

British Values

In a **democracy**, people get to elect their leaders and have **more say** in how their country is run. We do this when we vote and **choose** the people who we believe will do the best job. You get to vote when you are **18 years old**. At the end of 5 years, at the most, you get the chance to **choose again**.

Some places in the world do not have democracy and that means they **do not** have a say about the rules about how their country is run.

Many people in Britain **listen carefully** to politicians – the people elected to get their views and decide if they should vote for them or not. Find out more at the link below

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/30880972>

Fantastic Writing Y6 – Beryl

*The Industrial Revolution
Empire*

The brilliant British Empire expanded to more colonies in 1750 to cover a fifth of the world's wonderful land by 1900. The Empire had a population of 400 million people! So, you see, the Industrial Revolution permanently changed society. Agricultural societies became more industrial and urban. A big part of this success was the trans-continental railroad, the cotton gin, electricity and other inventions.

Power

The first factories were powered by water and wooden machines. New power led to greater and bigger factories. Coal was mined to make wrought iron and iron was tough and used to create new and better machines.



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Banana Buns with Mr Boland

Abigaile (Rec) and **Neveah** (Rec) for always listening on the carpet.

Sophia (Y1) huge improvements in speaking and listening.

Layla (Y2) for excellent work in history both in school and at home.

Maisie Lily (Y3) for being a helpful and hard working member of the class and all of the extra reading that takes place at home as well.

Lawrence (Y4) and **Lewis** (Y5) for being so kind at playtime to some Y1 boys.

Isabelle (Y6) showing tremendous perseverance in maths and being an inspiration to others for her determination in maths.

Our best time for infants is **George** (Y1) – 30 secs and juniors is **Anthony** (Y3) – 50 secs. The winner is included in our **end of term trip!**



Birthdays

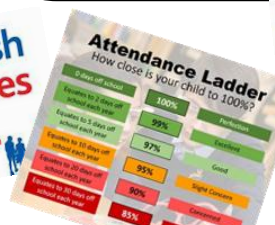
Harrison (Y2)

Harry (Y4)

Logan (Y3)

Amelia (Y2)

Henry (Nurs)



Attendance

Good attendance leads to good achievement at school. Every single day matters.

Nursery 84%

Reception 93%

Y1 92%

Y2 97%

Y3 97%

Y4 94%

Y5 92%

Y6 91%

Well done to Y2/3 this week. Their class had the best attendance and will get extra playtime on Friday

Christmas Dates for the Diary

Wednesday, 4th December – Year 6 and Reception Play – 9.30 am in the School Hall

Thursday, 5th December – Nursery 'Nativity Sing-along' – 11.15 am in the Nursery

Wednesday, 18th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert in St Aidan's Church 2.30 pm

Friday, 20th December – Years 3 – 6 Christmas Carol Concert – in St Aidan's Church 9.30 am

Christmas Lunches:-

Tuesday, 17th December – Nursery and KS1 – Christmas Lunch in the Hall KS2 will have sandwiches only in classrooms

Wednesday, 18th December – KS2 Christmas Lunch in the Hall KS1 will have sandwiches in classrooms

Thursday, 19th December 2019 - PTA Event Christmas Bingo doors open at 6 for 'eyes down' at 6.30 pm

Healthy Eating

We used this information in our assembly on Friday. Just over **a third** of your diet should be made up of **starchy foods**, such as **potatoes, bread, rice** and **pasta**, and over **another third** should be **fruit and vegetables**. Healthy sources of carbohydrates, such as higher fibre starchy foods, **vegetables, fruits** and legumes, are also an important source of nutrients, such as calcium, iron and B vitamins. Try to include at least 1 starchy food with each main meal.

Our Mid Day Assistants will be **looking out** for healthy choices in lunchboxes next week.



Sports Report Mr Craig

Children in year 5 & 6 have nearly completed their Lord Derby awards which has included learning how to do canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, archery, fire pit, zip wiring and night line. The final task the children have to do to ensure they achieve the award is work within the Huyton and school community.

