



St Augustine's Junior



<https://staugustinesjuniorschool.co.uk/>

A Message from Mrs Pierce

I represented school at Father Bill's funeral this week, which was a lovely service, despite current COVID restrictions. School Council have been speaking to their class about a fitting memorial and have chosen a bench, which we hope to have in place in the New Year.

Here in school, it has been lovely to see Y3 rehearsing for their nativity and Christmas post boxes and decorations appearing around school; we are looking forward to a final festive fortnight!

What's Cooking at St A's - Christmas Dinner Day

We will be serving our Christmas Dinner to the children on Wednesday 16th December and you can now place your child's order on ParentPay. Please ensure you order this meal in advance - our catering company has asked for confirmed orders by the **9th December!**



Main - Roast Turkey with pigs in blankets & stuffing served with roast potatoes, seasonal veg & gravy

Veggie option - Roasted vegetable & mozzarella strudel served with roast potatoes & seasonal veg



Pudding - Christmas cookie or Christmas cupcake

Midday Supervisor Vacancy - Brewster Avenue

Brewster Avenue currently have a vacancy for a midday supervisor - all the information you need to apply is available via their website. <https://brewsteravenueinfants.co.uk/Jobs.asp>

Calendar Dates

8th Dec - Year 3 Nativity

9th Dec - Year 3 Nativity

16th Dec - Christmas Lunch in school & Christmas Jumper Day

18th Dec - Last day of term

6th Jan - Children return to school

Online Safety - National Online Safety Organisation

Please see attached information for parents on **What Parents need to know about Houseparty**, supplied by National Online Safety Organisation for you to read and share at home.

Eco Explorer Challenges

Well done to everyone for taking part in the Christmas Craft Challenge last week, here are a few of your wonderful snowflakes and ice bowls.



This week's Eco Explorer Task is to create **Christmas Gift Tags**. All the information you need is on the **attached sheet**.

Once you have completed the task, take a picture and upload it to our new Explorer Google Classroom or email it to the school email address. All completed tasks will count towards your Eco Explorers Passport.

The Eco Explorer Google Classroom code is: **xdewlbt**.

We look forward to seeing the pictures of all the different gift tags you create.

Forest School

The children are always very busy when they're taking part in forest school activities - here's what they have been learning this week -

Lower School: The children completed a range of different activities this week. In one of the activities, the children had the opportunity to decorate a bicycle wheel with Christmas decorations and natural resources - these can be seen proudly on show by the front office. They created a Christmas tree decoration out of clay, which will be decorated further in the classroom in the coming weeks. Finally, they painted pinecones with various colours to create patterns.



Upper School: Our focus for Forest School this week was 'Make Do and Mend'. The children tried different tasks that would have been undertaken in WW2 to fix and repair different items. This included making a DIY 'Merry Christmas' sign using a hammer; nails; wood and string, sewing buttons and their initials onto a piece of material and making a DIY Christmas tree by sawing lengths of wood and attaching them together with rope.





Learning for Next Week

w/c 07 th Dec	Literacy	Maths
<p>Lower School</p>	<p>The children will be using their draft to edit and revise their non-chronological report about the Bronze Age. They will focus on how to improve their sentence structure to include more conjunctions to extend an idea. As well as editing, they will work on their proofreading skills to enable them to find and correct any simple errors.</p>	<p>Year 3 - the children will use some of their maths time to rehearse the Nativity, however, they will continue to practise their arithmetic skills throughout the week.</p> <p>Year 4 - will continue to build on their understanding of the formal methods for addition and subtraction by using reasoning and problem solving questions.</p>
<p>Upper School</p>	<p>After working on suspense techniques this week, the children will plan and then write their own narrative of a flashback based on a scene from our WW2 themed book, <i>Goodnight Mr Tom</i>. They will then begin to write their narrative whilst also learning proofreading skills to check that they are writing using the grammar they have been taught.</p>	<p>Year 5 - will continue their unit of work on fractions. They will move on to comparing and ordering fractions with different denominators using problem-solving skills.</p> <p>Year 6 - will begin work on how to find equivalent decimals, percentages and fractions. This work will also be based around fluency and problem solving questions.</p> <p>Both year groups will continue with daily arithmetic and times table practise.</p>



St Augustine's Weekly Awards

04 th Dec 2020	SIMMONDS	MURRAY	ROSS	WELBY	ATTENBOROUGH	NEWTON	FARAH	GLENNIE
Star of the Week	Shazin	Stefan	Alisa	Mason	Jasmine	Elena	Harshil	Bilal
Top 4	Charlotte Jack Shazin Srijan	Danielius Scarlett Harry Ayaz	Tyler Elijah Caleb Aida	Freddie Patryk Karina Evie	Oliver Adama Dasha Vinayak	Daniel Gabriel Mikayla Willow	Aimee Molly Mahitha Aaryan	Amelia R Teja Kamile Ryan
Learning Log of the Week	Inayah	Kian	Darcey	Freddie	Smayan	Grace & Gabriel	-	-
Pen Licence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maths Award	-	-	-	-	-	Sam	Euan Mahitha Harshil Francesca	Bilal Teja Olivia
Golden Pencil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eco - Pringle Award	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Attendance Cup	99.3%	-	99.3%	-	-	-	-	-
Top Readers Award	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Termly House Point Totals	St. John		St. Mark		St. Luke		St. Peter	
	5451		5452		4805		4827	

* **Stars of the Week** - Every week, each class teacher nominates a child who has been a wonderful example to others through their effort, attitude to learning, their behaviour or kindness.

* **Learning Log of the Week** - Every week, each class teacher will nominate a child for their hard work and effort in their home learning.

* **Top 4** - These are the children who earned the most House points in their class this week.

* **Attendance Award** - This is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week.

* **Eco - Pringle Award** - This is awarded to the class that have achieved the most during their Outdoor Learning lesson.

* **Top Readers Award** - This is awarded to the class with the highest percentage achieved on Accelerated Reader each week.