

Newsletter 2nd March 2019



British Values –

Democracy

The word democracy literally means “rule by the people.” It comes from a Greek word coined from the words demos (“people”) and kratos (“rule”) as a name for the political system that existed at the time in some of the cities of Greece, notably Athens.

Now, this means that in Britain, we all have a chance to ‘vote’ for what we think and in this way our voice is heard and this makes it fair. In some countries, there is no opportunity to have your views heard and decisions are made by a small number of people who may have power.



Fantastic Writing Year 3 Ruby

When Ruby got home, she played with the slime her mum got her. The next day, she brought her slime into school. All of a sudden, the bell rang for play. She quickly got the slime out of her back pack. She was walking across the playground. Suddenly, Zoe tapped Ruby on the shoulder. ‘Would you like to join us?’ asked Zoe. Ruby smiled. ‘Of course’ said Ruby happily. They walked away excitedly. ‘So’ said Ruby, ‘Does this mean I am one of the slime group?’ questioned Ruby. ‘Yes’ said Zoe. Ruby felt extremely happy. ‘Can I tell you a secret?’ asked Ruby. ‘Okay’ said Zoe. Ruby took a deep breath. ‘I said to steal your slime’ Ruby said quickly. Zoe gasped. Ruby felt scared.

Tea and Scones with Mr Boland

(Just a quick sample – not everybody included – there would be too many!)

Grace (Y5) – fantastic effort in her work and participating in class discussion.

Lewis (Y4) – great manners – holding the door open for others in the corridor.

Lauren (Y6) – wow; Lauren’s fraction work has blown Y6 away! Well done!

Harry (Rec) – for being a great role model in our class.

Faye (Y1) – for a kind, thoughtful attitude and being so calm and cheerful.

Darcie (Y3) – great improvements in positive attitudes to learning.

Connie (Y2) – fantastic attitude to work and being helpful to adults.



Attendance

Good attendance leads to good achievement at school. Every single day matters. Attendance for the last 2 weeks:

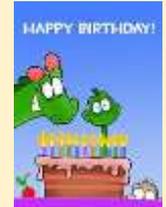
Nursery 89%
Reception 93%
Y1 95%
Y2 98%
Y3 93%
Y4 97%
Y5 95%
Y6 94%



Well done to Y2 this week. Remember that the average for all schools is 96% and every day they are in more than us they learn more than us.

Birthdays since 18th Feb

Amelia (Nurs)
Olivia (Y3)
Olivia (Y4)
Zack (Nurs)
Theo (Y2)
Kyle (Y6)
Harry (Rec)
Jacob (Y4)
Owen (Y6)



Star of the Week 12th

Feb

Lucas H (Y3)
Amy (Y4)
Isabelle (Y5)
Heidi (Y6)

Star of the Week 18th

Feb

Daniel (Y3)
Libby (Y4)
Honey (Y5)
Alexa (Y6)





Internet Safety

We have had reports in school about some websites that are causing children to feel unsafe on the internet. Remember that when using the internet, children should only visit sites that are safe and reminded that when they experience something that is not 'safe', they should know who to go to for help. Further advice on this specific issue can be found at the following link:

<https://safeblog.lgfl.net/2018/11/parents-scare-or-prepare/>



Easter Raffle

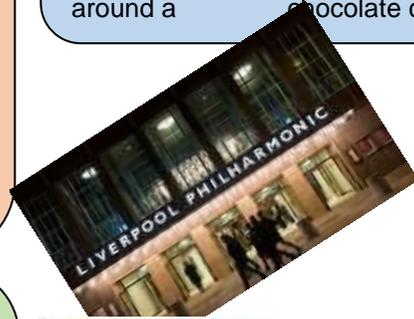
As part of our preparations for Easter, we will be going to Mass next week to start lent with Ash Wednesday – 9.30 at St Aidan's. We also hope to have an 'Easter Raffle' before Easter. We are asking for any eggs to be donated by children (and staff) and children can buy a raffle ticket for 20p to win an egg. All monies raised will be sent to CAFOD to help in their work supporting children and families across the world. Start bringing eggs in from 11th March – draw on 2nd April.

WOW Stories

Beryl and Nelly (Y5) are taking part in a Chinese Orchestra playing the violin.

Evie (Y5) has a drama show coming up with her drama club. It's going to feature musicals such as Hairspray and The Adams family.

Chloe (Y4) wants to raise awareness about diabetes by organising a charity event with her mum around a chocolate cup theme – sounds interesting!



Interesting Lessons at St Aidan's

Interesting or exciting things we have been doing or will be doing in class:

Nursery: Nursery will taste different toppings for their pancakes next week and deciding which one will be the most popular in the class!

Reception: We are very excited about World Book Day and different costumes we will be wearing; we will also be taking part in some pancake races next week!

Y1: We are making sandwiches as part of a topic on writing and will be inviting parents and carers in to have a taste – mmm!

Y2: We have been researching information about pets with the idea that we might convince our Headteacher to agree to a school pet. We need to have our facts ready!

Y3: We have been exploring different packaging with our 'Egg Drop Challenge' and which egg survives the highest drop – some parachutes involved!

Y4: We have found out about a Supermovie competition online in which we have to design the best 'football celebration' – lots of good ideas coming out!

Y5: We are taking part in 'Bikeability' training this week to keep safe on the road and we are also thinking about 'Scream Machine' designs of fairground rides – hold on tight!

Y6: We are going to visit The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra next week to find out about instruments and enjoy a performance from the musicians. It might inspire some of us to start some lessons!

PTA News

We would like to thank all our families for their continued support helping to raise funds for the PTA. Our last fundraiser for Red Clothes Day was a huge success and a lovely way for children to celebrate this day. All proceeds will fund our Easter Community Bingo Night and as always be used to enhance the provision for our children at St Aidan's.

So far this year, we have been able to contribute money for Y2 and 3 for their visit to Knowsley Safari Park. This term, we are pleased to hear Y6 and Reception will be also using funds for trips. Please keep checking letters to hear about future trips we will be helping to contribute to.

If you are interested in helping at events or feel you could offer any support, please let us know through the school office