



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

'Living and Growing in Christ'

Friday 21st December 2023



End of Term Message from the Headteacher



As this term draws to a close, we reflect upon some of the remarkable things that have been achieved within our school community over the past number of weeks. I feel incredibly privileged to lead such a wonderful school! The children fill me with immense pride and amazement, and I continue to enjoy spending time with them, getting to know them and watching them grow and flourish.

It has certainly been a very busy, productive and successful term for staff and pupils at St Aidan's. I can't believe how quickly my first term as Headteacher has passed. I would like to say a tremendously huge thank you to the pupils, parents, staff, SASA and governors for making me feel so welcome.

The children here at St Aidan's have excelled and performed brilliantly in so many areas, not only in the numerous sporting competitions, matches and events which they participate in, but also in various activities both inside and outside of school. One of these being the most recent science competition which saw our Year 5 children win overall, meaning they now go straight through to the final held in Oxford next June! The skills and talents I witness across the school in every class, day in, and day out is highly commendable and not something to go unnoticed or without mention. This term has been packed with activities, visitors into school, educational visits outside of school and of course many trips and competitions. Amongst us, we have marvellous dancers, musicians, artists, actors, martial arts enthusiasts, performers and sports people. What an achievement!



Our children continue to excel in all areas of school life and our relentless focus on academic achievement remains as steadfast as ever. The commitment and dedication of St Aidan's inspirational staff is also outstanding. I feel very honoured to be part of an exceptional team! St Aidan's is such a warm, friendly and unique school. The staff always choose to go the extra mile and their visible and tangible commitment to the social, emotional, spiritual, and academic development of all our young people, ensures our school continues to flourish and achieve. They have been truly remarkable and I am lucky to lead a team of highly dedicated and professional staff. Such success, however, would not be possible without the continued support of parents and families. I want to thank you as parents for the unwavering support that you continue to show us. It has been lovely welcoming you at the gates in the morning and again at the end of the school day. I appreciate your kindness and words of encouragement and thanks. I hope to continue getting to know you all and building on the positive and supportive relationships established.



The highlights for me this term were the amazing assemblies, performances and the numerous awards which the children achieved. The past few weeks in particular have been nothing other than fantastic! Both the nativity performances and our Christmas carol concert were superb! The effort the children have put in has been phenomenal. All performances were outstanding! It was great to see the confidence in our children shine through and every child played a special part in all performances. Again, these events enrich the curriculum and allow education to take place both inside and outside of the classroom.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our family of dedicated school association representatives, SASA who work tirelessly to organise events which raise funds for the school which is then used to enhance the school curriculum. Their help and support goes such a long way and we are extremely lucky to have a team of hardworking and remarkable supporters among us. They are an asset to the school and we are extremely grateful!

I would also like to thank St Aidan's governing body. Our governors show vital support to St Aidan's in a way that demonstrates just how committed they are. The governors endeavour to be the consistent presence and have the children's best interests at the heart of all decisions. They play a crucial role in ensuring that St Aidan's is run effectively and efficiently, and that our children receive the best possible education.

Finally, on behalf of our whole staff team I would like to wish you and your loved ones a joyous Christmas and a peaceful new year! We look forward to welcoming you back in 2024!

God bless, Mrs Logue x





Charity Donation!



Following the purchase of school photographs, we were able to raise the sum of £62.00 for Cancer Research.

We receive a 50p donation per order of photograph. Looking at the charities we support, Cancer Research is the company that we nominated to donate to and as you'll agree is a very worthwhile cause.

The Cancer Research charity supports research into all aspects of cancer through the work of over 4,000 scientists, doctors and nurses. This pioneering work into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer has helped save millions of lives.

Thank you parents!



Rock Steady Concert

Parents, Staff and children were all treated to a St. Aidan's School of Rock Concert. Our very own St. Aidan's Rock bands all performed a song. We were amazed at how much they have learnt in just a half term and particularly blown away by the Children's confidence to perform. Of course, one of the songs we were treated to was 'Last Christmas'. A fantastic ending to a great term. Well done to all our talented and amazing children who were involved and a huge thank you to Ryan, our amazing Rock Steady Band Leader!





Our lovely, Amanda in Year 5 is sadly leaving us today. Amanda we wish you the best of luck in your new school and please come back and visit us.



Congratulations to Aren who was awarded Player of the Tournament at a Chelsea Football Club Tournament on Friday!



St Mary: Mila Lo

St Francis: Anne Subasinghe Arachchige

St Joseph: Charlotte Maxwell-Fidler

St Bernadette: Wilson Lamprey

St Theresa: Eoin Doohan

St Peter: Delaneo Reddie

St Paul: Sammy Famodimu



St Mary: Isla Rogan

St Francis: Luca Hassan

St Joseph: Whole of Year 2!

St Bernadette: Nicholas Chen

St Theresa: Charlie Francis

St Peter: Isaiah Ikpa

St Paul: Nahla Ezeokoli

Reception and Year 6 Reading Partners

Reception and year 6 had a special festive meeting this week. Reception had made Year 6 wonderful Christmas cards and even wrote the messages for them. Year 6 were delivering a special letter to their reading partners. This letter had come all the way from the North Pole.





Awards

A busy last week in school and a few final awards for 2023! We are looking forward to celebrating all the children talents in 2024!





Messages from the staff:

Dear Reception,

Well done for completing your first term at school . You have worked so hard and achieved so much. May all your wishes come true this Christmas and your day be filled with joy and love. Be good and stay safe! Happy Holidays
From The Reception Team xx



Dear Year 1,

Wow! What a great term we have had. We have loved getting to know you all and we are so proud of you for your hard work and putting on a great Nativity show. We hope Santa comes but most importantly we hope you enjoy this special time being with your family and of course eating delicious roast Turkey or our favourite the pigs in blankets. Thank you for the laughter, smiles and hugs. Be good for your Mummies and Daddies and we cannot wait to hear all about what you have been up to— See you in 2024! Lots of love, The Year One Team

Dear Year 2,

The year 2 team would like to congratulate you all on your efforts and hard work this term. You all sang so beautifully during your first Carol concert on Monday. We hope Santa is generous when he visits. Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New year. The Year 2 Team

Dear Year 3,

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching you this term you have blown us away with your hard work, resilience and kindness. I am particularly proud of all of the work you produced on our Stone Age Day! From tool making, cave painting and den building. Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2024 where I am sure you will continue to amaze us with your kindness, your enthusiasm for learning and lots more laughter! The Year 3 Team



Dear Year 4,

What an incredible first term! You have all impressed us so much with your hard work, perseverance and kindness to each other. I have loved your enthusiasm for our Romans topic and particularly enjoyed our lesson on battle tactics! Cohort! Forward March! Have an amazing Christmas, I hope Father Christmas brings you all something lovely, and I wish you and your families all the peace and happiness possible! See you in 2024 for more fun and learning! The Year 4 Team

Dear Year 5,

We're so proud of how you've settled into the routines of Year 5 this term. What's been your favourite thing so far? Our best moments have been taking you swimming, writing myths and legends and the visit from the Space Dome. We love how you ask questions about your learning - keep this up! It has been great to see your confidence grow this term and we're looking forward to lots more learning and fun in 2024. Have a wonderful Christmas. From the Y5 Team



Dear Year 6,

HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas Year 6. What a fantastic role models you have been to the younger children this term... and how busy we have been... PGL adventures...Imperial War Museum adventures... and a wonderful Advent Service this week. Phew!





A message from everyone at St Aidan's



On behalf of all the staff at St. Aidan's we would like to wish all our families and everyone who are involved in every way with our school and our wonderful pupils, a very happy and magical Christmas. We hope Santa Claus is good to you all!

We would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for your generosity and for all your support and kindness. It never ceases to amaze us that we have a wonderful community here at St Aidan's!

Looking forward to seeing you in 2024! Christmas blessings! xxx

