



Extra Curriculum Activities

- The children were blessed with fantastic weather for the first of the Year 6 **Enterprise Scheme** sales which took part on Monday after school. The next Enterprise Sale is on **Monday 26 June** from 15:25. The money raised will go towards the Year 6 end of year activity so please come along and support the children.
- Children in Years 3 and 4 visited **The Observatory Science Centre** on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful time. Mrs Hampson, Teaching Assistant in 3/4 St Paul, told us about their day, "There were plenty of exciting hands on activities for the children; they were absorbed in it all as soon as they arrived. One of the activities included bridge building which promoted lots of team work. The children enjoyed a fascinating talk about the huge telescope and to their delight the roof was opened to show them how it works! There is a large outdoor play area which has enormous water play sections; luckily the weather was sunny so the children dried off quickly! The science show included investigating the work of Sir Isaac Newton and his theories on gravity. The children launched foam rockets just to prove the gravity theories work."

Thank you very much to Mrs Tanner, Teacher in 3/4 St Paul, for organising the visit and to all the members of staff who accompanied the children and kept them safe on the visit. Thank you also to the PTA who paid 80% of the transport costs to Herstmonceux.
- To celebrate the launch of their '**Living Things and Their Habitats**' Science topic, Children in Years 1 and 2 will be visiting **Bedgebury Pinetum** on 3 July. Letters have been sent out via Parentmail this week with a permission slip which must be returned completed even if you have paid online. We need to know your child's lunch choices for the trip and your emergency contact numbers on the day. *Paper copies are available from the letter rack in the entrance porch.* The **deadline for payment and lunch choices is Monday 19 June**. The PTA has kindly agreed to cover 80% of the cost of the coaches to Bedgebury making this trip more affordable to families. Thank you.
- Children in Year 4 have been invited to attend a special **Picnic and Praise in the Priory Mass and Fun Day** on Tuesday 27 June at Aylesford Priory. Permission slips have been sent out via Parentmail this week; please can you return to your child's class teacher by Monday 26 June. *Paper copies are available from the letter rack in the entrance porch.* The PTA have also agreed to cover 80% of the cost of the coaches to Aylesford and the remaining 20% is being covered by school so there will be no charge passed on to families.



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

- Children in Years 5 and 6 were visited by Maureen from **CAFOD** on Monday afternoon. CAFOD's current focus is **water** so, using workshops to engage the children, Maureen explained how CAFOD are supporting 3rd world communities who have no access to clean water. We will be holding a **cake sale** after school today in aid of **Water Aid** at 15:25. Please come along and support.
- '**Catholics in India!**' - St Anselm's, Pembury, are running their annual summer holiday club between Monday 24 and Wednesday 26 July, 10:00-14:00. There will be a range of India-inspired crafts and activities, and a short children's address each day from Fr. Ed. Price £15 for the first child, £5 for siblings. For more information and/or an application form please contact Hayley (hayley_woodhouse@hotmail.com or text 07788855646). 30 places available.
- Mrs Liddle, our PHSE Leader, has recently visited the new **Abbeyfield** (Assisted Living Homes) in Culverden Park Road, Tunbridge Wells to discuss a friendship link between our school and their centre. Our team of **Mini Vinnies** are also keen to strengthen the friendship and community links. Abbeyfield have invited St Augustine's families to their **Summer Garden Party** on Saturday 15 July from 14:00 to 17:00. We can enjoy music, food and vintage fair activities in their beautiful garden.

PTA NEWS

- Preparations for the Summer Fayre on 8 July are well underway. Flyers with more information will be sent home shortly but for now here are the highlights:
- **Sweets for Trainers Day - Friday 30 June:** Children to bring in sweets to make goodie bags for the sweets tombola and in exchange can wear trainers to school (tins or boxes of sweets are welcomed too);
 - **Bottles for Own Clothes Day - Wednesday 5 July:** Children to bring in a bottle for the Bottle Tombola and in exchange can wear their own clothes to school;
 - **Class Hampers - Donations needed now:** Each class has been given a colour scheme, please send in 'colour' donations to your child's class or directly to their class representative (details have been sent via Parentmail this week);
 - **Raffle Tickets:** Will shortly be sent home via children's book bags. Please sell as many as possible and return the stubs, money and unsold tickets to your child's class teacher;
 - **Nearly New Books, Soft Toys, Jewellery and Scarfs Donations:** Please bring in any donations before 8 July and hand into the office or PTA representative;
 - **Cake Donations:** Are welcome on the day (homemade or shop bought);
 - **Help Still Needed:** Setting up, running stalls and clearing away. Many thanks to all those who have already signed up to help, if you would like to offer your assistance please email: ptaAugustines@gmail.com

General and Reminders

- **New School Uniform:** We are pleased to inform you that the prices on the **School Trends** website have now been rectified. We have been informed by School Trends that parents wishing to avoid paying their postage fee may have their uniform orders sent directly to school but the deadline for these orders, to guarantee delivery before the end of term is **23 June**. Orders placed after this date should be posted to an alternative address such as home or work and will incur their postage fee.
- **The Travelling Book Fair** has arrived and will be in the hall every day afterschool until next Tuesday 20 June. Thank you to Mrs Asindi, Teaching Assistant in 3/4 St Peter for organising.
- There are still spaces available for the **SEN Consultations** with Mrs Taylor (on Thursday 29 June or Wednesday 5 July) If you received the request to sign up, the sheets are available in the office, please come and choose a convenient slot.

