



AUGHTON ST. MICHAEL'S C. OF E. SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



27th January 2023

Our Christian Value: Communication



"Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger," James 1:19



Engaging in English

What a brilliant, busy week! School has been alive with the excitement of the children, staff and parents at our informative English workshops and absorbing drop-in sessions. It has been wonderful to have parents and grandparents in the classroom learning about how their child applies their English skills and what the expectations are. I think most of the visitors enjoyed themselves, but I did hear the comment, "English wasn't like that in my day!" quite a few times and – to be honest – I agree. Thank you all for taking the time to come in and, hopefully, I've included all the appropriate skills in my writing this week.

Parent Workshops and Drop ins

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent workshop and/or drop ins. It was lovely to have you in school and hopefully you found it useful and informative.



Team Point Winners



Belfast



School Clubs

Friday

Y5/6 Cricket 3:15 - 4:15pm

Strike Action Arrangements

This is an excerpt from the letter sent on Tuesday regarding the strike action.

Arrangements for Wednesday 1st February

On this day we have some staff striking so there will be a partial school closure. When a member of staff is striking the class will not be in school and work will not be set. The child can utilise Timestables Rockstar, Spelling frame or complete their reading for this day, but this is optional.

Arrangements for each class

EYFS	In school	Y1	Class closed
Y2	In school	Y3	Class Closed
Y4	In school until 1pm. Must be collected by 1pm		
Y5	In school	Y6	In school

If you child's class is not in school they will not be marked as absent. Any dinner money or payments for wrap around care will automatically be credited to you. Morning club and after school club will be open as normal.

Homework

In September, I outlined the expectations of homework for each child across school and most children have met these expectations. Thank you for your support in achieving this. As we start a new term, I thought it would be good just to reiterate these expectations, so that everyone is fully aware of them.

Our expectations were based on research from the Educational Endowment Foundation which suggested homework should be based on prior learning, follow a set pattern, have an element of quick feedback and that IT packages have the biggest impact. We therefore developed the homework table below.

The homework we set is linked to the learning the children engage with in school and completing it has a very positive effect on their progress. Most primary school children need support to complete their homework and we are asking for your support in this.

Our expectation is that all homework is done. Staff will check homework on a Monday morning. If homework is completed the children will get team points. If a piece of homework is not completed the child will get a warning. If homework is not complete 2 weeks in a row or 3 times in a half-term, parents will receive an email from the class teacher to inform them. If a consistent pattern of not doing homework emerges, school will contact parents to discuss how we could support you further in ensuring your child completes their homework.

Thank you again for your support in this matter.

Homework: What we will set?

Year Group	When will it be set?	Where will it be set?	What will it be?
EYFS and KS1	Set: Monday For: next Monday	On the Class page	Maths: Numbots (10 mins) English: Spelling Frame linked to phonics phase and/or words to know by end of the year Reading: phonically decodable book recorded in Reading record
LKS2 Y3 & 4	Set: Monday For: next Monday	On the Class page	Maths: 20 mins Timestables Rockstars English: Spelling (using Spellingframe) or SPaG.com Reading: book sent home. If on the reading scheme to be recorded in a reading record
UKS2 Y5 & 6	Set: Monday For: next Monday	On the Class page (Y6 may change but an email will be sent)	Maths: MyMaths or worksheet to answer in a homework English: Spelling or SPaG.com Reading: Guided Reading book sent home.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Week commencing Monday 30th Jan: **Week 1**

School dinner for the whole of this half-term will cost £62.10. If you are not sure how much you owe for the half-term please contact Mrs Golding. Also, if your child has changed their mind on what they have selected, please could you let Mrs Golding know.

If you still owe for last term, Mrs Golding will be contacting you imminently!

