

ST.AIDAN'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY



October 11th 2024

"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love." **Therese of Lisieux**

In the last two weeks your children have continued to impress us with their commitment to each other and our community.

Each morning we pray the Examen together and we reflect on the small steps we take that lead to big outcomes for ourselves and our community.

I hope you enjoy the selection of small steps and big outcomes that we have shared with you here. **Mrs Whitten, Headteacher**



»» CELEBRATIONS

Musical achievements:

Ben Siby Yr10:

Grade 2 Cello

Alex Hope Yr 10

Grade 3 Bass Guitar

Harry Deighan Yr 10

Grade 3 Jazz Piano

Matilda Maddison Y13

Grade 8 Musical Theatre

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all families who supported us with our coffee morning.

We raised **£653.10**

The following pupils played a particular role in this success:

Finn Cole, Sonny Hopper, Logan Sarginson, Jude Sloan, Billy Robinson, Thomas Woods, Adam Conlon, Jacob Cottam, Jacob Stephenson, Riley McCreary, Luke Robinson.



»» PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Week 4: Josh Quinn (9R)

For being very responsible and mature in getting help when a younger student hurt himself on the way into school. Josh was very kind and caring and made sure the student was reassured that help was on the way.

Prince Benito Osuji (8R)

After every Geography lesson Prince goes on Teams and engages in the wider reading / learning available. As a result, his understanding of the curriculum has improved significantly and he is on track to achieve highly. Prince truly believes in our core value of hard work and that hard work is paying off. Well done Prince!

Week 5:

Thank you to **Year 7** who were exceptional last week whilst climbing their first mountain with us.

»» ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TO DATE: 8959 (AVG 10.44)

»» WORD OF THE WEEK

Cycle 1 Week 5: Con/sci/en/tious - Wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.

"The religious police went conscientiously to work in Sultan Khan's bookshop that November afternoon".
The Bookseller of Kabul – Asne Seierstad

Cycle 1 Week 6: A/po/cry/phal. (of a story or statement) of doubtful authenticity, although widely circulated as being true.

"He wasn't called anything because this is an apocryphal story which means that it is a lie". **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time – Mark Haddon**



»» LEAVING A LEGACY...



THOMAS WOODS Y11

My name is Thomas Woods and I have been part of the wellbeing group since Year 8. I have been involved in many different projects, predominantly our community allotment. Other projects include the crisp packet appeal, litter picking, and helping at the Sunderland Baby Bank. I have found our community allotment to be the most worthwhile project here at St Aidan's. The allotment is located at the Briery and consists of many raised beds and 2 polytunnels. We have hosted activities with lots of different groups.

On a regular basis, we have a local primary school who attend our sessions and work alongside the wellbeing group and our volunteer, Lynne, to promote sustainability in our school community. During enrichment week in the summer term, I help to organise environmental activities for young children from local primaries. These are then led by myself and the wellbeing group. This is particularly rewarding because of the enthusiasm and engagement shown by the younger members of our community.



Outside of school I am a young leader at a Sunderland Scout group. I used the skills I learnt from there and arranged for my group to attend St Aidan's community allotment where the beavers, cubs and Scouts took part in fun and educational gardening activities. These activities included reading, a worm hunt, sowing seeds to take home and some to grow in the allotment, and building a bug hotel.

The produce grown in the allotment is often given to the school kitchen, and distributed to our staff, pupils and parents. We recently did this at our Year 5/6 open evening which I volunteered to help at.

Overall, my work at our community allotment is rewarding because it reflects the values outlined in the school's environmental policies and the teachings from Pope Francis' Laudato Si 2015 encyclical.

CLIMBING OUR MOUNTAINS



Year 7's visit to Walla Cragg in the Lake District was an inspiring adventure that challenged their determination, teamwork, and sense of fairness. The climb was no easy feat, demanding hard work from everyone as they pushed themselves to the summit. Along the way, they learned to trust one another, offering support when a classmate slipped or needed help on the steep paths. What stood out most was how fairly they treated each other, those who reached higher points first always looked back to encourage others, ensuring that no one was left behind. They shared not only their snacks and water but also their laughter, creating a sense of unity that carried them all to the top. When they finally reached the breathtaking summit, it was a well-earned reward for their collective effort. This experience showed them, and us, that with hard work, trust, and fairness, they can achieve remarkable things together.



