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'Together we enjoy Learning, Achieving, Sharing and Praying. Let Jesus Love shine through in everything we do.'

Dear Parents/Carers,



The month of November started with All Saints day where we prayed for those gone before us and we are reminded we are all saints if we are following in Christ's footsteps.

Remembrance Day:

Our Year 6 Head pupils led us in a beautiful remembrance service outdoors in our prayer garden on the 11th. We respectfully held a minute's silence together in prayer. Each class presented a Poppy wreath remembering those gone before us which were displayed in the main entrance for the month.

Anti-bullying week – Odd socks:

We had fun wearing odd socks for the day to show our differences and how we are all unique. The children designed socks which are hanging proudly in the school hall as a reminder throughout this term. The theme of Anti-bullying week was 'choose respect' and we focused on how we show respect to one another in many ways. Respect is also one of our school values so the children know the word very well and are excellent at showing respect to others, this is often commented on by visitors to the school about our children.

Opal parent play session:

We have our next Parent play session on Thursday 5th December, if you would like to join us for play then please book with the school office. You are welcome to book a school lunch or bring your own to eat with your child. We ask that you bring one item to donate to play which can be as simple as a cardboard box!

School Photographer:

On Friday 6th December the school photographer will be visiting to take individual and sibling photos. Please ensure your child is in the correct full school uniform. For Year 6 and Reception who have PE on that day, please wear school uniform and bring the PE kit to change into afterwards.

Uniform and personal belongings:

Sadly, we have so many lost items every day due to them not having names on them. Please ensure that every item that belongs to your child is clearly name labelled. This includes water bottles, scooters, gloves etc You can order stickers online that are very useful or use a permanent marker. Lost items cause distress and create a large amount of lost property that is eventually disposed of.

Please enjoy articles from the children:

Chidera (4/5D), Sasha (5G), Alesia (4/5D), Nursery, Miley (4/5D), Harry (4/5D), Patrissia (4/5D), Margaret (5G), Janujan (6Dw), Ellie-Mae (6Dw)

Have a blessed Advent season - Mrs. Campling

Please ensure all your contact details are up to date with the school office and inform them of any changes. Please ensure you have provided emergency contact details for your child. Thank you.

Diary dates

2/12/24- Advent reconciliation service 9:30am
with Fr Marius, Parents welcome

3/12/24 – Christmas bazaar 3:30-5pm

4/12/24 – NHS height/weight Rec & Yr6

5/12/24 – Opal parent play session 12-1pm

6/12/24- School photographer am

11/12/24- EYFS & KS1 Nativity at 10am

12/12/24 – Christmas dinner & jumper day

18/12/24 – KS2 Christmas story at 2pm

20/12/24 – End of term at 3:20pm



The season of Advent begins this Sunday 1st December, the season of preparation and expectation. Our Advent wreath will remind us each week of the hope, peace, joy and love as we await the birth of Jesus.



Wraparound care provision



We are very pleased to now be offering wraparound care provision from January 2025. Both Breakfast club and afterschool club. Please book a space directly with Shine clubs to reserve your child's space.

<https://www.shineclubs.com/staidans>

Parent/Teacher consultation day

Monday 6th January 2025

We have parent meetings with the teacher throughout the day as our inset day. Bookings will be via parentmail shortly.

If possible please bring your child to the appointment with the teacher.

If you have more than 1 child then please book an appointment with each teacher for your children and allow time in between appointments.

Please note school is closed to pupils that day, pupils return to term on the 7th of January.

Christmas dinner & jumper day

Thursday 12th December

Wear a festive jumper/top with their school uniform along with any accessories for our exciting Christmas meal!

Please ensure you have selected your child's meal on parentmail and kindly make a donation for Save the children charity.

Christmas events

3rd Dec – Christmas Bazaar 3:30-5pm

11th Dec -EYFS & KS1 Nativity at 10am
Parents/Carers welcome – booking only

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St Aidan's News!



Remembrance



Tag rugby festival



**Anti-bullying week
Odd sock day**



Mixed Tag Rugby

Good morning, today I am going to share my story of the Mixed Tag Rugby trip.

I was chosen to take part in mixed Tag Rugby on Wednesday 20th November 2024.

The event was held at Wanstead Rugby Club from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

When we got there, we walked a bit and when we reached we started to do warm ups so when we play the games we will not get hurt, we started off by doing star jumps for 10 seconds and other warm ups.

