



Next week is a very exciting week for our Yr 6 pupils as they head to the Isle of Wight for their residential trip. We wish them a safe and happy week. Tuesday will also be a momentous occasion as we are sending our first sports team to a competition in many months, with our Yr 5 girls attending a Palace for Life football festival at Selhurst park. Our Yr 2 assembly will also be shared with parents next Friday via Google Classroom.

### Year 4 Coding with robots workshop

Year 4 were the first class in Europe to be given the exciting opportunity to meet Mr Thurbon and his robots from iRobot who came into class on Wednesday. The class were shown how the code they have been creating in Scratch can then be used to control the robots, allowing them to move around, avoid obstructions and carry out simple tasks. Mr Thurbon was impressed by the classes interesting and thought-provoking questions for both him and some of the other international iRobot team who joined the lesson via Zoom. The children were incredibly inspired by the experience and it has given them a new insight into the usefulness of coding lessons.



### Half term

Summer half term begins next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May at the normal finish time. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June is a staff inset day so pupils first day back after half-term is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### Year 6 Make A Splash With Councillor Oliver Lewis

After many months of campaigning for Purley Pool to be reopened, Year Six pupils were happy to finally be able to meet with Councillor Oliver Lewis, when he visited St Aidan's school on Monday.

Councillor Lewis (Croydon Council Cabinet member for Sport and Swimming pools) faced some difficult questions from the children, regarding swimming provision in Croydon.

Year 6 children asked Councillor Lewis a range of questions about why Purley Pool has remained closed, despite the other 4 pools in Croydon reopening.

Abigail Yusoof, a student in Year 6, said, "I can't understand why the council have money to build a new pool in New Addington, which cost over £25 million, however, Purley pool, which would only cost £220,000 to reopen, remains closed. The

Council has received a grant of £924,000 to reopen all of Croydon's leisure centres, so I find it hard to understand why Purley pool is still shut." The Year 6 Campaign message to Councillor Lewis remains the same : **"REOPEN PURLEY POOL!"**



Year 6 Reporters :Emily Knolles and Abigail Yusoof.



St Mary: Louie Lamb  
St. Francis: Ethan Okoroafor  
St. Joseph: Naya Sookun  
St. Bernadette: Amelie Bardetti  
St. Theresa: Iris Kember  
St. Peter: Obekhai Omozuapo  
St Paul: Abigail Yusoof



St Mary: Lillian Batrick  
St. Francis: Langazye Kaluba  
St. Joseph: Harry Koch  
St. Bernadette: Conor Kemp  
St. Theresa: Adam Stepien  
St Peter: Leah Martin  
St Paul: Emily Knolles

## Year 6 Rainforest Frog Sewing

Year 6 have made the most amazing frogs which have lost their way from the rainforests. They have now been released into the wild!



## Girls half-term football club



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CATERHAM PUMAS | 3RD & 4TH JUNE | 9AM-3PM

AGES 7-12 YRS

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## Parking Update

We are finally making some progress with Croydon council regarding the traffic and parking issues that continue to cause frustration at drop-off and pick-up times. The council have agreed to repaint and extend the zig-sags outside the school and are currently assessing additional requests that we have made, including adding double yellow lines on the other side of the road, either side of the Portnalls x Sherwood junction. Please continue to do all that you can to ensure safe parking around the school, particularly by avoiding parking on the junction opposite the school.

## Drop-off times

A reminder of the drop off times in the morning:

8.40-8.50am Year 5/6

8.50 – 9am Year 3 & 4 and older siblings

9am – 9.10am Year 1 & 2 and older siblings

9.10 – 9.20am Reception & older siblings

More and more children are now arriving at school outside of their allocated slot. Please do not bring children to school earlier than their normal slot. We do not have capacity to child-mind at the drop off point unless by prior arrangement in exceptional circumstances.

## Achievement

Well done to Josiah (Mathletics) Liam (football), Callum (rugby) Abigail (ballet) and Devasha (Mathletics) for their achievements. Also, a big well done to all of the Yr 4 pupils who achieved pen licenses today: Caitlin, Eviee, Darcy, Naira, Austin, Ava M, Seb, Ethan, Luca and Oliver.

