



St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus



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LET US PRAY

Eternal God, you hold all of our days in your hands.

On this day, we come before you to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

We lament the loss of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of other genocides.

May our minds be clear and attentive to their memory and our hearts be moved to bear witness to their lives.

Today, help us to remember and recognise the sanctity of each human life, that all people are made in Your image.

One day, we pray that genocide and hatred will be no more, and that love will triumph over evil. In our prayers and in our actions, help us to show this love in the world today.
Amen.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX, OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As another week draws to a close at St. Augustine's, we reflect on another great week filled with our school virtues: love and respect, friendship and kindness, honesty and forgiveness, hope and confidence, love of neighbour and self-control, love of learning and determination. These virtues are woven into the fabric of our school, and are qualities shown by our pupils and staff every day. To recognise and celebrate our pupils and virtues, I am delighted to tell you that we are having our very first ever 'Virtues Disco', organised by F.O.S.A, on Thursday 2nd February! Please see below for further details, and attached poster.

A great new initiative launched last week for residents within the South Kesteven area. 'How Are You Lincolnshire' (H.A.Y) is a family of websites that bring together everything in the local community that boosts wellbeing. Connecting with others, getting active, learning a new skill, being creative, seeking professional support, exploring the outdoors, volunteering - all of these things can improve our wellbeing, but it isn't always easy to find out what's going on locally. The website provides details of local activities, groups and services from yoga to singing, sports clubs to arts groups, or perhaps somewhere to talk or get a cup of tea; H.A.Y. brings you ideas of things to do to boost your wellbeing. Please click [here](#) to visit the H.A.Y website page where you can filter activities by location, genre and age, and click [here](#) to see a list of available support services in the area.

Please be reminded that our last day of term is Thursday 9th February as Friday 10th is an inset day for our school. We will reopen after half term on Monday 20th February. As always, please do log in to your Seesaw app to see what's been happening in your child's class this week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend - we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Cox



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2023



Today, Friday 27th January, marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. Every year on this day Holocaust Memorial Day takes place.

In the words of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Holocaust Memorial Day encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust promotes and supports Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) - the international day to remember the six million Jewish people murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

'What is abnormal is that I am normal. That I survived the Holocaust and went on to love beautiful girls, to talk, to write, to have toast and tea and live my life - that is what is abnormal.'

- Elie Wiesel, survivor of the Holocaust 1928 - 2016

The theme this year is 'Ordinary People', highlighting the ordinary people who let genocide happen, the ordinary people who actively perpetrated genocide, and the ordinary people who were persecuted. The Holocaust threatened the fabric of civilisation, and genocide must still be resisted every day. Our world often feels fragile and vulnerable and we cannot be complacent. Even in the UK, prejudice and the language of hatred must be challenged by us all. HMD is for everyone. Each year across the UK, thousands of people come together to learn more about the past and take action to create a safer future. We know they learn more, empathise more and do more.

Together we bear witness for those who endured genocide, and honour the survivors and all those whose lives were changed beyond recognition.

If you would like to read more, please click [here](#) to visit the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust website.

YEAR 6 RAFFLE

Our Year 6 Juniper class are currently fundraising towards the cost of their trip later in the year with a weekly raffle.

Tickets are on sale in the playground at break and lunchtimes and there are some amazing 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes each week!

The tickets are 50p each or 3 for £1, and the raffle will be drawn during our celebration assembly each Friday.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Our school uniform is a sign of our community, togetherness and sets the standards for the behaviour and ethos of our school, and it is important for the children to feel and look smart. Our staff will be reminding any children wearing incorrect uniform of our policy and will send a note home to parents stating which item needs replacing.

Please contact your child's class teacher or the school office in the first instance if there is a reason why your child is wearing incorrect uniform. If anyone is struggling, please do get in touch as we CAN help. Children will be asked why they're not in correct uniform and sent home with a slip each time they are wearing the wrong items.

Please click [here](#) to see our full uniform list, and click [here](#) to see photos of our school logo items, available from www.kitmanuk.co.uk

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.06%. Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 91%
Sycamore - 93.06%
Acacia - 95.69%
Willow - 87.7%
Juniper - 93.6%



78 of our pupils had 100% attendance at school this week.

Please click [here](#) to link to the gov.uk website for more information on attendance and absence.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S FOOTBALL TEAM

Last night our school football team played a home match against Uffington CofE Primary School. It was a brilliant match against a really strong opposition side, but ultimately each and every one of our players ensured a 3-1 win to us!

Everyone was focussed and played so well. Man of the match was Arlo who scored all three goals! Well done Arlo, and to everyone who assisted - I'm so proud of you all, and so is Mr Sinclair!

- Miss E. Bush



F.O.S.A. VIRTUES DISCO - THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY - 4.30PM-6PM

We are delighted to announce that we are holding our first ever Virtues Disco, celebrating our fabulous pupils and the virtues that we follow in school!

We would love for the children to come along dressed in rainbow colours to enjoy the amazing disco provided by RJB Entertainment along with food, fun and quizzes!

Entry will be £3 to be paid on the door, with drop off at main school entrance from 4.20pm

Please collect your child/ren from their classroom doors on the playground side of the building at 6pm - the gates will be open for you from 5.55pm.



ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE FROM ALAN MACKENZIE AT E-SAFETY.COM

For Parents: Inside Roblox's Criminal Underworld:

As we all know, one of the fundamental principles of safeguarding is 'offenders are where the children are'. Roblox is exceptionally popular with children from Y3 upwards and as such there are always concerns. That isn't to say that Roblox is a bad/unsafe game, it's just that criminals will always be able to exploit different aspects of games and social media, often using simple social engineering tricks such as curiosity and urgency. These criminals are not always adults as you can see in THIS article about the criminal underworld of Roblox.

In my staff training I always concentrate on 'through the lens of the child'. In other words, when we are talking to children about how to stay safe online, it's important that we try to engage with the things they are actually using, in this case talking about scams in Roblox, sharing personal information (usernames and passwords), not trusting people you don't really know (online friends). If children can understand what you are saying 'in their minds eye' then the positive impact will be greater.

For Parents - Fortnite Parental Controls

Fortnite Chapter 4 has just been released, which means that many children are going to be talking about this. Similarly, some children who grew bored with Chapter 3 are going to be checking out the new Chapter 4. So now is a good time for parents to revisit those parental controls to set up the game and devices appropriately to the age of the child. There is a step-by-step guide to setting up parental controls on Fortnite [HERE](#).