



For obvious reasons it's been pretty unsettling times in the wider world – however, our children have been coping fantastically and generally taking things in their stride, as they always do. Thanks for your messages of support and feedback too – as always, our community will work together for the common good. Please monitor emails regularly in the coming days and weeks as we continue to share updates. A reminder that next Friday we are having our Race for Life at school – details below.

### Year 4 Class Assembly

Our Year 4 children showed off their knowledge of volcanoes and earthquakes this morning with an informative assembly.

The class took us through how we should respond in the (hopefully very unlikely!) event of an earthquake, and told us how we could prepare an earthquake survival kit. The assembly was rounded off with a lovely song about volcanoes.

Well done to the children and teachers involved.



### Prayer Garden

To celebrate The Year of the Word, our children have been busy renovating our pond area into a prayer garden, a beautiful quiet space where children can go to be still and reflect. Thanks to Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Paull, Mrs. Cecil and all of the other staff and volunteers who worked together to make this such a special and inviting area.



### Notifying the School of Illness

It is very important that we are able to track reasons for sickness absence in the coming weeks. If your child is off school because of a cough or a fever, then they will need to self-isolate for seven days. Please inform the school in writing when this happens so that we can monitor absences correctly.



St Mary: Bella Lamprecht  
St. Francis: Naya Sookun  
St. Joseph: Francesca Shaw  
St. Bernadette: Ifunaya Igbokwe  
St. Theresa: Jessica Batell  
St. Peter: Hayden Watts  
St Paul: David Kwarteng



St Mary: Giovanna Ross  
St. Francis: Zoe Mathew  
St. Joseph: Sophia Bradley  
St. Bernadette: Lumbwe Kaluba  
St. Theresa: Imogen Clancy  
St Peter: James Barron  
St Paul: Jacob Greenhalgh

## Hockey

The hockey teams were at a tournament at Trinity. They competed against Trinity, Elmhurst, St David's, Eltham and Rosemead. The children played extremely well in a variety of weather conditions (sun, hail, wind and rain). Both teams finished second in their plate competitions and were commended by the Trinity staff for their behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done children and thanks to all the parents for their support.



## Cross Country

Good luck to all of the children who will be participating in the cross-country competition at Woodcote tomorrow. Please arrive at 9am as the first race is off at 9.30. Lots of our teams are in the running for podium finishes so we are really hoping for a good turnout.

## Race for Life 2020

On Friday 20th March the whole school, throughout the school day, will take to the field and run for an allotted amount of time to raise money for Cancer Research. This is our school Race for Life. As with last year, we have sent home a sponsor form with your child which we would ask you to complete in order for the raised money to be Gift Aided (if you have misplaced yours more can be obtained from the school office). Then you can either collect and send in money or you can donate on our Just Giving page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/st-aidans-rprimary-school>

which will be open until the 3rd April. We would ask that all money collected would also be returned to us by this date. If you are unable to get sponsorship, we would ask that you make a small donation to this important cause.

Together we can beat cancer.



## Anita McWeeney R.I.P.

One of our serving governors, Anita McWeeney, passed away suddenly earlier this month after a short illness. She worked with school leaders to develop R.E. at St Aidan's. She was an unsung hero for the school, working tirelessly in the background to help monitor and improve standards. Most recently, she acted as chair of the school's curriculum committee. Anita took great joy from her school visits, seeing the children growing in God's love first hand and frequently attended acts of worship and special occasions such as the carol concert and nativity. We will be eternally grateful for the support and dedication which she brought to the school. May she rest in peace.



## Achievement

Well done to Rafaele (rugby) Ewan (50 parkruns!) Luca (rugby) Josiah and Devasha (swimming) and Natalie and Darcey-Mae (piano and violin) for their individual achievements.

