

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

There are SO many things to be proud of as headteacher of St. Augustine's, but the past couple of weeks have been particularly special.

Firstly, I cannot put into words how proud I have been of our wonderful year 6 pupils this week. The way that they have approached their SATs – with calm resilience, determination and level-headedness, taking everything in their stride – has been truly inspirational. As I walked around the classrooms each day, it was quite emotional seeing them in deep concentration; reading unseen texts, answering arithmetic questions at top speed and working out really tricky maths problems, pacing themselves to try to complete the paper and then checking their work – what wonderful young people they are. Well done to the whole year 6 team!

I've also been super proud of Miss Bush and her sports teams. Miss Bush, our sports apprentice, is in her second year with us and continues to go from strength to strength. At only 19 years old she's a true role-model and our young people are inspired and supported daily by her. It was with great joy that I received a phone call last week from Miss B and the tag-rugby team after an inter-Stamford tournament, to let me know (loudly!) that they had won! Whilst it's the taking part that matters - and our children do that with true sportsmanship - sometimes it's great to bring the trophy home!

Finally, as you may have read in a letter sent this week, it's been a delight to share with you the excellent outcome of our recent Catholic Schools Inspection. We received a GOOD overall, and in all but two grades - where inspectors upgraded us to OUTSTANDING! Not only did this make me feel so proud of the journey we've been on as a school, but also to be a part of such a fabulous community of people. Huge thanks to everyone involved.

As we head into Pentecost Sunday, please remember to wear red as requested by Bishop Patrick. Indeed, the power of the Holy Spirit is something I can honestly say I feel daily at St. Augustine's!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Community Open Morning tomorrow, from 10am until 2pm!

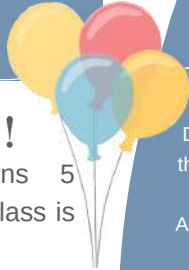
Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

O God,
who reward faithful souls and who have consecrated this day by the martyrdom of Pope Saint John the First,
graciously hear the prayers of your people and grant that we, who venerate his merits, may imitate his constancy in the faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen



SAINT JOHN I, POPE - FEAST DAY 18 MAY

On May 18, the Catholic Church honors the first "Pope John" in its history. St. John I was a martyr for the faith, imprisoned and starved to death by a heretical Germanic king during the sixth century. He was a friend of the renowned Christian philosopher Boethius, who died in a similar manner. Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians also honor Pope St. John I, on the same date as the Roman Catholic Church.

The future Pope John I was born in Tuscany, and served as an archdeacon in the Church for several years. He was chosen to become the bishop of Rome in 523, succeeding Pope St. Hormisdas. During his papal reign, Italy was ruled by the Ostrogothic King Theodoric. Like many of his fellow tribesmen, the king adhered to the Arian heresy, holding that Christ was a created being rather than the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Arianism had originated in the eastern half of the Roman Empire during the fourth century, and subsequently spread among the western Goths. By the sixth century the heresy was weak in the east, but not dead.

In 523, the Byzantine Emperor Justin I ordered Arian clergy to surrender their churches into orthodox Catholic hands. In the west, meanwhile, Theodoric was angered by the emperor's move, and responded by trying to use the pope's authority for his own ends.

Pope John was thus placed in an extremely awkward position. Despite the pope's own solid orthodoxy, the Arian king seems to have expected him to intercede with the eastern emperor on behalf of the heretics.

John's refusal to satisfy King Theodoric would eventually lead to his martyrdom. John did travel to Constantinople, where he was honored as St. Peter's successor by the people, the Byzantine Emperor, and the Church's legitimate eastern patriarchs. (The Church of Alexandria had already separated by this point.) The pope crowned the emperor, and celebrated the Easter liturgy at the Hagia Sophia Church in April of 526.

But while John could urge Justin to treat the Arians somewhat more mercifully, he could not make the kind of demands on their behalf that Theodoric expected.

The gothic king, who had recently killed John's intellectually accomplished friend Boethius (honoured by the Church as St. Severinus Boethius, on Oct. 23), was furious with the pope when he learned of his refusal to support the Arians in Constantinople.

Already exhausted by his travels, the pope was imprisoned in Ravenna and deprived of food. The death of St. John I came on or around May 18, which became his feast day in the Byzantine Catholic tradition and in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite.

In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, he is celebrated on May 27, the date on which his exhumed body was returned to Rome for veneration in St. Peter's Basilica.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tobias in Cedar Class turns 5 tomorrow, and Hollie in Acacia Class is 9 tomorrow!

Martin in Acacia Class is 9 on 22 May!

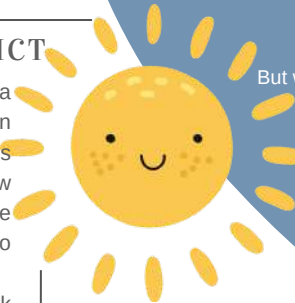
We all wish you a lovely time celebrating your special day!



IPAD DONATIONS FROM ARK ICT

Pete at Ark ICT came to see us yesterday with a very generous donation of iPad's for the children of Ukraine; Pete presented these to Mrs Donington, Head of Catholic Life, and we will now pass them on to Yvette Diaz-Munoz, Chair of the Stamford Diversity Group, to arrange for them to be taken to the Ukraine.

