



It's been a busy end to the first half-term of the academic year. Y3 had a wet and rainy Stone Age Day, Y6 have been away on PGL, and we had reception parents for lunch. After half-term we are looking forward to welcoming our new Headteacher, Mrs Logue. We would like to wish all our children and families a lovely half-term and safe travels to all those who are going away.

Fireworks

Our S.A.S.A. fireworks evening last Friday was a great success, with close to 700 people in attendance and a total of over £2,200 profit, which will go to support enrichment opportunities for our pupils. Some rain earlier in the evening threatened to put a dampener on proceedings but thankfully the skies cleared a bit and a great night was had by all.

Dozens of volunteers worked throughout the evening and into the night to set up, run the stalls and clean up afterwards. Thank you to all those who helped in any way, big or small. A special mention to Danni, Andy, Karla, Sarah, Ellie and Caroline who were the chief organisers of this great event and thank you to Frontier Fireworks for an incredible display, to Emma Burge who donated the hair braiding equipment, to Papa Johns Coulsdon for donating 18 pizzas which raised £180 and to Express Copy in Coulsdon for the event banners. A special mention also to Clive Fernandes for being our DJ and Tanya Campbell for giving up her day to help.

Wellbeing day in Year 3

Year 3 have had a great day today exploring regulating their emotions. They were treated with a visit from Cleo the dog.



Yr 6 Residential Trip

This week our Yr 6 pupils have been enjoying a week of fun activities on the Isle of Wight. We have really missed them here in school. They have really impressed the staff at PGL as they developed a huge range of skills including leadership, teamwork etc. through the wide range of activities and challenges that they faced. Their behaviour was exceptional and we are very proud of them.

Many staff sacrificed evenings away from their family to accompany the children this week and we are very grateful for all that they have done to ensure the safety, wellbeing and happiness of the children. Thanks to Mrs Luke, Mrs Harper, Mr Stanley, Mrs Merlini & Mrs McCleave.



St Mary: Laura Vedana Deligiannis
St. Francis: Naomi Laskowska
St. Joseph: Whole Class
St. Bernadette: Lucas Mulligan
St. Theresa: Mia De Freitas
St. Peter: Alex Hill
St Paul: Whole Class



St Mary: Beau Mullen
St. Francis: Ava Cummins
St. Joseph: Dylan Hession
St. Bernadette: James Campbell
St. Theresa: Joseph McSherry
St Peter: Elliot Westwood
St Paul: Whole Class

Message from Mrs Harper

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Logue as the new Headteacher at St Aidan's from Monday 30th October. I shall be at St Aidan's with Mrs Logue for a short transition period after half term before I return to St Thomas Becket so I will see you all again before I leave.

I want to say a huge thank you to all the staff, families and children who have made me feel very welcome during my time at St Aidan's. It is a very special community and I have enjoyed my time with you all immensely and will take with me many wonderful memories of the smiles, laughter and fun I have shared with all of you. God bless you all – you will always have a special place in my heart.

Mrs Harper

All Saints Mass

Wednesday 1st November, which is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Parents and family members are warmly invited to attend if they are available to do so. Mass is at 1.45pm.

If you are attending Mass, you will be able to collect your child at school immediately afterwards. Clubs will run as normal after school on that day.

Visit from Mrs Esparon

On Thursday Mrs Esparon came by with Caitlin. It was so lovely to see baby Caitlin and the children were very excited to meet her!



Reception class

Our Reception class have been making hedgehogs this week. Have a look at their wonderful creations!



Photos

The photographer will be coming to school on Tuesday 31st October to take photos of individual pupils and sibling groups (those that attend St Aidan's). Please ensure that all pupils are in correct (winter) uniform. Girls should no longer be wearing the gingham dress after half-term. Please see the attached uniform list for further guidance on correct uniform. Any hair fastenings should be plain dark blue or black. Coats should be navy blue.

Harvest donations

Thank you for all your harvest food donations. Mrs Hughes and Mrs Tucker dropped all the donations off at Purley Food hub this week.



Our Reception School Councilors

Meet Emily and Charlie our new Reception school council. Emily and Charlie are already excited to join in on our meetings after half term.



Kindness Competition

Mrs Hughes is blown away by the amount of kindness posters we have had. Well-done if you completed a kindness poster. Here are some to show you:



Well done to our winners:

Amerly (Reception)
Sophia (Y4)
Herbie (Y3)
Vianne (Y5)

Harrison Watts work experience

This week we have been lucky to have had help from our lovely past pupil and Luna's brother; Harrison. Harrison has spent time getting to know the children during coach T's P.E lessons. The staff have been thrilled to see him again and the children have enjoyed having him at school.



Reception parents for lunch

Our reception parents were invited for lunch this week. The children loved having mummy or daddy at school for lunch. A huge thank you to our wonderful Mrs Hilson and Mrs Shirley for preparing the delicious lunches.



Radom Act of Kindness

We would like to say a huge thank you to a lovely Coudson resident, who has donated £100 to the school. What a lovely, thoughtful and generous gift. We are hoping to put the money towards a new P.E shed.



Mrs Lindsay

Sadly, Mrs Lindsay is leaving us to take up a full-time post in another Croydon School. We are very grateful to Mrs Lindsay for being such a wonderful teachers and colleague and for stepping into Y2 at short notice last June. Staff and children will miss her very much and we wish her well in her new school. We will update you regarding Mrs Lindsay's replacement after half term.



Year 1 Art Work

Year 1 are learning about Andy Warhol and have created their own pop art using their hand prints and colored card. Well-done Year 1 – they look great!



S.A.S.A. Notices

Thank you to all of those families who have agreed to have advertising boards for local estate agent Hallways, Coulsdon advertising the Christmas Fair.

We need 55 families to have estate agent boards outside their houses. All we need is your address and this will raise £675 for the school. If you are willing to support this, please contact the School Association on Classlist, or email info@staidanssa.co.uk before Monday 30th October to register your interest.

Date for your diary:

Disco night Friday 3rd November

KS1: 3.30 – 4.45pm

KS2: 5 – 6.15pm

Tickets will be on sale during half-term on class list

Achievement

We had lots of individual achievements this week as always we are so proud of them all! Reception- Olivia for her gymnastics; Y2- Moses and Dylan for rugby; Aren for football; Oliver, Dylan and Aren for Mathletics; Alessia for gymnastics; Y3- Max, Lucas and Louie for football; Jacob, James, Lucas for rugby; James for jiu jitsu; Y4- Eoin and Joseph for rugby; Reuben for Mathletics; Y5- Isiah, Michael, Dylan, Harry. K and Dara for rugby; Vianne for her Commonwealth Essay Competition



Have a lovely half term and we will see you all back to school on Monday 30th October!

Y3 Stone Age Day!

Yesterday Y3 were fully immersed in their history topic learning about the Stone Age. They experienced observing how a fire was lit along with roasting apples, den building, creating authentic cave painting and making stone age pottery using clay.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Zographou and Mrs Steedman for organising this day. Y3 would like to say a BIG thank you to Mrs Ryan, Mrs Potia, Mrs Harewood and Mr O'Kane for all their help throughout the day.

