



Head of School's Message

Another busy week at St. Aidan's, with Fireworks Night, Taskforce Day, Science Quiz and the Panto. The children had a wonderful time at the Panto. The hall was filled with dancing and laughter.

'Living and growing in Christ'



It was lovely to see some of you for our second Parents Evening on Thursday.

The children will be coming home ready to share their Maths books with you, please leave them a positive comment in their books. Please make sure these books are in school ready for their Maths lesson on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend,
God Bless,
Mrs Hughes

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter
Friday 22nd 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:

Elodie (YR) - for making others happy and boosting their mood

Ava (Y2) - for being kind and respectful

Max (Y4) - for helping his little sister settle in nicely to Reception

Dara (Y6) - for including others in games in the playground

Important dates for your diary...

29th November	MUFTI DAY - Chocolate donation for Christmas Fair
2nd December	Bikeability for those signed up
2nd December	Rec and Y1 trip to Woldingham School for the Travelling Nativity
4th December	9.30am Open Morning
6th December	MUFTI DAY - Bring a bottle donation for Christmas Fair
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
20th December	1:45pm School closes



School Gate

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

The school gate shuts at 9.05 am.

Fireworks

We had a fantastic evening last Friday. A huge thank you to SASA and all our volunteers for helping make this event such a success.

It was wonderful to see so many happy faces during the spectacular display of fireworks.



Science Club

On Wednesday, our two Science Quiz teams headed to St. Mary's Junior School to compete in the Science area heats. Team 1 finished 1st and Team 2 finished 8th. Thank you to all the parents who took the children to the quiz and Mrs Merlini, who came to support us.

Report by Vianne (Y6)

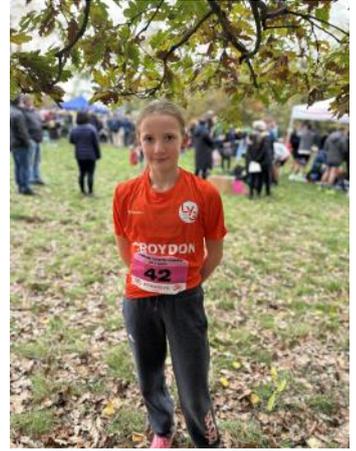
We are very proud of both teams, but a huge congratulations to team 1 who have qualified for the national finals in Oxford University.



London Youth Games

We are very proud to say that two of our Year 6 class, Imogen and Santiago, both were selected to run at Parliament Hill this weekend to represent the Borough of Croydon in the London Youth Games.

Santiago came 112th out of 224 boys and Imogen was 12th out of 198 girls. What a fantastic achievement for both runners - Well done!



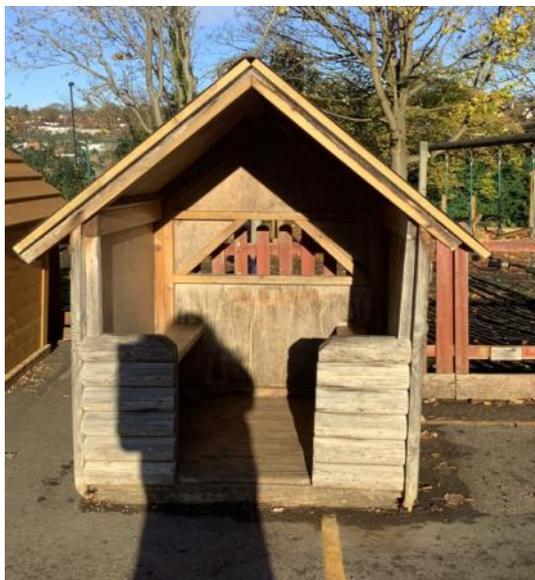
Taskforce day

SASA and I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents that gave up their Sunday to come and help with work around the school. Thanks to their hard work, the pond area has been cleared and the children are now using this area at lunch times. The play huts, planters and benches have been treated ready to withstand the winter weather. One of the huts even got re-vamped with a new roof!

On behalf of all the children and all the staff we are incredibly grateful for all your hard work and volunteering your time to help with making our school look great.

A HUGE thank you to all the wonderful helpers:

Mr and Mrs McMullan, Mr Dawidko, Mr Fernandes, Mrs Parker, Mr and Mrs Borrás, Mr Simrick, Ms Font, Mr Contreras and family, Mrs Koch, Mr Costa, Ms Cardona, Mr and Mrs McSherry, Mr and Mrs Garrigan, Mr Machado, Mrs Blackburne, Mrs Onwuejeogwu and Mr and Mrs Rossi



Panto - Cinderella at St Aidan's

"I thought that the panto was very VERY exciting and mind blowing. It was funny and I couldn't stop laughing!"

