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St Aidan’s Catholic Primary School

19th November 2021 Newsletter

Next week is another busy week, with our football team in action and some of our Yr 5 children travelling to St Cyprian’s for a science quiz to name but a few. I’m sure the highlight of the week for many will be Rainbow Theatre’s production of Dick Whittington, which will take place on Thursday. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Panto

We are very excited (oh no we’re not, oh yes we are etc etc.) to have our panto in school next Thursday 25th. Rainbow Theatre will be performing Dick Whittington to all pupils throughout the day. The performance is subsidised by S.A.S.A Thank you so much for your support.

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday we travelled to Oasis in Coulsdon to take part in the Croydon tag-rugby qualifiers. We played four games, winning three and drawing one. Our results meant that we finished top of the table and we will now go on to compete in the Croydon finals. Samuel was our top try scorer with 9 tries but all members of the squad performed really well. We are looking forward to giving our best effort in the Croydon finals, which we have competed in for the last three years in a row.

Report by: George and Samuel (Yr 6)

Gymnastics

Well done to our KS1 gymnasts who came 2nd overall in the KS1 gymnastics on Thursday. Congrats to Sienna, Isabelle, Dannell and Eoin. Thanks to Mrs Costa and Mrs Day for taking and supporting the children and to Mrs Gray for helping them prepare their routine.

MUFTI

Next Friday 26th will be a mufti (own clothes) day for all pupils. Pupils are asked to bring chocolate which will then be used on our chocolate tombola at the S.A.S.A Christmas Fayre on Sunday 5th December. The following Friday 3rd December will also be a mufti where we will be asking pupils to ‘bring a bottle’, also in aid of the S.A.S.A Christmas Fayre.

The Christmas Fayre is on Sunday 5th December from 12 – 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pupil of the Week

St Mary: Dylan Hession
St. Francis: Lily Batrick
St. Joseph: Valentina Navarro-Ward
St. Bernadette: Imogen Sone
St. Theresa: Gisela Maier
St. Peter: Ethan Kelly
St Paul: Will Ransom

Best Behaviour

St Mary: Lydia Kuforiji
St. Francis: Sienna Burge
St. Joseph: Giovanna Ross
St. Bernadette: Jacob Harber
St. Theresa: Sammy Famodimu
St Peter: Abigail Ditchfield
St Paul: Grace Carroll

Prayer leader news

Fr Gerard came in on Tuesday to talk to our prayer leaders. He presented them with their own sets of rosary beads and they talked about how and why we pray the rosary. Our prayer leaders will now cascade this down to the rest of our school community. Ava F, one of our prayer leaders, came up with her own badge design for our prayer leaders. It looks amazing - so creative!

Yr 2 D.T Projects

We have ben very impressed by the quality and creativity of our Year 2 pupils, who have constructed a variety of models of flight travel. We've had everything from fighter jets to hot air balloons. The creations will remain on display in Year 2 for the remainder of term.

Enhanced Covid Measures

We have taken some additional measures in recent weeks to stop the spread of Covid, including once-again reducing the number of classes that attend assemblies in person etc. We are asking parents to remain vigilant to help us to combat any potential spread. You can do this by:

- Keeping your child at home and booking a PCR test if they or anyone else in your household begin to display any symptoms of Covid. As long as pupils don't display any Covid symptoms they can continue to attend school while awaiting the test result (ether their own or others).
- Booking a PCR test if you or your child develop Covid symptoms as per government guidelines. **If your child develops a temperature, new and persistent cough and/or loss of taste/smell, a lateral flow test is not sufficient to rule out Covid.**
- Wearing a face covering if you intend to talk to any members of staff when you are on site, even outdoors.

Following discussions with the local public health team, we will now be asking pupils to get a PCR test where a close-contact in school has tested positive for Covid. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, taking advice from public health and the department of education to reduce the spread of Covid in school as much as possible. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Achievement

Well done to everyone who celebrated their individual achievements in assembly this week. Jake, Joseph Darcey, Lana and Zofia (Mathletics), Callum (rugby), Grace S (cross-country), Sofia (gymnastics) and Ivy (swimming). Well done to all of you. (We missed a few today that we weren't aware of in time for assembly – these will be celebrated next week instead.)