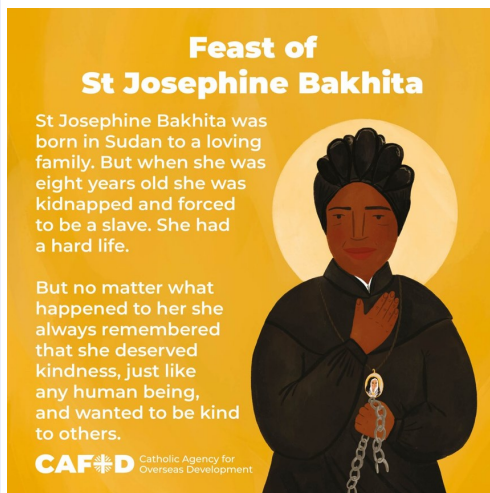




Headteacher's Weekly Message

Half term has now arrived after another busy term. This week we marked Children's Mental Health Week along with Esafety Day. We hosted the General Knowledge Quiz and welcomed five other schools to St Aidan's within our Catholic Umbrella Trust. Thank you to the parents who also joined us to give their support to our teams. A huge well done to the children in Years 3-6 who took part in the quiz, you worked very well together as a team and did St Aidan's proud!

'Living and growing in Christ'



Happy feast day, 8th February, of St Josephine Bakhita, who is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. After escaping slavery, she lived out the rest of her life as a religious sister. Today is the World Day for Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking.

We pray for everyone caught up in this. May she continue to protect, guide and inspire those who work to combat this situation.

Have a very blessed, safe and relaxing half term! For those taking a break away, visiting family or enjoying a days outing, we wish you safe travels. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 19th February
Xx Mrs Logue

Thank you SASA!



On Wednesday 7th February, we hosted an afternoon cream tea as a way of saying a very huge heartfelt thank you to SASA. It was enjoyed by everyone involved and we appreciate all the work that they do. We also want to say thank you to our families who continue to give generously!

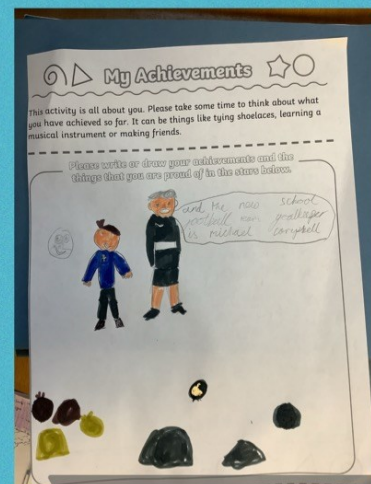
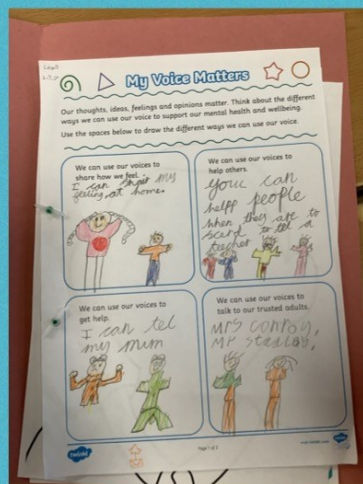
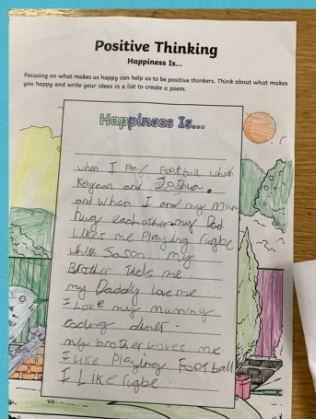
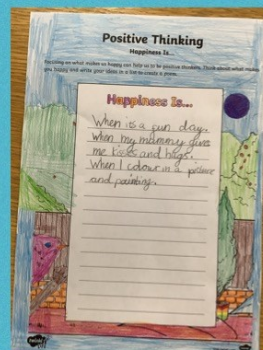
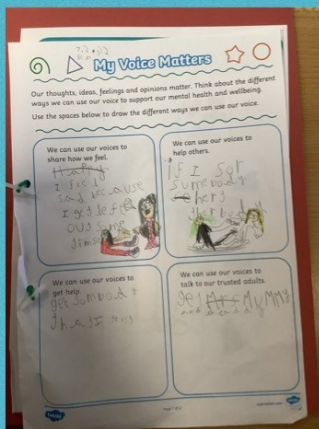
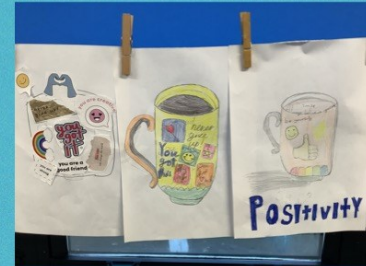


We would greatly welcome new members to the SASA team! The more the merrier!