Then the head of the club ringed a bell and told everyone to line up with people from are school, he talked a bit about are opportunities to be here and the point of Tag Rugby and he showed us the team that will be helping us. Then the team helping us went the team that they we are helping and we got a girl called Sophia and the head of the club said she was very good at Tag Rugby and that she has had a good experience of Tag Rugby.

I was so excited I couldn't wait but after we find a space and started some games like bull dog, tag and other games.

Then the head of the club ring the bell again and told us to line up again and he said how we will practice more, then we will have a break, then have 20 minutes to practice again and then we will have our lunch, then have the matches with other schools. we had our break and when we came out we lined up and had a talk with the head of the club and practice for 20 minutes.

When, we were done we had lunch and we line up again and started on are matches.

We had are first match I was excited and nervous at the same time and when the game started, I nearly score because I had so much people coming at that I was scared and forgot how to score cause your pose to tap the ball down but I through it ,I was very upset but after I was not playing with the game and remember we are representing St Aidan's but after one of my teammate's scored and I was happy, but sadly the other team scored and we were draw but I accept that and more on.

When we were playing are next game it was hardly then we thought the other team was very good and we lost the game badly. In the next game, we lost the game again. Everyone was upset but we couldn't do anything anymore. I knew our last game we will win and we DID! I was so happy and everyone else was happy too and I was so proud of us and all the support we got.

Thank you for listening to my story of the Tag Rugby trip.

Chidera 4/5D



A DAY WITH JACK DRAPER

On Wednesday 6th November, I was given the opportunity to meet and play with British No.1 and World No.15 tennis player JACK DRAPER. I was so excited and grateful for this chance to meet him in person. The day started with us warming up before Jack arrived at 9am with our tennis coach Ryan who used to train him. Jack stayed at the first drill station where everyone got the opportunity to hit with him and play beside him. I was so happy that our group were one of the first to hit with him. Jack is very tall that I felt so short next to him. He was so friendly and hit the ball softly so that we could rally with him. He also gave us all fist bumps after we hit with him.



Following the group practice session, Jack gave us a 30 min on court session for us to observe. It was surprising to see how hard he hits the ball and his positive attitude even when he misses the ball or hits the net. Was really inspiring to see and adapt to.

After the observation session there was a Q&A where Jack answered so many questions, I learnt so much but the biggest thing for me was how he explained how that if you lose a point in a match, you only have 4 seconds to forget about it and then concentrate on the next point. I found this very useful because whenever I lose a point, I can never forget about it and then that makes me lose focus for the next few points as well.



Finally, we had the chance to take photos and get his autograph, Jack signed my tennis ball, racket and my polaroid photo with him.

The day was very fun and a great experience that I will always remember and never forget.



Odd sock day

On odd socks day we all wear a sock that's different than the other. One sock can be a color and the other one can be a different type of colour. It can have patterns, textures and bright, vibrant colours.

Odd sock day is to encourage people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion. It is called odd sock day because it recognizes the rarest of all lasting unities, the marriage of mismatched socks. Odd sock day is the start of Anti-bullying week. We encourage people to try what they like or wear what they like of the vibrant

