



### **Acting Headteacher's Message**

The Children have been busy this week with lots of wonderful learning happening around the school. Thank you to those parents that came to our PSHE and SRE curriculum evening yesterday. If you were unable to make it, we have uploaded the information onto our website.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,  
Mrs Hughes

**Reminder to return photograph permission slips please.**

**Watch this space, curriculum letters will be emailed out next week.**

**'Living and growing in Christ'**



### **'Be Kind and Respectful'**

School councillors and Prayer Leaders in Year 6 have been on the lookout for children following our school rule and they wanted to mention some children who have shown kindness and respect to others:

Betsy (Y3) for including everyone in the playground

Edward (Y6) for being really positive

Herbie (Y3) for letting children join in their games

George T (Y2) - showing kindness to his classmates

### **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, Mrs Wright or Mrs Hughes. We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.



### **Important dates for your diary...**

<b>30th April</b>	Y2 school trip to Brooklands Museum
<b>1st May</b>	Best selling author Mitch Johnson visiting KS2 - 'TOXIC' book
<b>2nd May</b>	Y4 school trip to The British Museum
<b>3rd May</b>	9.30am Year 3 class assembly - parents welcome
<b>6th May</b>	Bank Holiday - <b>school closed</b>
<b>8th May</b>	5.30pm Online Safety meeting - <b>all parents invited</b>
<b>23rd May</b>	Y3 trip to Horton Kirby
<b>23rd May</b>	Reception class trip to Bocketts Farm
<b>24th May</b>	<b>School closes for half term at 3.25pm</b>
<b>4th June</b>	School opens



## St George's Day

It was lovely to see all our Scouting/Guiding uniformed groups in their uniforms today to celebrate St George's Day, the patron saint of not only England, but the scouting organisations.





## Forest School for Reception

This week some of our Reception children started Forest School. Here is what some of the children thought:

“I loved making a den!” - Emily P

“I loved digging in the mud!” - Dylan

Thank you Mrs Steedman and our parent helpers.





## Best Selling Author Mitch Johnson Visiting KS2

We are very excited to welcome best selling author Mitch Johnson to our school next week to talk to the KS2 children about his new book 'Toxic' - a thrilling rainforest adventure! He is selling this new book, along with two other titles; 'Pop!' and 'Spark'. The books are available to purchase in advance of his visit (next Wednesday 1st May) via Parent Pay - don't forget to let the school office know which book/s your child would like by emailing [admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk)

## Multi Skills Event

On Wednesday some of our Year 1 and 2 children went to Old Palace School for a fun Multi Skills event. The children behaved beautifully and as usual made us very proud! Thank you Coach T and Mrs Bradley!







## Netball Team Croydon Finals

On Friday 19th April, the St Aidan's netball A Team travelled to Croydon High to play in the Croydon Netball Finals that we qualified for. We played three matches and tried our very hardest in each one. Unfortunately we didn't win but it was a great experience and we are all incredibly proud to have got so far and to have finished in the top 12 netball teams in the borough!

Thank you to Mrs Gray and Mrs Ryan for all your hard work training us!

Match report by Amelie and Sophia (Y6)

## Girls Football Team

On Friday 19th April, 7 of our girls football team went to Coloma school for an exciting girls football tournament. After four games we had won two and drawn two but it was enough to get us through to the semi finals! It was a tough match against Margaret Roper who unfortunately beat us 2-0. However, with determination and fight we went on to proudly win the play-offs placing us 3rd overall - What a great result!

Thank you to Coach T for helping us at this event!

Match report by Viola, Michelle, Mia (Y4) and Clara (Y6)



## Boys Football Team Big Schools Cup - Semi Final

On Tuesday 23rd April, the St Aidan's football team faced Royal Russell in an intense game of football. The game started off well for Royal Russell as they got an early goal in the opening seconds. We fought really hard and the match was very even until in went another and we were 2-0 down. We dug deep, Michael Campbell made some great saves and we managed to get back in the game with a stunner of a goal from Rafi.

Unfortunately the final score was 2-1 to Royal Russell but we are all so proud of making it so far in the big schools cup. Thank you to Coach T and Olly for all your hard work training us.

Match Report by Callum and Jaxon (Y6)







## Eucharistic Adoration

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 took part in Eucharistic Adoration today. The children were able to see the Eucharist displayed in the monstrance and could pray in Jesus' presence. As ever, the children were very reflective and were able to explain how Jesus would be living today and how we can learn from him.

Our thanks for Gerlinde and Pam for volunteering their time to lead this special occasion with the children.

## St Aidan's on Instagram - Give us a follow!

As you are aware, in the past year we have stopped using X, formerly known as Twitter, due to concerns that it was no longer a suitable platform for the school to use.

We understand that this means that you may not have been updated about events in school as much as you would like, and we appreciate your patience while we have figured out our next steps.

We are delighted to announce that we have now established a school Instagram account which will allow us to celebrate all the amazing work happening around the school.

The account is **staidansprimary**

At this time, we would invite all parents to follow the account. Due to this development, all children have been sent home with a new image consent form in their bags. This **MUST** be filled in by all parents and returned to the school. KS2 children were also sent home with a letter regarding consent for PG films being shown in school - please also sign and return this slip to the school office.

While we await permission slips returning, we will begin to share displays and children's work via this platform. Please understand that, until we have all children's image consent forms returned, we will not be posting any pictures of children on Instagram. We ask for patience while this transition is made.

If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Hughes or Mr Stanley.

## Diversity

This term's learning theme is Diversity. Please see these lovely prayers written by two of our Year 6 pupils.

Help us to realise that adversity is a wonderful part of God's creation. — Diversity is a gift from God. It is ok to be different. Let us be more accepting of everyone we meet at school at home and in our community.

Lord hear us

Dear Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for all the gifts and opportunities that we have been given as part of our St Aidan's Family. We have a strong sense of belonging even if we are all different.



### Year 4 Learning

Message from Mr Stanley:

Year 4 have been learning about the digestive system and, as a part of their learning, Mrs Hughes came to speak to them about diabetes and insulin injections.

The children were fascinated and asked some amazing questions.

Thank you Mrs Hughes for coming to speak to us.





## This Week's Awards at St Aidan's



So many awards this week! Amazing achievements everyone - We're proud of you all!



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St Mary: Liam Osoata-Mulholland  
 St Francis: Stephanie Halliday  
 St Joseph: George Tomassi  
 St Bernadette: Isabel Clarke  
 St Theresa: Viola Bardetti  
 St Peter: Jahvantaye Gordon  
 St Paul: Clara Westwood



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 St Francis: Vivienne Lamb  
 St Joseph: Celina Lukjaniuk  
 St Bernadette: Elsie McSherry  
 St Theresa: Langazye Kaluba  
 St Peter: Zofia Kiewlak  
 St Paul: Hannah Griffin