

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher's Report to Governors

May 2012

School has been relatively quiet since the last Full Governing Body meeting in the last week of Term 4. Most of the children have been involved in testing in Term 5 and the teachers are now heavily involved in assessments and report writing. There have been some notable events to mention.....

Events that raised our spirits –

Cross-teach Easter Experience for Yr 6 – a crime scene investigation, “Who killed Jesus?”

Yrs 3/4 Easter celebration – a reflective and joyous event

Yrs 3/4 joined other local Catholic Schools for a special day in St. Gregory's to celebrate 'Release Peace' – an Olympic theme

A special assembly to present our cheque for our amazing 'Water Splash appeal £1,483.65 to a CAFOD representative

In the curriculum –

Stunning whole school start - Opening Ceremony a riot of colour, energy and the Olympic ideal

EY's trip to Blackberry Farm

The EY team held their annual Welcome Evening, an event which highlights our community spirit so strongly, followed by their informative and hugely enjoyable Maths Workshop (Literacy takes place in a couple of weeks)

Our choir went to the Assembly Halls, met and were inspired by the Nairobi Chamber Chorus, shortly to be performing for the Queen, and then sang with choirs from other Tunbridge Wells schools; they learnt how to sing and swing!!

The Young Interpreters completed their training

Murder mystery afternoon organised by St. Gregory's students intrigued Yrs 5/6

The History Man taught Yrs 3/4 how to be Greek athletes

The Images Exhibition astounded and amazed

The PTA have organised the Easter Egg Bingo, a highly successful family fun event and a popular film night for the children.

Lots of sporting successes

Football and netball tournaments, cross-country finals and the Tunbridge Wells swimming gala, Tag-Rugby Tournament – enthusiastic players and rewarding results

3E's squash lessons culminated in a session at St. John's Sports Centre

Yr 6 children and Sports leaders went to St. John's Centre to listen and be inspired by Chris Cooke, Olympian swimmer

Freddie Fit exercised the whole school

Great team spirit shown at Athletics Festival held on the athletics track at Tonbridge School

Still to come this term ...

St Augustine's Feast Day Fun

Instrumental event at St. John's

Jubilee celebrations

Athletics Day for all

Girls' Football Tournament at St. John's School ... and much more!

So much for it being quiet!!

School Improvement – very productive meetings held with a KCC Advisor – preparation for Ofsted, assessment, tracking, monitoring; review of assessment systems needed in school to streamline target setting and tracking

Staff – Mrs Carew, from an extremely strong field, has been selected as our new Yr 3/4 teacher

Staff Training since March, 26th, 2012 -
Bursar attended finance training on monitoring
T attended P scale levelling moderation
2 EY Ts attended moderation (2 days)
2 Yr 5/6 Ts attend writing moderation
2 Ts attend phonics training
HT attends RE Inspectors' training

Number of children per year

The numbers I gave in my last report were incorrect for Yr 5 (46) and Yr 6 (44) – the correct figures were Yr 5 (43) and Yr 6 (45) making a total of 310

Since 29th March, 1 child has left (EY child, SS, left to go to Dubai), 1 child has joined (Yr 2, MH, from a local Surrey). An EY and a Yr 2 child will be joining shortly.

EY 44, Yr 1 45, Yr 2 44, Yr 3 45, Yr 4 44, Yr 5 43, Yr 6 45 (Total 310/315, May 2012))

Attendance - target 4.5%, actual 3.8% up to end of Term 4, attendance continues to be very good

Dates

Friday, 25th May Fun and games afternoon to celebrate St. Augustine's Feast
Tuesday, 29th May FGB
Wed, 30th May Premier Sports deliver an athletics day for whole school

Monday, 4th June to Friday, 8th June Holiday

Thursday, 13th June EY Literacy Workshop for new parents
Friday, 22nd June Children's Disco
Monday, 25th June Yrs 3/4 Pentathlon at St. Gregory's
Wed, 27th June Yrs 5/6 Pentathlon
Friday, 29th June Mass for St Peter and Paul,
Monday, 2nd July Inset – planning day for Terms 1 and 2
Wed, 4th July Skipping for Schools, Yrs 2-6
Thursday, 5th July Open Evening and Transition - parents meet new teachers
Saturday, 7th July Summer Fete
Tues 10th, Wed 11th July Yr 6 Play
Friday, 13th July Sports afternoon, closing ceremony and family picnic
Monday, 16th July Alternative Sports afternoon
Tuesday, 17th July FGB, Torch through TW
Thursday, 19th July Yr 6 Leavers' Service
Friday, 20th July 9.30am Mass, tbc. End of term

Thank you for all your support and hard work

Mrs Mann