising food costs. Many thanks.

**'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 – Abigail  
Year 2 – Olly  
Year 3 – Laelia  
Year 4 – Santiago  
Year 5 – Kiera  
Year 6 – Jack

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,  
"What makes you want to get up in the  
morning?" are...

Year 1 – Inaaya  
Year 2 – David  
Year 3 – Oscar  
Year 4 – Amelia  
Year 5 – Christopher  
Year 6 – Kyle

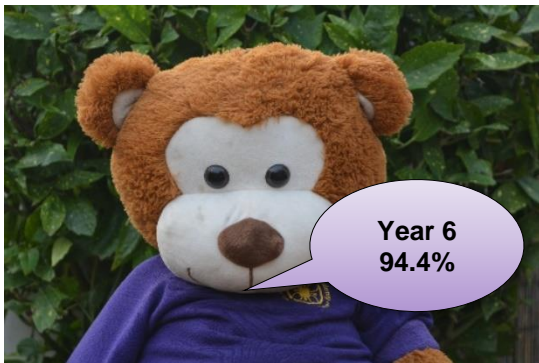


Our 'Vocabulary Velociraptors' this week  
are...

Year 1 – Archie  
Year 2 – Noah  
Year 3 – Brian  
Year 4 – Karla  
Year 5 – McKenzie  
Year 6 – Mason



Our Attendance Bear winner this week is...



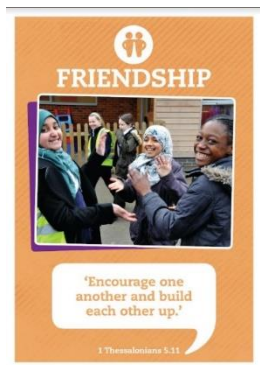
The House Point totals for this week are...



## Value of the Half Term

This week in our Collective Worship,  
we have continued to think about  
friendship and encouraging each  
other and building each other up.

Watch the video  
by following the  
link below.  
It shows a true  
friend and  
encourager.



<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/best-teammate-ever-boys-pep-talk-to-crying-schoolmate-wins-hearts-2917898>

## Year 4 Geography



This week, Year 1 have been painting pictures in the style of Monet's 'Poppy Fields'. They have carefully mixed colours and have used dabs of paint to create a textured effect to their skies and fields.

Monet was an impressionist painter and avoided using black in his paintings. Year 1 avoided using black in their paintings too.

## Diary Dates

WB 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
WB 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Letter 'U' Week
WB 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Letter 'V' Week
Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class Photographs
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup> May	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration 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.



# Let's Connect!

9-15 May 2022

#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek

## Loneliness and our mental health

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week.

The theme for 2022 is loneliness – the experience of feeling lonely, its effect on our mental health and how we can play a part in reducing loneliness in our communities.

Loneliness affects many of us at one time or another. We know that loneliness can be both the driver for, and a product of, poor mental health. In school, we will be thinking about how we can support each other, when we are feeling lonely. Children will be taught to recognise their feelings and who they can turn to when they feel like they are struggling.

### Resources

A wealth of resources to support mental health can be found at:  
[mentalhealth.org.uk/publications](https://mentalhealth.org.uk/publications)



Mental Health  
Awareness Week

9 - 15 May 2022

Together we can  
tackle loneliness

#IveBeenThere