'Living and Growing in Christ'



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

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23rd September 2022 Newsletter

We have a busy week next week, with our Year 5 class out on the first class trip of the year to the Young Scientist Centre in London. Our KS2 school councillors will be attending mass at St George's Cathedral and we have our Reception parent's curriculum evening on Tuesday at 6pm. Have a lovely weekend.

Notifying school when your child is being collected by another parent

We are having an increasing number of requests (often onthe-spot to the class teacher) from parents who have been asked to collect someone's child at the end of the day. If you have ongoing informal arrangements with another parent to share pick ups, then you must inform the school office in writing (by email). If you ever ask another parent to pick up your child last-minute (because of cancelled trains, stuck in traffic etc.) you still need to let the school know. The parent of the child is the person who needs to let the school know **not the person collecting.** It is very important that we have explicit permission from someone with parental responsibility. We are not able to hand over a child to any adult who is not a parent / known grandparent / known childminder, unless we have received permission in writing (or at a minimum by phone if it's a last minute emergency). For ongoing arrangements, you only need to let the office know once, as long as you state that it's an ongoing arrangement. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our children.



Did you know: The word 'Mufti' is of Arabic origin - it's a legal advisor in Islamic law. In the Music Hall era, people would dress up as Mufti, in traditional garb, which because of the Ottoman empire was a fez with a tassel and a dressing gown. This was then picked up as not being in uniform, which is what it means now in

School Games Platinum

We are very proud to have been presented our platinum flag for our school games mark. We will have to find somewhere special for it.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Mrs McCleave will be hosting a Macmillan coffee afternoon at school next Friday 30th September. The afternoon will begin at 2.30pm and will take place in either the schooll hall or on the playground, depending on the weather.

Whenever we have a cake sale, we ask only some of our year groups to supply cakes, so we don't end up with an over supply on the day, as you are always very generous. On this occasion, we would ask that parents of those pupils in Yr1, 2 and 3 to bring a donation of cupcakes or whole cakes. Cakes can be dropped off on Thursday after school or else on Friday morning. Please be reminded that we are a nut free school.

Next Friday we invite all pupils to come to school in mufti (own clothes). As green is the colour of Macmillian, if your child has an item of green clothing at home, they could choose to wear that to show their support for Macmillian. We are asking for donations of £1 per child for our mufti day to go to the charity.



- St. Francis: Charlotte McLaughlin
- St. Joseph: Lucas Mulligan
- St. Bernadette: Oyeme Omozuapo
- St. Theresa: Rosa Bimpong
- St. Peter: Isabelle Griffin
- St Paul: Bea Clark



- St. Francis: Isabella Whittaker
- St. Joseph: Lily Batrick
- St. Bernadette: Eoin Doohan
- St. Theresa: George Waite
- St Peter: Clara Westwood
- St Paul: Lumbwe Kaluba

Uniform Updates

A few clarifications on uniform issues:

- Summer uniform is optional until October half term. Girls can choose to wear the blue gingham dress or the winter uniform.
- Hair below shoulder length needs to be tied back with plain blue, white or black hair clips or hair bands.
- Plimsolls should be left in school for indoor PE sessions
- Coats should be plain black or navy
- Jewellery, including friendship bracelets, should not be worn. For children with pierced ears, they should wear plain gold or silver studs and they should be removed or covered for PE sessions.
- No nail varnish is allowed.

Please continue to ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Reception Class Curriculum Evening

Parents who have children in Reception class are invited to join us for a Reception curriculum evening on Tuesday 27th September, 6pm at school. This will be an opportunity for you to hear a little about what the children have been up to so far as well as learn how the curriculum works in Reception.

First Full Week For Reception

It is hard to belive that this is the first week that our Reception pupils have been in all day. They have settled in so well it is as if they have always been with us. What a busy week they have had. Here are a few photos of some of the excitement of the week



Trinity Sports Session

Some of our Year 6 boys enjoyed a morning at Trinity school in Shirley, where they were tested on their agility, speed and stamina. A great morning was had by all.

Thanks to Trinity and Croydon Sports Partnership for organising.









Achievement

So many achievements! Joseph (Y2), Jasmine, Dylan, Oliver (Y1), Josiah (Y3), Dara (Y4) and Liam (Y5) all earnt their bronze Mathletics awards. Delaneo (Y4) and Danell (Y3) both have been awarded their green belt in Taekwondo. Jake (Y2) and Harry K (Y4) both received a rugby TREDZ award. Emily (Y1) got gold in her reading egg quiz. Michael (Y4) got man of the match for football. Olivia (Y2) won an Irish dancing medal. Gisela (Y5) and Michelle (Y3) both were awarded dancing medals. Lastly, Vianne, Imogen, Rosa and Chimamanda (Y4) all got their pen licenses. Amazing!

