

Newsletter 15th March 2019



ST AIDAN'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



British Values – Rule of Law

The 'rule of law' means that we agree a set of rules that we all have to obey – even the Prime Minister and the Queen! If we break the rules then there are consequences – just like in school.

This makes it fair for everybody and helps to make our country a safe place to be. Sadly, this is sometimes not true in other countries where some people do not follow the rules.

This short film explains more and even talks about Rosa Parks who broke a rule but it turned out to be a good thing in the end!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06jtfjsj>

Tea and Scones with Mr Boland

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

Erin (Y6) – trustworthy and honest – giving in lost money to the office.

Mikey (Y5) – super efforts in maths and science.

Sofia (Y5) – an absolute 'ray of sunshine' every day in school.

Amy and Poppy (Y4) – always going over and above in school.

Ava Rose (Y1) – a fantastic example to others even though she has only joined St Aidan's recently!

Lola (Y1) – being a good friend to Ava.

Daniel (Y3) – working hard at home teaching his Dad Spanish!

Maisie (Y2) excellent work in maths.

Birthdays since 1st

March

Mary Kate (Y5)

Che (Y1)

Lola – Mai (Y1)

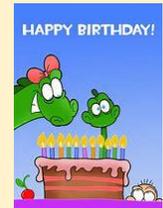
Zack (Y6)

Lucas (N)

Faye (Y1)

Jake (N)

Ava (Y6)



Star of the Week 11th

March

Rosie (Y6)

Ryan (Y4)

Luke (Y4)

Lottie (Y3)

Maisie (Y2)

Ava Rose (Y1)



**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Fantastic Writing Milly Year 4

In the morning, Mum went to the pet shop and got a puppy! Mum put it on Jake's lap. Jake asked 'What is it Mum?' Mum happily answered, 'Open it!' Jake gasped in shock 'A puppy!'

Confused, Jake asked 'What kind of a puppy has a leg missing?' Angrily, he shouted 'What is the point of a sick dog? I don't want a puppy, I don't want anything! I hate you!'

The little dog found a ball and started to play with it. It fell but jumped back up and got it. Jake was playing with his games and looked at the dog. Jake muttered '@You're not like other dogs. You can't play. You're only there for people to feel sorry for you. Don't pretend you're happy!' Furiously, Jake grabbed the ball out of his mouth and said 'Give me that now!' Jake threw it across the living room. The puppy bolted over to get the ball ...



Attendance

Good attendance leads to good achievement at school.

Every single day matters. Attendance for the last 2 weeks:

Nursery 91.7%

Reception 92.5%

Y1 98.7%

Y2 96.2%

Y3 94.9%

Y4 96.7%

Y5 95.9%

Y6 96.4%

Well done to Y1 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.



Fencing at School

Some parents were asking about the new fencing and why it is there. We are looking at better ways to allow visitors in and out without access to the playground. A bit of an investment but worthwhile to keep our children absolutely safe. The second phase will be completed after Easter.



Internet Safety NSPCC

We talk to children about crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers. But what about staying safe in the digital world? Having regular conversations about what your child is doing online - just like you would their day at school - is the best way to keep them safe.

You'll be able to spot any problems, encourage them to come to you if they're worried and make sure they know what's ok to share online - and what's not.

You can find out more about the social networks, apps and games your child uses with NSPCC Net Aware tool. Find out more at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Easter Raffle

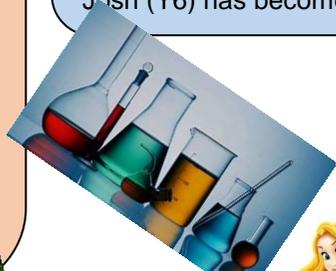
As part of our preparations for Easter, we will be going to have an 'Easter Raffle' before Easter. We are asking for any eggs to be donated by children (and staff) and children can buy a raffle ticket for 20p to win an egg. All monies raised will be sent to CAFOD to help in their work supporting children and families across the world. Start bringing eggs in from now – draw on 2nd April.



Multi Use Games Area

We are delighted to be able to tell you that we have a new MUGA under construction at school which will mean all year round games both at playtime and for Mr. Craig our PE teacher when delivering PE lessons. This is a real benefit to the school and along with the newly planted school field, it puts us in a great position to continue to develop sports here at St Aidan's. The MUGA will allow us to use space for the whole year as it will never be waterlogged and especially at playtimes it will mean more space on the playground. It is a resource for which, many schools have to save for a long time so we are fortunate to have this available now.

The funding of the MUGA came from our Governors and with the support of some monies from the Healthy Schools Capital Grant, which was secured by Mrs. Wright with other monies from United Utilities. Well done to all – should be ready in the next few weeks.



WOW Stories – Collected by Head Boy and Girl

Lola (Y1) and Ruby (Y2) are competing in Morris Dancing competitions and have even won some medals!

Emily (Y6), Luca (Y6) and Lawrence (Y3) are taking part in developing martial arts and some are taking part in competitions!

Josh (Y6) has become an uncle for the first time – congratulations!

Interesting Lessons at St Aidan's

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

Nursery: Nursery will be testing different houses for the Three Pigs. The Big Bad Wolf (hairdryer) will be huffing and puffing to see which is strongest.

Reception: Rapunzel is getting married on Friday and all the teddies from Reception have been invited. Reception children have written invitations for the big day!

Y1: One of the teddies has been lost in Y1 and they will be using their senses to become detectives to find out where it has gone – soft fur, smelling of mint ...

Y2: We are collecting information on animals and writing persuasively to make an argument about having a school pet!

Y3: We have continued our science investigations and have managed to move water from one container to another through the power of absorption! Ask us if you want to find out how.

Y4: We are making string telephones and then going on to test them using some simple materials – we will need to take turns at listening and speaking; not both at the same time!

Y5: We are in Colomendy at the moment and not available for comment but having a great time with teachers and friends!

Y6: We are going to have Macy's Dad visiting as he is involved in recycling plastics. He will be describing the 'journey' that plastic items make as they are recycled.