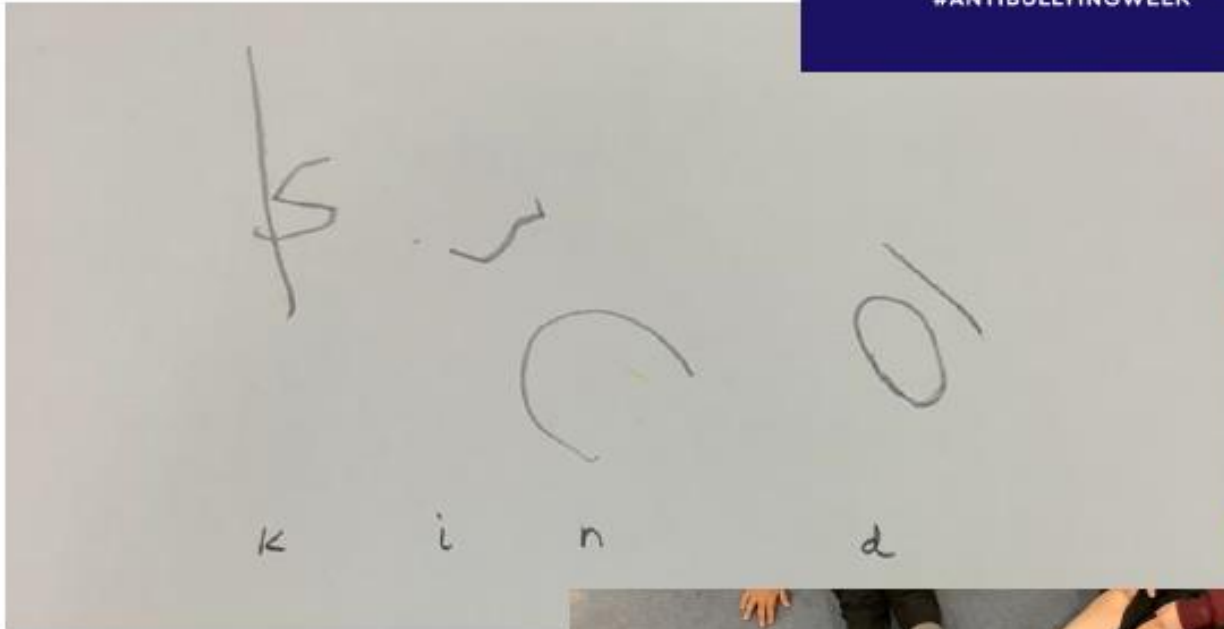


colours of their socks. Odd sock day is on Tuesday 12th November.



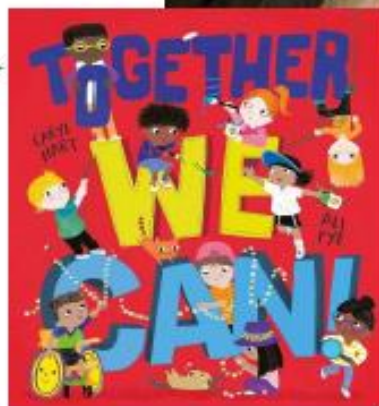


Anti-bullying week in Nursery



We wore odd socks to show how brilliantly different we all can be!

We read different stories about being kind to one another and discussed what we could do to be kind.



We thought about how we need to love ourselves and one another, just like God loves us.





Miley [★] Mental health mentor



Every Friday Miss Williamson the (mental health leader) takes me out of class to teach us about others and our mental health.

She also teaches how to make others feel better if there feeling sad.

She also said if someone tells you something that concerns you have to tell her and Miss Williamson will tell Miss comping.

Miss Williamson said were going to get badges soon and a certificate. She has taught us alot! I hope she keeps teaching us. We have done many scenarios and I loved doing each one

Miley 



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Miley 5G

Tag rugby was the best experience of my life it was so fun I hope I can do it again. There was so many schools and coaches it was a massive pitch we had to wear straps around our waists we even did matches against other schools it was so fun I wish I could do it again. Me and my friends loved it. It was the best time of my life I wish I can experience that adventure again.

From,

Harry

4/5D



Harry 4/5D

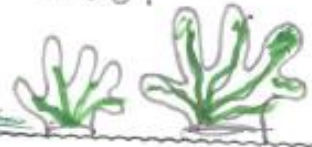
Gardening club

In gardening club we have been making piles of leaves and putting them into bags. We have been using different kinds of tools to help us make the space clear.



It is really fun and nice seeing the before and after. It has been fun, I enjoy it alot and its also nice now we all work together as a team!

We have been using gloves so our hands are safe!



GARDENING!

**TOGETHER WE
MAKE A TEAM!**

Patrissia
4/5D

Odd socks day



Odd socks day was fantastic, it was a day that we could wear any socks we wanted without getting in trouble. When I walked in the classroom I felt happy because I wasn't the only one wearing odd socks. That gave me a thought in my head saying, if you are wearing odd socks that doesn't mean your odd it just means you are yourself and that is what is unique about you.

I wore odd socks just to show that I appreciate them and to show that I don't feel ashamed and am just being my self.

My school played some fun activities for us, and am going to share some with you. Firstly we got to decorate our own odd socks. Then we took some pictures of our socks, just to show everyone is accepted and we don't treat you differently just because you have odd socks.



By: Margaret 56

Gardening Club

Gardening is very good for the environment and for our school prayer garden. Every week we all gather at the prayer garden and start Gardening club!

At St. Aidans we are doing gardening. It is very fun and relaxing, and it brings joy to our faces that we are all helping the environment.

At Gardening Club, we are All together, forever!

When we are gardening, we are also doing God's word and Pope Francis word.

Gardening is the Best Club!

scops

Odd Sock day

on odd sock day we had to wear odd socks, it was so fun. It was all so embarrassing because they were different. The reason why we wore odd socks is to say that we are all different. We all have different hair, religions and so much more!!!



was you embarrassed?

What socks did you wear?
did you have fun?

By: Ellie-Mae