



Curriculum



• 'Our Amazing Animal World' were back again this week to visit Reception, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 for a series of workshops aimed at educating the children on where these animals come from, what they need to survive and how to care and look after animals and pets of your own. Thank you to Mrs Liddle our PHSE Leader for organising.

• On Thursday, to support their current topic 'The Stone Age', children in Years 3 and 4 welcomed a visitor from the Tunbridge Wells Museum. Thank you Mrs McCarthy, our History and Geography leader for organising.

• On Tuesday, In support of their Year 2 Science topic **The Environment**, children in Year 2 had a visit from Alex Green (Oliver, William and Eddie's mum) 2 to talk about **saving energy**. The children learnt all about the effects of using too much energy and how they could save it. For example turn off your lights when leaving the room. Close doors and windows on a cold day to keep in the warm. Mrs Green also helped us discover the most powerful part of our body... our finger as it can be used to turn off so many things when we are not using them.

"We enjoyed making posters to go around the school to help others." – Harry, St Bernadette. Keep an eye out for them. Thank you very much for your time and advice Mrs Green.



PTA News

- Friday 2nd December – Bring in books/ DVDs or any retail voucher and wear your own jumper/cardigan.
- Friday 9th December – Bring in a bottle and wear your trainers.
- Saturday 10th December – Christmas Festival 14:00 - 16:00. Entry £1 adults, children free. Stall include tombola, raffle, crafts, face and nail painting, fun photo booth, Santa's grotto, cakes, lucky dip and much more!

Helpers are needed for the following events:

- Christmas Festival: Setting up the school hall, running one of the stalls or helping tidy up afterwards.
- Christmas Productions/Nativity: Helping to serve refreshments afterwards on 6th, 7th and 14th December.

If you are able to help with any of these events or would like to contact the new joint Chairs of the PTA (Anna Ellis, Monika Buchta and Anna Fernandez) please email them: ptaAugustines@gmail.com.

Class Assemblies

- 5/6 St Mark Class Assembly, which had been scheduled for next week, has been **POSTPONED**. It will be rescheduled for next term.
- Tuesday 13th December - 3/4 St Paul Class Assembly 15:00.
- Tuesday 7th February - 3/4 St Peter Class Assembly 15:00.

Sporting News

- On Tuesday, our Netball B Team were in action again at Skinners' Kent Academy against Claremont. We beat them 3-0, well done B Team! Sadly, we narrowly missed out on another win against Horsmonden but the match was well played.
- On Wednesday, our football A Team played a league match against Speldhurst at home. More sporting success – we beat them 4-0, well done A Team!

Starting Next Week:

- **Tag Rugby lunchtime club** on Wednesday's for children in **Years 5 & 6** from 12.15 – 12.45. Children wishing to join should see Mrs Berry.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Culture

- Last Friday we took part in **Children in Need** and as usual, you all rose to the challenge with your fundraising efforts. 'Wear Something Spotty' donations together with the cake sale proceeds and Athletics Club Fun Run contributions raised a very impressive **£387.10!** Thank you for all your support and well done to all the Year 6 children for their organising and promoting of events, in particular to Isabelle P, Niamh H, Florence U, Nushi R and Marilly P from St Mark.
- **Nourish** food bank collection box is available outside the school office if you have any donations, please leave them here. Thank you for your donations so far.
- The **Link to Hope shoeboxes** were collected last Friday, at final count there were 95 shoeboxes and they are all currently making their way to the Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria. Thank you so much for supporting this amazing cause.



General and Reminders

- The deadline for ordering your child's **Christmas Dinner** is **Tuesday 13th December**. Please complete the order form and return it to school, via your child's class teacher, by this date. Even if your child usually has a school dinner, please complete and return the form. **Any orders received after this date will not be accepted**. If your child does not want a school dinner, they are welcome to bring a packed lunch as normal.

Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** 2 St Bernadette, 3/4 St Paul
- **Punctuality Pete:** 1/2 St Lucy, 5/6 St Mark
- **Walk on Wednesday:** 5/6 St Luke
- **Tidy Classroom:** 1 St Teresa
- **Lunchtime Awards:** John (5/6 St Patrick) for always helping in the hall and Leo (1 St Theresa) for lining up sensibly.

PHSE

- On Monday, children in Years 1-4 attended a **Road Safety Workshop** at the Assembly Halls. Thank you to all the parent helpers who came with us and helped look after the children. The children found the workshop very useful and came back singing their catchy safety songs and eager to design posters promoting what they had learned.
- This morning our **Internet Squad** presented a special assembly to the whole school about the importance of **e-Safety**. Their message was clear - everyone needs to be aware of cyber safety. Children will be bringing home a copy of the latest digital parenting guide. Please spend some time reading the articles and if you have any further questions about **e-safety** at school or at home please contact Miss Curry, our e-Safety Leader.

Our Community

- Thank you to all the families that joined us for the **Christ the King Mass** last Sunday. The singing was beautiful, the readers were clear and well rehearsed and the offertory was delivered with great reverence. The children looked extremely smart in their uniform and were a credit to St Augustine's School. It was a wonderful opportunity to share this special occasion with the wider community.
- On Sunday 11th December, St Augustine's School will be participating in an **Advent Service** at St Augustine's Church at 4.00pm. It is part of a series of Advent Services being run by the Evangelisation Team. All welcome.
- **St Gregory's Golden Jubilee Christmas Fair** Saturday 10th December from 12:00-15:00. Why not pop along before you join us at our Christmas Festival between 14:00 and 16:00.

Governor News

Message from **Mark Dennison, Chair of Governors:**

- "It was marvellous that so many children were able to attend the **Christ the King Mass** at St Augustine's Catholic Church on Sunday, in school uniform and to lead the Mass. This reinforced the strong community links between the school and the church. Thank you to all the children, their parents and carers, and the staff for supporting the Mass. Special thanks to Mrs Oubridge, our RE Leader for organising."
- "I am very pleased to announce that two new governors have been appointed to the Governing Body. The details are:
 - Mr Febby Jacob (Foundation Governor), who is a parent with a daughter in Year 3/4.
 - Mr Alan McTernan (Co-Opted Governor), who is a parent with a daughter in Reception.Another person is in the process of being appointed, therefore this means that there is one governor vacancy. If you are interested in contributing to the school in this important role, please contact me."

Children's Voices

Animal Visit

"The chameleon was on my arm so I stroked him, also the bearded dragon" – Gabriel N

"I liked it when I put a snake around my neck" – Samuel W

"The tortoise had a bumpy back" – Neave H

"We learnt that a tortoise can live up to 100 years and it doesn't matter if a gecko loses its tail because it re-grows" – Ella S

Coming Up...

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| • Tuesday 6 th December | KS1 Nativity Production to Parents 14:00 |
| • Wednesday 7 th December | KS1 Nativity Production to Parents 14:00 |
| • Saturday 10 th December | PTA Christmas Festival 14:00 - 16:00 |
| • Wednesday 14 th December | EY Christmas Production to Parents 09:30 |
| • Monday 19 th December | KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Lunch/KS1 Class Parties |
| • Tuesday 20 th December | KS1 and EY (Reception -Year 2) Christmas Lunch/KS2 Class Parties |
| • Wednesday 21 st December | KS2 Christmas Celebration 09:15 |

CAFOD Prayer inspired by this week's Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Generous God, we give thanks for all those people who have visited us, or whom we have visited. Help us always to welcome the people we meet in life, no matter who they are or where they come from. Amen.