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Upcoming Events

May 18

Next Week, school for students of Key Workers will take place at St. Aidan's.

To all in our community,

The announcement by the Prime Minister on Sunday has done little to alleviate the fears and questions that people have. I can assure you that myself and my colleagues have been working tirelessly behind the scenes putting in place strategies so that if a reopening of schools does come to fruition, then we are as prepared as possible. This planning will continue for some days yet and I will communicate our approach when it is finalized. In the meantime please continue supporting your son with his home schooling – I have asked my staff to audit the quality of our home learning materials to make sure that all our students, whether they attend school this academic year or not, are getting the best deal they can be under the circumstances. Thank you and stay safe.

Glenn Sanderson

Family Activities

1. Take a long walk together

An easy activity that improves overall wellbeing both physically and emotionally. Taking a walk together can help to reconnect as a family and have some time away from screens.

2. Get cooking.

Now is a great opportunity to get the kids practising their cooking skills. Break out the recipe book and try something new.

Well Being

Phone: 0191 516 6080
Mobile: 07585 138 779
Email: support@breakfreecounselling.co.uk
Website: breakfreecounselling.co.uk

Prayer

Lord,

You made me in your image and likeness to be a steward of your creation. I embrace the gifts you have given me and vow to use them today to serve you and others through the work that I do. Bless my work, Lord.

Amen

Chaplaincy

I trust you find the scripture passages inspiring. I have been comforted by reading the scriptures. The emphasis this year is on reading the Bible as this year is themed: 'The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word.' If you want to find out more information please look up:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/the-god-who-speaks-the-year-of-the-word/>

Father Marc streams Sunday Mass at 10:30am every Sunday. Please check St Mary's Facebook for more info.

Sunday 17th May

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth." *John 15:16-17a*

Monday 18th May

For the Lord takes delight in his people. *Psalms 149:6*

Tuesday 19th May

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. *John 16:7*

Wednesday 20th May

"We are all his children." *Acts 17:28b*

Thursday 21st May

"I am with you always, to the very end of the age." *Matthew 28:20b*

Friday 22nd May

"Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you." *Acts 18:19-10*

Saturday 23rd May

"The Father himself loves you." [John 16:27](#)



foodbank **ST. AIDAN'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOOD BANK** WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PLAY A PART IN ENDING HUNGER AND POVERTY IN THE UK

HOW DOES OUR FOODBANK WORK?
Food donations are given by members of the St. Aidan's community to our Food Bank. Then we open the Food Bank at key times to allow vulnerable families to come and access essential items.

SHOPPING LIST:
Sugar (500g)
Long life fruit juice
Tins of soup
Pasta sauces
Sponge pudding (tin)
Tinned Tomatoes
Breakfast Cereals
Tea/Coffee
Rice (500g)
Pasta (500g)
Tinned meat/fish
Jam
Packets of biscuits
snacks

WHY DO WE DO THIS?
One of our Core Values is **FAIRNESS**. Jesus taught that we must love our neighbour.

COME IN WE'RE OPEN **HUNGER LIVES NEXT DOOR**

WHO USES FOODBANKS?
PEOPLE ARE BEING PUSHED INTO POVERTY BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ENOUGH MONEY COMING IN TO COVER THE COSTS OF ESSENTIALS

IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND IN 2018/2019 FOOD BANKS WERE USED BY:
55,713 ADULTS **32,905 CHILDREN**

IN SUNDERLAND 30% OF CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY. THIS MEANS THAT THEY LIVE IN HOUSEHOLDS WHICH HAD SIGNIFICANTLY LESS MONEY COMING IN THAN THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Miss Harrison and her partner Liam on the birth of their son Roman. He was born on 8th May 2020 weighing a healthy 7lb 11. Both mam and baby are well.

MFL Competition:

<https://linguacuisine.com/linguachef/>

Deadline June 15th



HOPE ART PROJECT



This summer St Aidan's Art Department will be joining forces with the secondary schools in our education trust, along with our feeder primary schools to produce a collaborative art exhibition. We would like all of our students to take part and express their own perspective of our theme which this year will be 'Hope in our community'. The idea is that you can draw upon examples of hope which you have witnessed in our community during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The kindness of strangers, community spirit, neighbours helping each other, friends and family banding together to get through this difficult lock-down period... the possibilities are endless. All artwork will then be combined together to create a large scale group piece (a little like a jigsaw or photo collage) and displayed in Sunderland and across the North East.

