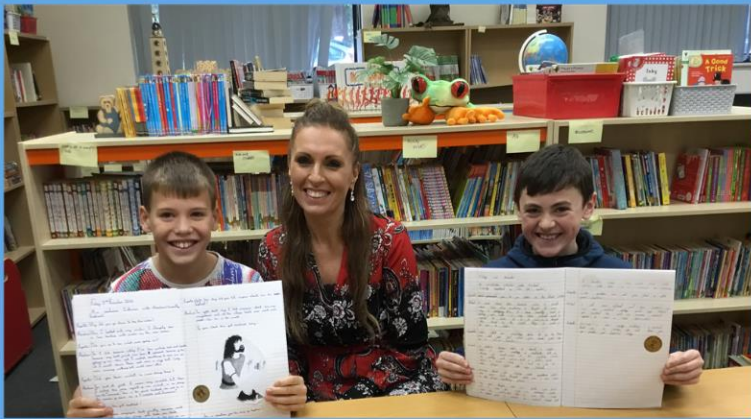




Wow, what a busy first week back after half term. We have had Mass for All Saint's Day on Wednesday, some of year 4 went Orienteering, Y5 went on a trip to Imperial College and Year 2, 5 and 6 had a visit from the Space Dome today! It has been lovely to see all the children excited about the disco this evening. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Message from Mrs Logue



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had an incredibly enjoyable time during my first week as Headteacher here at St Aidan's. Everyone has been very welcoming and it has been lovely saying hello and meeting you in the mornings and afternoons at the school gate. The children have made me do nothing but smile all week and I've thoroughly enjoyed visiting classes and seeing all the wonderful things which they've been learning and taking part in. I'm also thankful for joining such a lovely staff who have been friendly and extremely supportive. The warmth which St. Aidan's community have shown me has been exceptionally special, thank you!

Please bear with me as I endeavor to remember everyone's name over the coming weeks! I am looking forward to seeing parents at the coffee 'meet and greet' session next **Tuesday 7th November at 9.15am**. The aim is to be able to tell you a little about myself and have the opportunity to meet you in person rather than just a quick hello at the gates.

God bless and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Logue

Achievements

Wow! First week back and already are children are astounding us with their hard work in and out of school. With lots of amazing Mathletics awards, fantastic swimming awards, wonderful Irish dancing achievements, incredible football work, brilliant gymnastics and even a mermaid school certificate, the children probably need another week off to recover from all the fun activities!



Dates to remember:

10 th November 2023	Y6 Assembly at 9:30am
13 th – 17 th November 2023	Anti-bullying week
13 th November 2023	Wear odd socks day



Welcome Mrs Skidmore

We would like to welcome Mrs Skidmore to the St. Aidan's family. Mrs Skidmore will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays working across the school but mainly in Year 2. We are sure you will give her a warm welcome.

Orienteering

A group of Year 4 children braved the rain on Wednesday to take part in an Orienteering festival at Lloyd Park. The children were excellently behaved and really enjoyed taking part in a number of map-based challenges. Thank you to all the adults and parents who came to support and transport the children to and from the event.



Year 5 Trip to Imperial College

On Wednesday Year 5 were lucky enough to travel to Imperial College to take part in a Robotics STEM workshop. The children were taught how to build and code Robots to perform specific tasks. They used LEGO Mindstorm software and built upon previous learning using algorithms to code the robots to draw. I am proud to say the children showed much enthusiasm and displayed excellent behavior all day! Well done Year 5! A special thank you also to the parents that kindly volunteered their time to help with this trip.



Parking

As always, the safety of our children is absolutely paramount! Historically, parking has always been an issue for St Aidan's. Unfortunately, we have received several emails regarding dangerous parking which not only blocks residential driveways but also has an impact on the children being able to cross the road safely. This is a serious concern. Additionally, we are also aware of the restricted road signage due to the lack of maintenance of the trees in the open space next to our site which means that often the road signs for our school cannot be seen easily, or at all, for drivers.

We understand that it is very busy during pick-ups and drop off times especially when parking is limited. Therefore, we have asked Croydon Council to assist us in investigating this situation as a matter of urgency which they have agreed to review.

Nevertheless, we cannot stress the importance of taking due care when choosing to park across residential driveways as this has caused avoidable and unfair stress and duress for those who live opposite our school and for those who must have 24/7 access to and from their home. Therefore, it is imperative that you make a conscious effort not double park on residents driveways or stop alongside the road to drop children off.



St Mary: Mila Lo
St. Francis: Olivia Helm
St. Joseph: Veronica Coni
St. Bernadette: Alana Bradley
St. Theresa: Reuben Onwuejeogwu
St. Peter: Zofia Kiewlak
St Paul: Ivy Farrell



St Mary: Tommy Muirhead
St. Francis: Kaima Akanihu
St. Joseph: Moses Ikpa
St. Bernadette: Joseph McIntyre
St. Theresa: Harry Ginman
St Peter: Mickey Joe McLaughlin
St Paul: Loneh Omozuapo

Year 3 Visit

Year 3 were very fortunate to have a visit from Dr Robert Chandler for a special science experiment on rocks, fossils and soils. The children had the opportunity to make their own fossils and look closely at rocks and fossils as they experimented with different ones and observed them in chemical reactions.

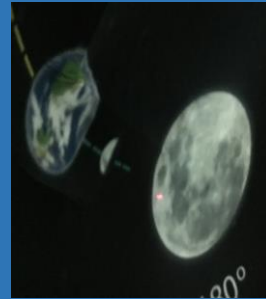
Year 3 want to thank Dr Robert for his exciting investigations and to Danni for her help supporting the class.



Space Dome Visit

Today we were very lucky to have the wonderful Dome visit St. Aidan's. We were able to go inside the planetarium and learn about the stars, the galaxies and whether or not we are alone in the universe. Our class enjoyed this wonderful experience very much and have learnt a lot more about Space. Thank you to Mrs Membrino for organising this wonderful opportunity for Y5, 6 and 2.

Written by Vianne and Charlotte Y5



School Disco

Thank you to all of SASA for organizing an amazing school disco. I think the Popcorn was the highlight and I have seen some great dance moves in the hall this afternoon not the mention the amazing array of sparkly outfits. Thank you to all the parent helpers that have gone above and beyond. As always, we are very grateful for everything you do for the children.

Have you seen our kindness butterflies?

The school councilors have been on the look out for acts of kindness and a butterfly is added to our display every time they see one.



Message from Mrs Hughes

I have been amazed with all the wonderful work I have seen going on around school this week. We have had firework paintings in Reception. WW2 dress up day in year 6 – I have loved the WW2 singing coming from the classroom. Year 3 have been writing descriptions of a Woolley Mammoth in English. Year 4 have been doing portraits in art. Any guesses who the portraits are of?

Here are some examples of the work I have seen in school this week:

