

Headteacher's Weekly Message

'Living
and
growing
in Christ'



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you like the 'new look' newsletter!

We have had another fantastic week here at St Aidan's and I must say that I have loved being able to snatch a sneak peak at all the spectacular rehearsals across the school in preparation for our nativity performances and carol concert. It has been such a pleasure hearing the children sing and raise the roof with their voices over the last couple of weeks. The children and staff continue to work exceptionally hard to learn lines, hymns, actions and parts! We are all very much looking forward to the children's performances next week and the excitement is already bubbling here at St Aidan's! Wishing you all a safe, pleasant and lovely weekend!

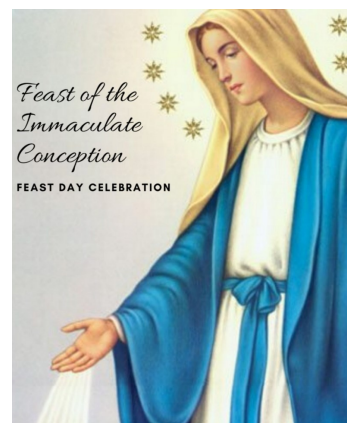
With best wishes Mrs Logue

Advent

How will you help others and share the light of Jesus this Christmas?

Advent is a time for us to quiet our hearts, grow closer to Christ, and prepare for his coming. The season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and is a time of prayerful preparation. Last Sunday we lit the first candle which represented **Hope**. During Advent, we wait for baby Jesus' birth and remember that He was born into the world and will come again. This Sunday we will light the second candle on the advent wreath which represents **Peace**.

Today is the feast day of **The Immaculate Conception**. The Blessed Virgin Mary was given an amazing gift from God. She was conceived in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, without original sin as she was to become the mother of Jesus, God's only son. This great gift, which Mary was blessed with, is called the Immaculate Conception. She spent her whole existence in a perfect relationship with God.



An ABSOLUTE HUGE THANK YOU to SASA for last Sunday's Christmas fair. So much planning, preparation and care went into making it such a successful event for everyone! Thank you SASA and everyone involved for giving up their time over the past few weeks to organise everything. They were in school from the early hours of Saturday morning and again right through to Sunday, including late Sunday evening for the big clear up! We appreciate all your hard work and dedication which made the event so special for all St Aidan's community.

We are thrilled to reveal that the Christmas Fair raised a grand total of £5200. This is amazing and goes along way in supporting our school. A big Thank you to all of you that came to support this event and contribute to the amazing total raised.

On behalf of all the children and the staff we cannot thank the volunteers enough for helping to make this day such a success. We cannot name you all but we are very grateful for all your help especially Danni Harewood, Caroline McIntyre, Sarah Garrihan, Ellie Parker, Amy Hunt and Andy Horrigan.



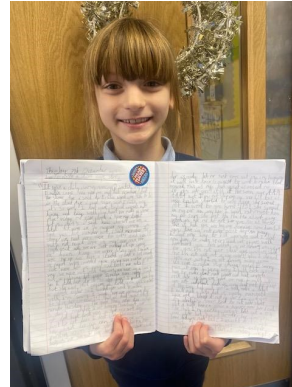
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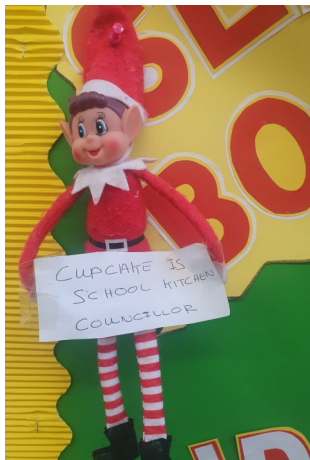
This week I have been amazed by the wonderful reading I have seen in school. Alessia in Year 2 has made incredible progress in her reading. A big well done to Alessia!

Lily Y3 has been sent to me this week as Miss Zographou has been impressed with Lily's Stone Age story and I really enjoyed reading it. Watch out for our future author!

This is our busiest time of the year in schools with our Nativity and Carol Service, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the carols service on 18th December. Have a lovely Weekend, Lots of Love Mrs Hughes



What has our Kitchen Elf been up to this week?



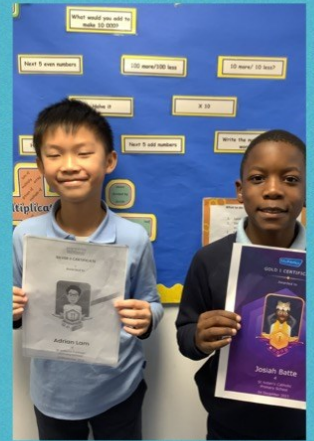
St Mary: Shiloh Mugalu
St Francis: Beatrice Bradley
St Joseph: Harriet McPartland
St Bernadette: Anastazia Woropajew
St Theresa: Lucia Nash
St Peter: Vianne Mathew
St Paul: Rafaele Costa



St Mary: Emily Patrzyk-Lewis
St Francis: Ayda Sammut
St Joseph: Emily Salle Gouveia
St Bernadette: Lucas Mulligan
St Theresa: Josiah Batte
St Peter: Amanda Chukwu
St Paul: Gabriella Geyser

Awards this week

A busy week in school with rehearsals for the nativity and carol concerts. But it appears our talented children have been equally busy out of school. What an amazing range of awards! Well done everyone.



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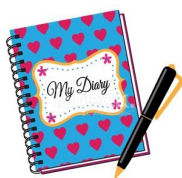
St Aidan's Parish Community

Last Friday, Year 6 made us proud by singing to some of the parishioners of St. Aidan's church at their festive afternoon tea to spread the joy of Christmas. Loneh also performed a wonderful solo on the cello.