What do you need to do?

1. Chose your idea for 'Hope in the community'.. You may find it helpful to have a photograph or multiple photographs to look at while you draw
2. Draw a cartoon or manga style picture of the person or scene you have chosen.
3. Add colour to your drawing.
4. Create a background—this could be by simply adding colour or by collaging newspaper or magazine clippings in the background or collaging found images such as trees, houses etc that you find in magazines into the background. You could even get technical and use computer software to add photographs into your background.
5. Take a clear photograph of your finished artwork and send to hope@staca.co.uk

IDEAS

- The kindness of strangers
- NHS or Care workers
- Key Workers
- Neighbours helping each other
- Friends and Family banding together
- Charity work
- Community spirit

North East artists Greg Mcgee will be working with our school and the Trust to support the project. Look out on our social media pages, the school website and your class Teams page for links to YouTube tutorials created specifically for this project



By When?

All artwork must be sent to hope@staca.co.uk by **Monday 15th June 2020**

Thank a Teacher Day



Do you have a STAR teacher? Do you miss seeing them every day? This Thank A Teacher Day let's take the opportunity to say thank you to all our amazing teachers and support staff, who are doing a brilliant job each and every day.

Opportunities to continue climbing our personal mountain.

Parents – resources to support you and your family at home:

1. [BBC Bitesize and Bitesize Daily](#)
2. [The Day](#)
3. [For Year 11 and 12 - EtonX](#)
4. [Oak National Academy Resources](#)
5. [Renaissance Reading Y7-9](#)
6. [BeReady \(check your clutter for login!\)](#)

Staff CPD

- ConnectEd - an on-line community established by Schools North East. www.Schoolsnortheast.org In this time of relative isolation from colleagues it is a useful way of keeping in touch professionally. Events for those involved in governance are also a regular feature of the events programme.
- CelebrateEd - showcasing the best in classroom practice across the North of England in a practitioner – led virtual space where you will be enthused and energised. Starts 19th May.
- [TenTen](#) are offering an opportunity for free CPD training in RSHE . There are six modules in total each 20 minutes long. You can dip in and out of whichever one's you want. You can receive a certificate at the end if you complete 5 of the 6 sessions (no need for module 3 I believe).
- Several staff have been to see Mary Myatt and her training programme. Due to Covid19, the most recent training was conducted online and we are lucky enough to have had this shared with us. It's well worth a watch. Password and accompanying materials have been shared by email.

Longer reads Educational:

1. ***The Curriculum*** – *Gallimaufry to coherence* – Mary Myatt
2. ***Closing the Reading Gap*** – Alex Quigley
3. ***Closing the Vocab gap...*** - Alex Quigley
4. ***The Advantage*** - Patrick Lencioni
5. ***Teaching Walk Thrus – Caviglioli & Sherrington***

Longer reads Staff picks:

1. ***The Tattooist of Auschwitz*** by Heather Morris
2. ***Seven steps from Snowden to Everest*** by Mark Horrell
3. ***A Strawberry Thief*** by Joanne Harris
4. ***The Radium Girls*** by Kate Moore
5. ***The Other Bennet*** Sister by Janice Hadlow

Once you learn to read, you will forever be free”

–Frederick Douglass.

Parents – five books to encourage your son to read at home:

Year 7 - The Vanishing Trick by Jenni Spangler

Ghosts, gadgets, likable villains and unlikely heroes. This book is a dark and dazzling adventure.

Year 8 - When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

This is a semi-autobiographical and unforgettable story of a Jewish family fleeing from Germany before the start of the Second World War. It is a charming and touching book, often very funny.

Year 9 - The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend

A hapless teenager providing an unbashed, spots and all glimpse into adolescent life.

Year 10 - Gone by Michael Grant

A really clever and interesting concept surrounded by wonderful characters and an engaging narrative.

Year 11 - More Than This by Patrick Ness

Heart-breaking, emotional and dark. It is a story about love, forgiveness, friendship and hope.

Parent Recommendations

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

A moving, powerful, compassionate and beautifully written book. It is a testament to the triumph of the human spirit.

Around the World in 80 trains: A 45,000 Mile Adventure by Monisha Rajesh

This journey is one of consent movement and mayhem, as the author and her fiancé strike up friendships and swap stories with the hilarious, irksome and ultimately endearing travellers they met on board. Along with this they are taking in some of the earth's most breath-taking views.