Bank Account details

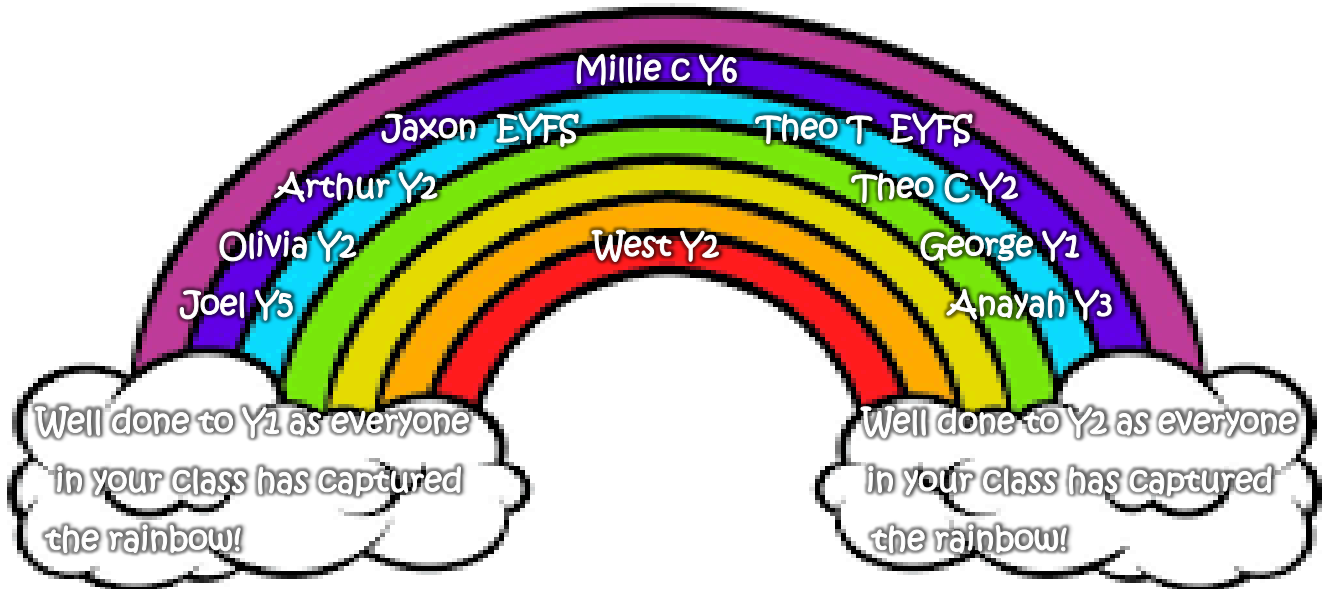
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Celebration Worship

The order for Celebration Worship is:

Year 6:	3 rd	February
EYFS:	10 th	February
Year 1:	24 th	February
Year 2:	3 rd	March
Year 3:	10 th	March
Year 4:	17 th	March
Year 5:	24 th	March

Who's Captured the Rainbow?



Cost of Living Crisis

In the current economic climate, we understand that household budgets are coming under increasing pressure. If you are under increasing pressure, please feel free to contact school and we will try to support you as best we can. If you think you may qualify for Pupil Premium please follow [this link](#) for further information.

Match Funding

The PTFA would like to know if any of the parents, or the companies they work for, would be able to match-fund any of our events. If you think this is something you may be able to help with, please contact school and we will put you in touch with the relevant members of the PTFA



Citizens of the Week

Congratulations to our Citizens of the Week.

EYFS: Jasmine
Year 1: Lyra
Year 1: Regan
Year 2: Charlie
Year 3: Lucy
Year 4: Jess
Year 5: Leo
Year 6: Millie C



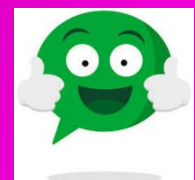
Shape Day

Over the past few years, the NSPCC began a mega maths fundraising campaign called Number Day. To raise money for the NSPCC, who provide services such as 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' which the school

have used this academic year, we will be holding a SHAPE DAY on Friday 3rd February. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, but they must wear their favourite shape. They could.....

- Wear a top with their favourite shape on
- Wear a sticky label showing their favourite shape
- Draw their favourite shape on their body.
- Go all out and wear their favourite shape!

In return, please send in a donation for the NSPCC on the day.





Sunbeams on Sunday

The next St. Michael's Church Sunbeams is on Sunday 12th February at 9.30 am in St. Michael's Church Hall, Church Lane. They will use singing, stories and crafts to look at the theme:

"How much do I love you?" Jesus loves us always.

Aughton St Michael's PTFA
(Parent, Teacher and Friend Association)



8th February 2023

DISCO

Infant (Reception, Y1 and Y2) – 3.30PM-4.30PM

Junior (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) – 4.45PM-5.45PM

PRICE £5.00 – Payable on School Spider from 23.1.23- 3.2.23

Please note children attending infant disco will stay at school from 3:15pm and will need to bring in their disco clothes in a labelled bag on this day.

Admission Price includes

- Entertainment
- A drink
- A packet of crisps and sweets

Drop off and Pick up Information

Reception/Year 4 to use Reception Door

Year 1/ Year 3 to use Year 3 Door

Year 2/ Year 5 to use Year 2 Door

Year 6 to use Main Entrance

Parentkind
Member Association

Helping a Kenyan School

A group of volunteers from *Everton in the Community* are visiting Kenya to help at a local primary school. They will be teaching and helping out with maintenance and building work. If you are able to donate any clothing, football kits, toothbrushes, toiletries or stationary for the children and staff they would be very grateful. Please bring any donations to the school office and we will pass them on.