Important dates for your diary...

11th December	Irish Dancing catch-up session
12th December	10am Nativity to Reception Parents
13th December	10am Nativity Y1 Parents
13th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Xmas Lunch
13th December	Art & Craft club catch-up session
18th December	6pm Carol Service
21st December	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
21st December	1.45pm School Closes



On **Wednesday 13th December**, children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers - or anything else 'Christmassy' for the day. The children will be enjoying a delicious Christmas Lunch prepared by our wonderful Mrs Hilson and Mrs Shirley.

Work of the week...

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is chosen for our Newsletter.

This week, Rafi Costa in Year 6 has amazed us with his excellent co-ordinate work. Rafi plotted co-ordinates using 4 quadrants to create a picture of Olaf from Frozen. Well Done Raf.



Netball

On Tuesday 5th December, St. Aidan's School team visited Orchard Way Primary School and played a netball match against them. We won a whopping 4-0 with 3 goals in the first half and 1 in the second half. Goals from Goal Attack, Francesca Shaw and Goal Shooter Sophia Bradley.

Match report by Sophia Bradley

Football

A cup match against Margaret Roper. We started strong and confident and then ...BANG! Two quick fire goals and we're in front thanks to Sammy and Michael. Liam with a smashing assist to help create the goals. We played very well and the match ended 7-1 to St. Aidan's with more goals from Sammy, Jaxon and Dara. We are now through to the semi-finals of the small schools cup! Thank you Coach T and Ollie.

Match report by Raf Costa

Our Wreaths

After School Club children have been making wonderful Christmas Wreaths. Watch this space as they will be available to purchase next week after school in the hope of raising some money for the school to buy brand new books.

Eucharistic Adoration

Year 4 and 5 were joined by Gerlinde and Pam who led them in the celebration of the Eucharist. The children were very reflective and shared some lovely ideas around the theme of advent.

Don't let a little worry turn into a big one..

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mrs Hughes or Mrs Logue. We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.



Carol Concert Y2– 6 Monday 18th December—St. Aidan's Church 6pm

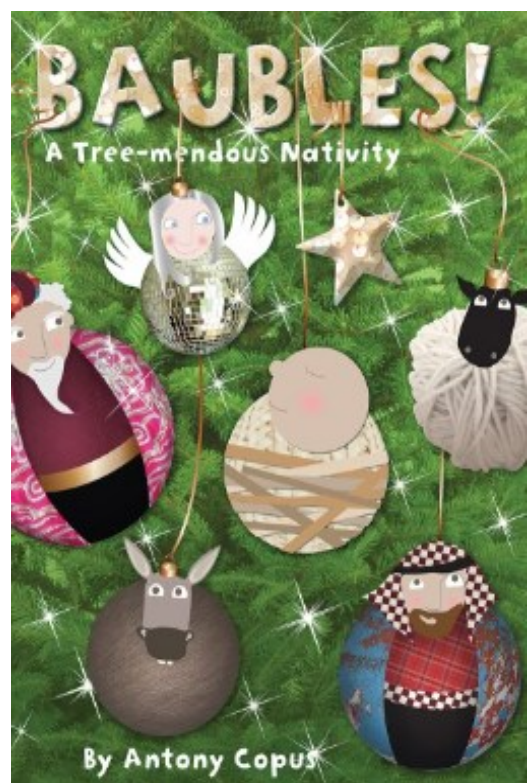


Reception and Year 1 Nativity

The children of Reception and Year 1 would like to invite their Parents and Grandparents to our Nativity Play in our School hall, we look forward to welcoming many of you next week.

Tuesday 12th December - 10 am - Reception Parents.

Wednesday 13th December - 10 am - Year 1 Parents.



Our Christmas Fair—Message from SASA

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Fair on Sunday, it was an incredibly busy event and together we raised **£5200!** This money is so beneficial for the school and will be put towards new resources for the children to use.

As always, we had the most incredible volunteers. Thank you to all those who took their time to help in all areas, volunteering with the set up, prep, buying, planning, lifting, and stalls! You are all appreciated and without you, we could not have had the fair.

Thank you to Szymon Lukjaniuk, Martin Clarke, Caroline McIntyre, Tania Campbell, Michael Campbell, Clive Fernandes, Andy Horrigan, Ellie Parker, Fiona Bleach and Kate McSherry who volunteered their time on Saturday to help us set up for the fair. Thank you to all those who helped in the kitchen, this is a tough stall and thank you for all your effort we made almost £700. Thank you especially to Ian McIntyre who was in the kitchen for the whole day.

Huge thank you to our new parent Ellie Parker who volunteered her whole day to face paint and also hand made some of the games which were in reception class. The children loved their face paints, you are extremely talented. Thank you to DJ Clive and Chanda as always for providing music and helping with planning, installing and packing away!

Thank you to Jen Blackburne who took her time to put together the fabulous hampers which were on the stage for purchasing, these were made using all of the donated items.

Thank you to Lucy Workman who helped to put together the last minute grotto after our initial grotto was cancelled on Friday evening, it looked incredible and we couldn't have done this without you.

Thank you to Mrs Montavez who volunteered for the whole day on the grotto, and to all of the teaching staff that ran the bottle stall, also to Mrs Moore who ticketed up all of the bottles for us before the event.

As always thank you to our wonderful SASA team, Caroline McIntyre, Sarah Garrigan, Ellie Parker and Andy Horrigan who are always busy in the background planning and organising the events which takes a lot of their time and efforts!

I am sorry if I have forgotten anyone by name - I appreciate you all!

So again, THANK YOU!

SASA xx



Our Christmas Fair Continued