The new equipment for playtimes has been working well with simple ball and cone, ankle ball, swing ball and balance beams provided in boxes for the front and back yards. We aim to fill the boxes with more equipment as time goes on to make sure that playtimes are active and enjoyable for all of the children



Children's Questionnaires

We did an online survey with the children at the end of last year with a series of questions about what they think about school. One of the questions was: **Does the teacher explain things in an interesting way?** Results are compared to hundreds of other schools who have taken the survey

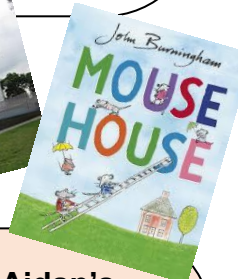
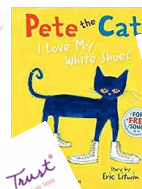
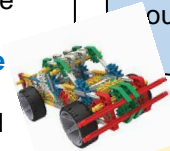
St Aidan's School's score lies 11.68% above national means for primary schools - well within the upper quartile, and an excellent result.

Almost all of the students (actually 98.21%) in St Aidan's School feel that the teachers provide inspiring, interesting and engaging lessons. Overall, this seems to be a real strength of St Aidan's School.

Poppy Appeal and Visitors

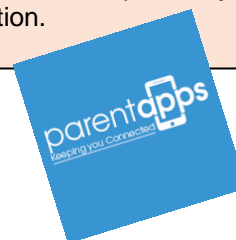
Many thanks to the adults and children who **bought poppies** recently from the school office. We managed to raise **£60** for the **British Legion** which is great. Thanks also to Mrs. Crowther Walsh for organising members of the British Legion to **come into school** with a standard to talk about the appeal and how the monies raised helps servicemen and women. We observed a short silence after **'The Last Post'** and listened to a recording of **'The Reveille'** afterwards.

The children asked lots of questions and showed our visitors **great appreciation** for the work that they do to help others.



Parent's Courses at St Aidan's

At St Aidan's we are lucky to be able to **provide opportunities** for parents and carers to attend courses and workshops to support their children in their learning and at home. Recently, some of our Reception and Year 1 pupils were able to come into school and **create story sacks** with the help of their parents, which was great fun! We will provide details of any upcoming courses and workshops on **ParentApp**. If you do not currently have access to this, please at the school office or speak to Mr Williams, who will be able to provide you with more information.



Knex Reward

Choose a Friend to make a model with Mr Williams
Kaniel (Y3) – for being an excellent role model
Shane (Y3) – super sitting on the carpet

Nursery Teacher Helper

Choose a friend to go and help out in the Nursery
Honey (Y6) she is so kind to everybody and so respectful
Georgie (Y2) going above and beyond in keeping our classroom safe

Interesting Lessons at St Aidan's

Nursery – We have been reading Pete the Cat and have made a litter tray; the cat has **'visited'**!

Reception – A mouse has appeared in our class and we have made some houses and written some letters to go with our new book **Mouse House**.

Y1 – We have been covering the desk with **shaving foam** and writing tricky words; great fun!

Y2 – We went to visit **Huyton Library** where the lady read a story to us and we acted it out. Pictures on the school **website**.

Y3 – We went on a science trip to The **Catalyst Museum**. Maisie said it was a great new experience.

Y4 – We are going on a **library visit** on Monday and are looking forward to joining.

Y5 – We played ball games on the **climbing wall** at the Leisure Centre as part of the Lord Derby Award; it was amazing!

Y6 – We are going to visit **Croxteth Hall** next week to take part in a **Victorian Market** – we all need to get dressed up! Mrs. Cullen has got a costume to wear! We also need to mention **Isla** from our class who had 10 inches of her hair cut off to help make wigs for children who have lost their own hair to cancer. This is part of the **Little Princess Trust**. Amazing!