



St Augustine's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd November 2018 —Edition 4



Climbing to Great Heights

Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 GCSE PE tackled a climbing wall with a selection of students from Year 7 & 8. It was great to see them encouraging each other and persevering when they found it hard, what was called the "Impossible" route by Year 8 was a target that lots of them aimed to tick off.

Head Boy Callum McGuirk in Year 11 and Myah Foster from Year 8 display how easy it was!



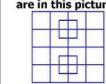
Congratulations to Y7 student Rebecca Topping

Rebecca competed in the North West Gymnastics Championships and finished with 1 bronze, two silvers and a gold medal on apparatus pieces.



The Weekly Maths Challenge is well underway for the new year, with league tables on display by year group following the change in form system. With over 600 entries so far after just a few weeks, the response has been amazing – keep your entries coming in for a chance to win queue-busters, toast vouchers, and, of course, push your form on to win the end of term prize. **Games club is still here!** As the nights draw in, why not stick around after school on Tuesdays, bring a friend and play connect 4, chess and many more. Additionally, if you're stuck with your Maths homework, come along to **Wednesday homework club**. Both from 14:45 – 15:30 in room 33.

How many squares are in this picture?



92% FAIL this simple test!

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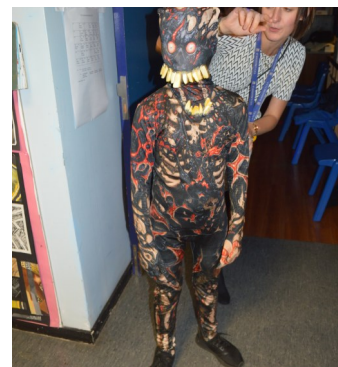
The Y8 football team continued their good start to the campaign with a thrilling 3-3 draw at Hope Academy. Goals from Oliver Corkish, Lewis Joyce and Dylan Eden earned the team a point in a game where we should have taken all three. Well done to all the boys involved

Dates for the Diary

Monday, 12th November: Y9 Road Safety

Monday, 26th November: Y11 PPE's start

Thursday, 20th December: Close for Christmas



Year 7 update and Y7/Y8 Halloween Disco



We have had a fantastic few weeks with our lovely Y7s! Congratulations to Mrs Graney's form who won best form on behaviour and attendance – they enjoyed a form breakfast as a reward. We also had the Halloween Disco enjoyed by 44 Y7 & Y8s! We all had a fab time dancing to Baby Shark! See you all at the Christmas Disco – remember to keep your behaviour perfect and a high attendance to make sure you are eligible. On the last day of term all Y7 also had some bonding time with their Form Tutors and Year Team - we made Halloween biscuits and hot chocolate which was lovely on a crisp Autumn day. Finally, a huge congratulations to our 'Subject Stars' who were nominated by the departments for going above and beyond. You are all well deserving winners – look out for the Christmas winners! Keep up the fabulous work everyone.

Fireworks/Bonfires

Stay safe around fireworks/ bonfires. Enjoy organised events and avoid putting anyone at risk. Take Care! Students will remember a recent visit to school by the Fire Service. Please support them.

Student Safety

The following message has been posted due to a number of concerns raised by members of our local community.

Please remember that children should not be dropped off/collected from the school car park and that parking across the school entrance, and turning around in the school entrance risks the health and safety of all students. Members of the public have also raised concerns about the increasing amount of cars being parked on the yellow zig-zag lines, which is illegal. We ask that parents/carers park at a safe distance from our school entrance and consider the safety of **all** of our students.

Contact information

Data collection sheets were issued to all students before half term. Thank you to all parents who have completed and returned these. However, we have only received around 50% of these data sheets back. It is really important that school has up to date information, including e-mail address, to ensure that we can contact you quickly when needed. If you still have a data sheet unreturned, could you please complete this asap and pass it in to the school office.

Non-prescribed pain relief

Staff can administer paracetamol to students if school are in receipt of a signed permission slip from parent/ carer. The information letter and reply slip can be found on the school website, on the parent/carers tab, in the letters section. If you are happy for your child to receive medication for a minor ache/pain whilst in school, please complete the reply slip and hand it back to the office.

EduLink One

The EduLink app is available for all smartphone users. The app holds lots of useful information for your child including their attendance and timetable. It also links to the school's catering system so you can see what food is being purchased at break/lunch and the balance of their account. If you would like access to this app please contact the office with your e-mail address, and a user name and password will be created for you.

Chaplain's Corner



Thursday was All Saints Day. In form we thought about the people who are in Heaven - people we know, who have died: grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, friends - and lots of people we don't know too. They are all saints. This word means "belonging to God". The saints were all great people. They were great for God. Through the good work we do in St Augustine's we can be like them.