



Thanks to all of you for your positivity and compliance with the new measures we have been taking in an effort to minimise the impact of Covid-19 to pupils learning. If you are experiencing any hardship, financial or otherwise, in the coming weeks please speak to us in complete confidence as we may be able to offer support. We hope you have a good weekend.

### Clubs Cancelled

For the next four weeks there will be no sporting or dance clubs after school following a government announcement that non-childcare clubs can not take place outside of school hours during lockdown. We will await further guidance but we are hopeful that clubs might resume for the two weeks before Christmas, pending further updates from the DfE and Public Health. Breakfast club and Kids Connect will carry on as normal.

### Cross Country Results

The times from all the school races in the Croydon cross-country competition have been compiled for overall rankings in Croydon. Congratulations to Gabriella 1st in the Y4 race, Grace S 3rd in the Y5 race and Darcey-Mae 2nd in the Y6 race. Our Year 4 girls team came 1<sup>st</sup> overall in that category and in Year 6 both our girls and boys teams came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their category. Well done to all the children who took part and thanks once again to Mrs Davis and Mrs Paull for their tireless work in supporting the children with their running.



### Outdoor Learning Week

After a few weeks of very frequent and sometimes extreme rainfall, we were blessed for the majority of the week, with beautiful sunny weather to enjoy our outdoor learning environment for national 'Outdoor Classroom Day'. Thanks to Mr Stanley for suggesting a great range of activities in his role as outdoor learning champion. Children enjoyed a wide range of outdoor learning opportunities, including, leaf rubbing, map reading / orienteering and harnessing our lovely wooded area for creative maths and English lessons.

Our Twitter feed has lots more updates on what the children got up to. Sadly, there were no sightings of Gruffalos or bears in the woods!



St Mary: Sienna Harewood  
St. Francis: Sofia Horrigan  
St. Joseph: Tom Ransom  
St. Bernadette: Delphie Powell  
St. Theresa: Caitlin Mulligan  
St. Peter: Jack Upfold  
St Paul: Hayden Watts



St Mary: Louie Lamb  
St. Francis: Isabella Lamprecht  
St. Joseph: Delaneo Reddie  
St. Bernadette: Sammy Famodimu  
St. Theresa: Lumbwe Kaluba  
St Peter: George Beckett  
St Paul: Erin Doohan

### Year 1 Victorian Toys Day

Our lucky Year 1 children were treated to a fun morning of learning about Victorian toys with Headmaster Alan Murphy from the Victorian School this week. The children had the opportunity to investigate a variety of toys from the Victorian era and to get in character by dressing in period costumes. The children really enjoyed the session. Thanks to the School Association for part-funding the experience and to Mrs Conroy for organising the day.



### Individual and Family Photos

Photo proofs went home in book bags during the week. You are able to order online directly but if you want to return yours to school to order via us then please return the order form no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. If for some reason you haven't received photo proofs then please let the school office know.

### Parents Evening

Parents evenings will take place next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and the following Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please take note of the following points so that it can run as smoothly as possible.

- Appointment times are strictly 10 minutes. I have told teachers that they MUST finish calls at the appointed time. If teachers fall behind it will completely mess up the system as parents may be on a different call to a sibling's teacher if the teacher calls late. Please do not be offended if the teacher brings the call to an abrupt end once the 10 minute slot has elapsed.
- Teachers may be calling from a private number as there are not enough external phone lines in the school. If you receive a call from a private number during that evening, it is likely to be from your child's teacher.
- Teachers will send out target sheets after the parents evening. This will be a summary of the key thing your child needs to work on in the coming term.
- Teachers have a full diary of appointments on both evenings which means that if you miss your call, the teacher will not be able to call back outside of the slot that you have chosen for your appointment. Please do not call back via the school office to speak to the class teacher, as the office will not be able to connect you.

We appreciate your support with this new system and understand that it is a compromise for you as well as for us.

### Open Day Virtual Events

We have now cancelled any 1:1 or small group tours of the school for prospective parents. These are being replaced with virtual open sessions, with dates across the remainder of term. If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for next year, please pass on this information. Existing parents who have a sibling joining in September 2021 are very welcome to join these events too if they wish.

### Autumn 2020 Open Sessions

Please join us for one of our live virtual open days

Thursday 12th November  
7pm

Wednesday 18th November  
10am

Friday 27th November  
2pm

Monday 7th December  
5pm



Please call the school office on 01737 556036 or email [admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk) to book one of the virtual open days so that we can send you a link and an application pack.

### Achievement

Well done to all the pupils who were celebrated for their achievements out of school this week. Ethan D, Olivia and Isabelle all achieved Athletics certificates, Vinnie was awarded player of the match for his rugby team, Rafaele also won an individual award for his rugby team, Harry K in Year 2 was awarded a Athletics certificate and in Yr 4 the following children were awarded their pen licenses: Orlaith, Lola, Ifunaya, Iris and Ava F.

