



There have been lots of extra-curricular activities to celebrate over the last week, as you will see in the articles below. Next week, Year 2 will be attending mass at St Aidan's Church in honour of their class saint, St Joseph (mass at 9.30am). Year 5 will be travelling to Bough Beech on Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend!

Football

Our football team had their final league games of the season last Friday, against joint top of the table Chipstead Valley. After a very slow start, we recovered well in the first game but ended up losing 4-1. In the second game our boys played a blinder, dominating completely, with a 1-0 win not reflecting our dominance. Unfortunately, as both teams finished level on points at the top of the league, it was ultimately decided by our head-to-head record, with CV triumphing on goal difference. Well done team and Coach T for our best league finish in many, many years!



Oliver Twist

On Thursday, M&M Theatrical visited St Aidan's to put on a performance of Oliver Twist. It was amazing to see how the performance captivated both younger and older pupils. All joined in with the singing and Year 5 got a special treat, having a stagecraft workshop with the cast after the performance.



New Defibrillator

Due to the persuasive letter writing of our school council (led by Carlotta & Jessica S), one of our local councilors, Mario Creatura has agreed to fund a defibrillator for our school. Twelve young people experience heart failure every week in England so we are very grateful that, if the time ever comes where we need a defibrillator, we will be ready and able to help. We will send further information to parents once the defib is purchased and installed. Attached is Carlotta & Jessica's letter to this newsletter, along with Mr Creatura's reply.

New Laptops

Because of the generosity of the School Association, we have been able to purchase a whole class set of new laptops this week, worth over £8,000. The previous set had well and truly reached their expiry date so it's been great to acquire a fantastic new resource that will enable us to deliver a high quality computing curriculum, and enhance learning in other subjects. Thanks to S.A.S.A. and to all the families who support SASA events and/or donate to the school voluntary fund which have made this possible



St Mary: Rosa Bimpong
St. Francis: Emily Hunt
St. Joseph: Evan Okorafor
St. Bernadette: Elizabeth Odoi
St. Theresa: Darcey-Mae Booth
St. Peter: Akshara Jeykanth



St Mary: Delano Reddie
St. Francis: Ella Lawrence
St. Joseph: Beatrice Clark
St. Bernadette: Carlotta Doncaster
St. Theresa: Maisie Workman
St Peter: Scott Andrews

CDA Dance Festival

Our dance club performed in the dance festival at Trinity on Monday evening. They were truly amazing and so professional in the way they presented themselves. Smiles all the way and a great sound from their tapping toes. Well done children and thank you Mrs. Laverty for all your hard work and to Miss Whitmarsh in role as hair styling consultant!



Woodcote Cross Country

Good luck to all of our athletes who will be participating in the Woodcote cross country event tomorrow morning. Pupils need to arrive at Woodcote by 9am. It's the last race of the series so medals will be awarded at the end of the morning. We have a number of individuals and teams in contention for medals so best of luck to all who are participating and to Mrs Davis and Miss Whitmarsh for their time and effort with the group.

Irish Dancing

To celebrate St Patrick's Day, which will be taking place this Sunday, Orla and Ella in Year 5 treated us to some wonderful Irish Dancing this morning in assembly. Have a look at their amazing performance on our Twitter feed @St_Aidans_Sch, which the two girls choreographed all on their own. They will also be teaching an Irish dancing routine to some Yr 1-2 pupils as a mini club (at lunchtime play) in the coming weeks. Thanks for sharing your talent with us girls!



Girls Football

Our girls football team had their first ever match this week, a friendly against Margaret Roper. We were amazed by how well the girls played, especially as only one of them had ever played a competitive game before this. It was a really even game, and if anything St Aidan's had more of the ball and more chances. However, we ended up losing by the narrowest of margins, 1-0. All the girls did themselves proud with their efforts, and the game will stand them in good stead for the Croydon Catholic tournament in two weeks time.



School Dinners

To enable us to maintain an affordable price for school dinners, please allow a minimum of two weeks' notice before changing over from one to the other. It is not possible to opt in or out of individual days of the week – apart from fun Fridays.

We have also made some minor tweaks to the menu following feedback from pupils and parents. Please see the attached menu for details.

St Aidan's has one of the highest uptakes of school dinners in Croydon, which is a testament to the quality of ingredients used, the hard work and creativity of kitchen staff and to the willingness of our pupils to try new things.