



Head of School's Message

We have had a busy week at St. Aidan's with fireworks, cross country, Stone Age day, a visit from Chris Philp and our Year 6 charity day for the school.

Thank you to those parents that attended parents evening this week. We look forward to welcoming some of you at our second parents evening on Thursday 21st November.

Year 1—6 children have come home today with their RE books to celebrate these with you at home.

Please write a positive comment for your child in their book.

Please make sure the books are returned on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Hughes

'Living and
growing
in
Christ'



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter
Friday 15th November 2024

'Be Kind and Respectful'



School Councillors and Prayer Leaders in Year 5 have been on the lookout for children following our school rule and they wanted to mention someone who has shown kindness and respect to others:

Amerly (Y1) for playing nicely with her sister

Dylan (Y3) for being kind in games in the playground

Gabrielle (Y3) for being kind to others

Jesse (Y4) for always carrying out our school rules

Important dates for your diary...

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| 17th November | 11.30am - 2.30pm SASA Taskforce day - Please help if you can! |
| 18th November | Whole School Flu Vaccine |
| 19th November | 9.30am Open Morning |
| 21st November | Cinderella Pantomime visiting St Aidan's |
| 21st November | Parents Evening |
| 23rd November | 9am Woodcote Cross Country Race 1 of 3 |
| 29th November | MUFTI DAY - Chocolate donation for Christmas Fayre |
| 6th December | Y6 Trip to Imperial War Museum |
| 8th December | 12pm - 3pm Christmas Fair |
| 11th December | 10am Nativity for Reception Parents |
| 11th December | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch |
| 12th December | 10am Nativity for Year 1 Parents |
| 12th December | SASA Elf-ridges Sale |
| 16th December | 6pm Carol Service |
| 18th December | Open Afternoon 2pm |



School Gate

A polite reminder that learning begins and 9.05. The bell rings at 9.00 am in order to get the children into lessons promptly.

The school gate shuts at 9.05.



Football Team

Last Friday our footballers played against Smitham School. It was a fantastic game, with a lot of chances for both teams.

The boys made us proud.

The game ended 0-0.

Thank you to Coach T for your fantastic coaching.

Cross Country

This morning, children from Years 3-6 took part in the Catholic Schools Cross Country event at John Fisher.

The children made us very proud.

St. Aidan's came in 3rd place overall and 1st place out of all the small schools. Well done to all the children.

A special mention to:

Year 3/4 Girls Race: Eliana (Y4) - 3rd

Year 3/4 Boys Race: James C (Y4) - 4th

Aren O (Y3) - 5th

George T (Y3) - 7th

Jesse (Y4) - 10th

Year 5/6 Girls Race: Imogen (Y6) -1st

Year 5/6 Boys Race: Santiago (Y6) - 7th





WELL DONE!!!

Year 6 Assembly and Charity day

On Thursday, Year 6 children dazzled us with an amazing assembly all about their topic of the rainforest. They linked their learning to Pope Francis' Laudato 'Si and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of stewardship.

The children spoke clearly and even performed a dance. They showcased their learning in music by playing the recorder for us. The assembly was a wonderful example of all the cross curricular learning that has been taking place. Thank you to Mrs Membrino, Mrs Tuffrey, Mrs Merlini and Mrs McCarthy.

After this, Year 6 held a tea and coffee morning for their parents hoping to raise some money for their chosen charities, WWF and The Rainforest Alliance.

The children hosted a charity day for the whole school. Year 6 planned their own activities and made their own props and the rest of the school took turns to participate. We had an array of activities ranging from pin the tail on the jaguar to the amazon wheel. We are very proud of our year pupils for giving us excellent examples of stewardship.

Due to the fantastic planning and leadership shown by our Year 6 class, they have raised £542.79 for WWF and The Rainforest Alliance.







Friday 15th November

As a writer, I can write a recount of our charity event.

On the day of the generous charity event, there was a buzz of excitement across the school about what was going on. The Year 6 children were setting up their different stalls outside in the freezing cold for the enjoyment of others and most importantly to save our beautiful rainforests which are desperately in need of protection for most of the day. These ~~games~~ games were very enjoyable and attracted large ~~queue~~ lines of children at stalls all pushing past to play them. To advertise this exciting event posters were put up around the school to grab as much attention as possible. Before all the games were set up for the rainforests in danger, tea, coffee and cake was being sold as well which gave the charities £537.79 which was split evenly between the WWF and the Rainforest Alliance helping them to save the 'lungs of the Earth'.

