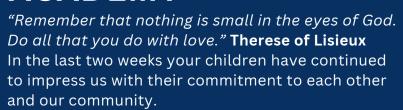
>>> NEWSLETTER

ST.AIDAN'S **CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

October 11th 2024



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

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

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

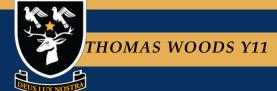
Cycle 1 Week 6: A/po/cry/phal. (of a story or statement) of doubtful authenticity, although widely circulated as being true.

"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...



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

Basketball	Guitar Lessons
Sports Hall	Music room Mr Smith
Mr Adey & Coach (£1)	(£72 per term)
Maths Enrichment	Homework Club
212 - Mr Mann	311, 314
St Aidan Singers	Running Club
104 – Mr Payne	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)	Table Tennis
The Limes with Mr Hutton	Mobiles Mr Hamilton
1st Lego League – Super	Rock Band @ The
Power	Bunker
166 - Mrs Swales	4-6pm Mr Payne

BTEC Music Mr Payne
Calledanana
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:

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 Mon, Wed

sunderlandcommunity actiongroup@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@lsych.com

COSTS

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

Basketball

25 Falkland Road, Sunderland Wed

marie.mould@lsych.com

Hockey Club

Raich Carter Sports Centre Tues, Sat

cox.rosalind@gmail.com



Click the box to go to their website for further information