Alana (Y4)

"I thought the panto was extremely entertaining and hilarious. I haven't stopped talking about it with my friends"

Olivia (Y4)

"The pantomime was very funny and very interesting to watch"

Sienna B (Y4)



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SPECTACULAR SPECIAL VIP VISITS ST. AIDAN'S.

On Friday, The leader of Croydon and M.P. Chris Philp visited St. Aidan's Primary School, in this outstanding, fascinating and incredible interview about our future. M. De Freitas reveals the interesting decisions that have been made for our home town Croydon.

MDF: Why did you want to become an M.P. in the first place?

CP: I wanted to become a M.P. because I wanted to make a difference to Croydon after graduating from Oxford University. I started a business in London to help people to get jobs and businesses but I wanted to do more so from there I decided to become an M.P. but my wife Elizabeth and my two kids want to see me more because sometimes I come home really late.

M.D.F: Were you surprised when Conservative Party did not win the general election 2024?

CP: I wasn't really because Conservatives were ruling for 14 years that they became so unpopular that I knew people wanted a change and Rishi Sunak had such a terrible time as Prime Minister with Covid and more but it's really surprising how fast Labour have become so unpopular already.

MDF: We have to swim at Keston Primary school but it's only a metre deep and is really small we have been waiting for four years ^{for Purley Pool to reopen} can we have an update on Purley Pool please?

I'm really disappointed that Purley Pool has not reopened for four years. If schools went to that pool there's been complaining and the

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V.I.P. CHRIS PHILP COMES TO TOP SCHOOL

Last Friday, the Shadow Home Secretary, Chris Philp, interacted with some Year 5 pupils from St Aidan's Primary School. In this incredible interview, S. Horrigan uncovers the Conservative Party's secrets. Read on to know loads about the future of Croydon South.....

SH: Why did you want to become an M.P.?

CP: Well, when I left Oxford university, I worked in London, for a company called Philp Business Solutions Limited. Although, working there meant that I could only help a few small companies. I wanted to help more businesses. Because of this, I decided to be an M.P. To be honest, my wife said to me, "Chris, you have one wife and two children. Will you be able to spend time with us?"

H: Were you surprised when the Conservative party did not win the general election in July 2024?

P: No, - because when the general election took place on the 4th July 2024, I wasn't very surprised. My party had lots of problems in Parliament. Although, there is one thing that I am surprised about. Usually, political parties, like to make themselves popular, so people vote for them. However, Labour have made themselves very unpopular, very quickly.

SASA Information and Key Dates

Fireworks and Task Force

HUGE thanks to all the amazing volunteers that made our fireworks night possible. Thanks to Clive Fernandes for providing the tunes, to Ian and Caroline McIntyre for running the BBQ and Jen Blackburne for supporting with hot food, to Ellie Parker for doing face painting on the night and to all our class volunteers who ran the bar, toys, sweets and glitter stalls.

As a result, we raised ***drum roll please*:** **£3,263.93**

A phenomenal amount, we beat last year's number! Thanks to your generous support we will be able to continue supporting the school.



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 drinks 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

There are just over two weeks to our amazing Christmas Fair. We need your help to make this fundraiser, one of our biggest, a success. Over the next two weeks we would be very grateful for your donations of:

Hamper items (Toiletries, beauty products, candles, luxury food items)

Chocolates for the tombola (chocolate bars, chocolate lollies, boxes of chocolates, selection boxes)

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks for the drinks tombola (wine, cocktail tins, lager, small and large bottles of spirits)

Christmas jumpers pre-loved kids and adult jumpers for the Christmas Jumper stall

Raffle prizes such as vouchers, electrical goods, days out or experiences

****New**** any used toys in good condition for the second-hand toy stall

Donations can be left at the school gate, the office or after school club hut.

Other Ways to Fundraise

This is the last week of 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, particularly over the next week during the Black Friday sales.

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: Nylah H
 St Francis: Mila L
 St Joseph: Lydia T
 St Bernadette: Verity G
 St Theresa: Olivia M
 St Peter: Lucia N
 St Paul: Harry K



St Mary: Athiran Jude K
 St Francis: Sophia P
 St Joseph: Ezra B
 St Bernadette: Florence D
 St Theresa: Anastazia W
 St Peter: Ethan O
 St Paul: Harry B