Thank you so much. Pete, and everyone at Ark ICT, for your kindness.



GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mon 03 June - Green Team

Mon 10 June - School Council

SPORTS DAY 2024!

Thursday 27th June – Sports Day

Wednesday 3rd July – Reserve Sports Day in case of inclement weather.

Parents to arrive from 12.45pm ready for a 1.00pm start! We look forward to seeing you all!

FoSA RAFFLE TICKETS!

Just a reminder that there are extra tickets in the front office if you would like to buy more for the FoSA raffle at the Summer Fair! This amazing event is taking place on Sunday 7th July from 12-3pm and the raffle is always a crowd favourite!

Please could we ask that you bring back those that you don't want before the fayre; we can then add them to our spares to sell on the day.



GARDENING EQUIPMENT APPEAL!

Do you have any old/ spare garden trowels, small gardening gloves or garden canes? If you do, please would you consider donating them to us?! We are short on these items and would really appreciate any donations - thank you!

- Mrs T

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all of the recipients of this week's Virtue Certificates:

Cedar Class - Tobias - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - Rakshith - **Hope & Confidence**

Olive Class - Zachary - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

Acacia Class - Hollie S - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Willow Class - Alex S - **Friendship & Kindness**

Juniper Class - Oscar - **Hope & Confidence**



Well done to you all!
We are all very proud of you.

TEA WITH MRS C!

ICE LOLLIES WITH MISS HAWKINS!

Cedar Class - Hattie

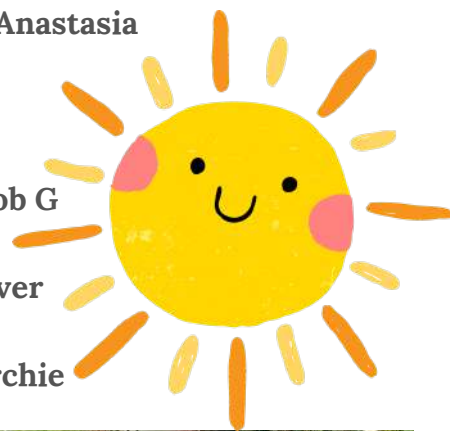
Sycamore Class - Anastasia

Olive Class - Luna

Acacia Class - Jacob G

Willow Class - Oliver

Juniper Class - Archie



WILLOW CLASS - 'A WALK THROUGH TIME' - WEDS 22ND MAY

You are invited to
'A Walk Through Time.'

Next Wednesday from 3:00pm, you are welcome to the hall to experience different decades in history from the 1950s-1990s. Willow class will be sharing their work and some artifacts from that decade. If you have anything from these decades (e.g. toys, games, books, clothes etc.), please bring them into school by Tuesday next week so we can label them up for our displays. We look forward to sharing our learning with you!

There will also be yummy cakes for sale, if you fancy a treat!

E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

For Parents - Jessie and Friends (4-7 Year Olds)

I find that most schools I visit tend to know about this resource from CEOP, however when I do the parent talks they are not aware.

Jessie and Friends is a great resource that parents can use to engage with their younger children about worrying or frightening situations online. When questions answer a question correctly they earn a star and can download a certificate to colour in.

Jessie and Friends can be found [HERE](#).

For Parents - Wellbeing Apps for Kids

With wellbeing increasingly hot on the agenda, helping children manage their health and wellbeing is a top priority. Nothing can beat getting out in the fresh air, meeting friends and having fun, but some children may find apps useful for things such as learning about emotions, managing anxiety etc. There are thousands of these types of apps, but to cut through the fog Internet Matters have put together a list which gives details such as: suitable ages, purpose, how the app works and (where applicable) the cost.

You can find the list of apps [HERE](#).



Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie www.esafety-adviser.com



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.04%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 99.38%

Sycamore - 97.47%

Olive - 85.42%

Acacia - 98.04%

Willow - 85.19%

Juniper - 95.37%

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

For more information, please visit the gov.uk website [here](#),

Each class will be inviting parents to join in with a library session.

Please check the list for your class date.

This will be an opportunity to come and experience the library, look at a book and share some time reading with your child.

The library will be open from 3:00pm - 3:15pm.

We hope to see you.

Open Library

Join us for our class Open Library Sessions starting at 3pm.

Thursday 23rd May - Cedar Class

Thursday 6th June - Sycamore Class

Thursday 13th June - Olive Class

Thursday 20th June - Acacia Class

Thursday 4th July - Willow Class

Thursday 11th July - Juniper Class

Little Stars Wraparound Care!

The Little Stars children have had a great time in their sessions this week, and even had some very special visitors who were named Rod, Jane and Freddy by Miss Fiona! 🥕🥕🥕





Come and play in our outdoor EYFS space

Take a look around our Woodland School and toast marshmallows on the fire!

Try your hand at gardening with our Green Team lead

Visit our wonderful school library



COMMUNITY OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024

10AM-12PM

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

ALL WELCOME!



No need to book, just come along, we'd love to see you!

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