»» ENRICHMENT



Monday

Tuesday Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Piano Lessons MU1- Mr Shepherd (£72 per term)	Dodgeball Sports Hall Mr Hutton -
Bronze IDEA Award Digital Enterprise (ICT) 312 - Miss Cain	Badminton Sports Hall Mr Hutton
Chess Club Reading Room - Mr Herbertson	First Aid Club 113 – Miss Reid and Miss Livingston
Camp Craft 111- Mrs Kilminster	Year 10 Football Ashbrooke - Mr Flounders
Football (Year 7 Football) The Limes - Mr Watts & Mr Dunn	GCSE Spanish Club Year 10 & 11 104 – Mrs McKenna
Further Maths (Y11) 210 - Mrs Hudson	Sparx Maths Club 312 – Mrs Smith
History Club 109 - Mr Nunn	Creative Writing 306 Miss Sansom
Homework Club 311, 314	Book to film club 301 Mrs Gardner
Art Club 162 - Mrs Nipper	Handwriting Club 123 - Miss Hodgson
Board Games 207 – Mrs Cooper	Orienteering Ashbrooke Mr Flounders

6th Form Badminton Sports Hall P.E Staff
Violin Lessons Music room Mr Nyberg (£72 per term)
Homework Club Room 311, 314
Football with Mo Year 7&8 (£4 per session) Sports Hall
Archive Club Mr Evans in 313
6th Form Fitness Sessions School Gym P.E Staff

Guitar Lessons Music room Mr Smith (£72 per term)
Robotics Club 164 - Mr Wallace
Drum Lessons Music room Mr Wake (£72 per term)
Dungeons and Dragons Reading Room Mr Richardson
Equality and diversity group 160
Volleyball Club Sports Hall- Mr Flounders
Football (Year 9) Ashbrooke 3G Mr Gray
Homework Club 311, 314
Crisp Packet Appeal 205 - Mrs Priest
Bass Guitar Lessons MU1 Mr Harland (£72 per term)
Gardening Club Briery Mrs Armstrong
MOOC Mr Morris in 225
Spanish Club 106 - Mrs Alonso
Warhammer Mr Evans

Basketball Sports Hall Mr Adey & Coach (£1)	Guitar Lessons Music room Mr Smith (£72 per term)
Maths Enrichment 212 - Mr Mann	Homework Club 311, 314
St Aidan Singers 104 – Mr Payne	Running Club P.E Mobiles - Mr Coon
Careers Champion 103 - Mrs Osmialowski	NEA Master Class Room 401- Mr Morris Year 13
Gym Club School Gym Mr Watts	Science Club 121 – Science Staff
Football (Year 8) The Limes with Mr Hutton	Table Tennis Mobiles Mr Hamilton
1st Lego League – Super Power 166 - Mrs Swales	Rock Band @ The Bunker 4-6pm Mr Payne

BTEC Music Mr Payne
Cello Lessons Music room Mrs Pearson (£72 per term)
Woodwind Lessons Music Room Mr Toomey (£72 per term)
Football (Y7&8) Sports Hall Mo *£5 a session
Homework Club 311, 314
Rugby Ashbrooke 3G Mr Adey

Daily before school:

Breakfast Canteen
Reading Club Reading Room Mrs Naile

Here at **St. Aidan's Catholic Academy** we believe in a curriculum that the mind, enriches the community and advances the future of our students. Our enrichment programme is integral to this broad and rich curriculum. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:
0191 520 0333

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS OUR CITY...

Youth Almighty Project

Silksworth Youth and
Community Centre
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sun

joanne@youthalmighty.co.uk

Sunderland Community Action Group

Dame Dorothy Youth
Hub
Mon, Wed

[sunderlandcommunity
actiongroup@hotmail.com](mailto:sunderlandcommunityactiongroup@hotmail.com)

Sendai Kushiro Karate

Raich Carter Sports
Centre
Tues, Thurs

sendaikushiro@gmail.com

SK Dance School of Performing Arts:

Tap, Jazz, Ballet
Pennywell Community
College
Mon- Sat

shameen_azel1@hotmail.com

Archery Marine Walk

mike@sunmac.org.uk

Beginners Boxing

25 Falkland Road,
Sunderland
Mon, Wed

marie.mould@lpsych.com

COSTS

Please contact the
provider directly to
inquire about the cost
of the activity.

Basketball

25 Falkland Road,
Sunderland
Wed

marie.mould@lpsych.com

Hockey Club

Raich Carter
Sports Centre
Tues, Sat

cox.rosalind@gmail.com

Click the box to go to their website for further information