If you would like to find out a little more about what SASA do, how they work together and what support and funding they offer the school then please feel free to email the office at admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk or speak to the Chair directly, Danni, who would be only too happy to answer any questions you may have.

Children's Mental Health Week 2024

After a lovely assembly led by Mrs Gray, the children took part in a range of mindfulness activities, taking a moment of calm in a busy week. Thanks in particular to Mrs Rebato Sachs who visited every class to lead them on some sound bowl reflective meditation.



General Knowledge Quiz Club

This week, eight of our children took part in a General Knowledge Quiz Club hosted at St Aidan's and with teams from other schools joining us. The children did so well and showcased all their general knowledge! Thank you to the parents that came to support.



Safer Internet Day at St Aidan's

On Tuesday, we joined 170 countries from around the world in celebrating Safer Internet Day. Mr Stanley led an assembly on who we can talk to if something happens online that makes us uncomfortable, and the children took part in a number of activities to ensure that we are making the best choices to be responsible digital citizens.



World Book Day Pre-Loved Costume SALE!

Friday 23rd February

Hosted by SASA and Year 6

Have a clear out!...Have you got any World Book Day costumes or dressing up items and accessories that no longer fit or you no longer need? Please donate them....SASA are holding a pre-loved World Book Day costume sale...on **Friday 23rd February at 3.25pm in the library.**

Please could we receive costume donations for sale ahead of the sale itself—please bring these donations in on **Monday 19th February.**

We already can't wait to see all your costumes for our dress up day on Friday 8th March!

Well done!

Fabulous learning in Reception Class!

The children have been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and taking part in lots of different types of learning including writing their very own set of instructions on how to make some yummy, tasty porridge! The smell of the porridge which the children got to cook and taste was wafting all through the school! What a wonderful learning experience!



Spectacular Spanish in Year 3!

This week, Mrs Montavez has incorporated Children's Mental Health Week into the lessons with the children. They have been using lots of different vocabulary to describe themselves in Spanish! Here are two children with their work! **Asi Soy Yo, Asi Me Quiero**. One says she is 'Generosa, lista and artista' and the other has written that she is 'Generosa, incredible and inteligente' - we absolutely agree!



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 the class teacher or Mrs Wright, Mrs Hughes or Mrs Logue. We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.



Important dates for your diary...

19th February	School opens
23rd February	Blue Team Mufti (Juniors only) for winning Autumn term colours
23rd February	World Book Day Pre-loved costume Sale!
27th February	Y6 trip to Wallington Girls School
1st March	Green Team Mufti (Juniors only) for winning this half term colours
7th March	Parents Evening
8th March	World Book Day Dress Up
13th March	Parents Evening
14th March	Y5 trip to Kew Gardens
14th March	Y6 trip to London Zoo



Chinese New Year

We would like to wish Happy Chinese New year to all those in our community who are celebrating at this time. Happy year of the dragon!



Holy Communion

This weekend, Adrian, Oyeme, Sienna and Lucia in Year 4 will be making their first Holy Communion. We wish them the very best of luck on this important and special day.

Taskmaster

Another half term of taskmaster club has come to an end and The Golden Girls (Esther-Maya, Harriet, Issy and Michelle in Year 4) emerged triumphant as the half term winners. The children all worked well together to over come physically and mentally challenging tasks, working on their team work, communication and out of the box thinking.

If your child would like to take part in next half terms club and is in Year 3-6, please see the email that went out earlier this week. It is open to all, regardless of prior experience in the club.





This Week's Awards at St Aidan's



A shorter but just as busy week with lots of awards and talents on show. From ballet in year 6, all the way to mathematics in year 1, we are incredibly proud of the impressive achievements of our pupils.



St Mary: Evelyn Mankuthel
 St Francis: Louis Borui Chen
 St Joseph: Bailey Ezeokoli
 St Bernadette: Jacob Durrant
 St Theresa: Vanessa Stepien
 St Peter: Dylan Rebello
 St Paul: Isabelle Griffin



St Mary: Cara Carey
 St Francis: Chiara Nash
 St Joseph: Veronica Coni
 St Bernadette: Caelan Bleach-Thorne
 St Theresa: Luka Khomchuk
 St Peter: Louie Standish
 St Paul: Alba Gussin