Our Community

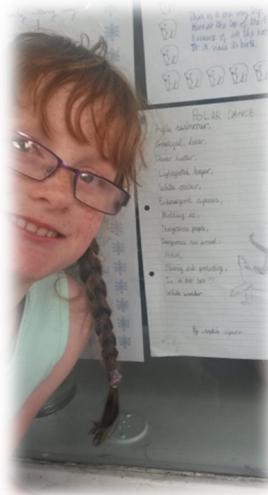
- Next Friday 23 June children are permitted to come to school dressed in blue (or water themed) in exchange for £1.00 to raise money for Water Aid Day. Please send donations via your child's class teacher.
- Thank you to the families who went to The Pantiles on Wednesday evening to celebrate the arrival of the Natural History Museum sculpture 'Polar Dance'. Children in Years 5 and 6 (as well as some in other year groups) wrote Polar Dance poems as part of their **poetry competition**. Families were treated to a night of entertainment in the sunshine and the winner of the poetry competition was announced, sadly it was not a child from our school but all the poems from the St Augustine's children are on display in Woods restaurant so if you are passing, please have a look.
- Children in Reception were treated to a **special** visit from Mr Novelli (Gabriel, Matilda and Elodie's dad) on



Monday, who told the children in reception about what it is like to be a pilot. Mr Novelli wore his uniform and they got to try on his captain's hat. He showed them models of the planes he has flown. He explained how he got into flying by joining the Air Cadets scouts in Australia when he was younger; he also said that later the same day he would be flying a plane to Scotland!

It was a very exciting visit and the children in St. Rose and St Helena would like to thank Mr Novelli for his visit. If there are any other parents that would like to come and visit our children to discuss their profession, please speak with your child's class teacher. The children always find these visits interesting and you never know, you may just inspire a future generation!

- Some of our Judo Club children took part in a **competition** on Sunday and Vic (their coach) was delighted with their achievements: Alex S (Year 4) Gold, Zac D (Year 4) Silver, Mason L (Year 4) Silver, Harley L (Year 2) Bronze and Theo S (Year 4) Bronze. Well done to all the children taking part, we are very proud of you! There are a few spaces left in our Tuesday morning Judo Club, it would be good to encourage more girls to join. If you are interested in coming along for a trial session, please join us on Tuesday morning from 8:00.



Coming Up...

- Friday 16 June - Cake Sale for Water Aid 15:25
- Monday 19 June - Deadline for Year 1 and 2 Bedgebury Visit Payment and Lunch Choices
- Friday 23 June - Water Aid Day (£1.00 donation in exchange for wearing blue/water themed clothes)
- Friday 23 June - Deadline for School Trends Uniform Orders (for delivery to school)
- Friday 23 June - Mass at school to celebrate 40th Anniversary of Fr Peter as a priest. All welcome 09:15
- Monday 26 June - 2nd Year 6 Enterprise Sale 15:25
- Tuesday 27 June - Year 4 Visit Aylesford Priory for Picnic and Praise
- Thursday 29 June - SEN Consultations 12:00 - 15:45
- Friday 30 June - Sweets for Trainers Day
- Wednesday 5 July - Own Clothes Day for Bottle Tombola Donations
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- Friday 7 July - Sports Day (Morning - Year R-2 / Afternoon Year 3-6)
- Saturday 8 July - PTA Summer Fayre 12:00 - 15:00
- Tuesday 11 July - Year 6 Production to Parents 18:45
- Wednesday 12 July - Year 6 Production to Parents 18:45
- Monday 17 July - Year 6 Residential Meeting to Parents and Children 16:00 - 17:00
- Tuesday 18 July - Leavers Celebration 18:45
- Thursday 20 July - End of Year Mass 09:30
- Friday 21 July - INSET Day (No School)

Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** 1 St Theresa and 5/6 St Luke
- **Punctuality Pete:** 1/2 St Lucy and 5/6 St Patrick
- **Lunchtime Award:** Joe G (5/6 St Luke) and Satiya (1 St Theresa)
- **Tidy Classroom Award:** 5/6 St Mark

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel: John 3:16-18

God of love, teach us how to love the world as you do and to care for and respect the environment so all living things, now and in the future, can live in harmony together. Amen.