Year 6 had previously learnt about landata si and how we can save our world ~~so~~ and we did that today.

An excellent recount George



Visit from Chris Philp MP



On Friday, Chris Philp, MP and Shadow Home Secretary visited St. Aidan's.

He attended a Q & A with year 5 as they asked for advice with their class reading campaign.

Children asked some meaningful questions and behaved exceptionally.

Chris Philp also visited each class and spoke to the children about their learning.



Year 3 Stone Age Day

On Thursday, Year 3 pupils lived like Cave people. They spent the day in the woods, cave painting, making pots, building dens and even discovering fire lighting.

The children had a wonderful day. A huge thank you to Mrs Steedman for planning this amazing learning experience.



SASA Information and Key Dates

We hope you've had a good week. There's a busy weekend of SASA activities ahead!

Fireworks Tonight

We look forward to seeing you all later for our fantastic Fireworks Night. Thanks to all our volunteers who have given up their time to help make the evening a success. There are still a few volunteer slots left, log into ClassList to sign up.

School Task Force - Playground Project - Sunday 17th November

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered for our Task Force this Sunday. Do drop in whenever you can between 11.30am and 2.30pm to help treat the new wooden huts in the playground and do some weeding around the grounds. Bacon sarnies and toasties will be provided, and the after-school hut will be open if you need to bring little ones along.

Key dates for your diary this term:

Friday 29th November - Mufti day, each child to bring a donation for the Christmas Fair chocolate tombola

Friday 6th December - Mufti day, each child to bring a donation for the Christmas Fair drinks tombola

Sunday 8th December - Christmas Fair

Thursday 12th December - Elf-ridges Sale

For those of you new to the school, the Elf-ridges Sale is an opportunity for the children to do some Christmas shopping for a few members of their family. We arrange a stall in the school hall for children to buy gifts from.

Parents and carers can give their child an allowance to spend and volunteers help guide purchases and wrap the gifts for the children to take home. The children really enjoy choosing gifts for family members, it's very cute to see! More information will be circulated nearer the event.

Christmas Hampers

Every year we create luxury gift hampers for the Christmas Fair that are not only a great fundraiser, they are also a lovely gift for anyone to purchase. We would be very grateful for unopened and unused items such as:

Toiletries / Beauty products / Candles /Diffusers

Luxury food items such as biscuits, mince pies, Christmas pudding, chutneys crackers dated for 2025.

Anything else that you think may be appropriate for a hamper. Donations can be dropped at the gate or handed to Mrs Blackburne in breakfast club and after school club.

Fundraising

There's just a couple of weeks left to participate in the Asda Cashpot initiative. Download the Asda Rewards app, and they'll donate 0.5% of your shop's value (in-store or online) to our school until **30th November 2024**.

You can also support us by:

Joining the school lottery: Sign up [here](#)

Shopping online through our fundraising link [here](#). Easyfundraising partners with most retailers including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Dominos, Waitrose, JustEat, M&S and many, many more. All you have to do is make an online purchase by accessing the website via easyfundraising and the school get a percentage of the sale. It's a win win!

SASA AGM

Thanks to everyone who attended the SASA AGM last week and gave feedback on how fundraising spend should be prioritised. Minutes will be circulated in due course which will provide more information about funds raised during the year and how they've been spent. As is required, members of SASA were re-elected into their roles. No change from last year, your

SASA members are:

Chair: Daniella Vicente-Machado

Deputy Chair: Caroline McIntyre

Treasurer: Andy Horrigan

Secretary: Sarah Garrigan

Ticket Ambassador: Ellie Parker

Stay Connected

Download the **ClassList** app to buy event tickets, check updates, and stay involved with all our activities.

Thank you for your continued support.

SASA



This Week's Awards at St Aidan's



As the week comes to a close, we would like to celebrate all those children who have achieved something amazing. From football to swimming to athletics, our children never fail to amaze us with their talents.



St Mary: Freya R

St Francis: Nicholas C

St Joseph: Joseph G

St Bernadette: Alessia L-S

St Theresa: Rosario C

St Peter: Harriet Z / Eoin D

St Paul: All of Year 6



St Mary: Ethan W

St Francis: Eli F

St Joseph: Janelle N

St Bernadette: Charlotte M-F

St Theresa: Anna F

St Peter: Oliva K-C

St Paul: All of Year 6