



"God has good work to do within you"

Fr Chris Hancock

This week we celebrated Mass with 10 More. Fr Chris' homily focused on Philippians 1 and how God continues to do good work within us.

As we continue to journey through advent, I hope that all members of our community have had the opportunity to create peace in their own lives. Peace which makes space to let God in, to do the good work he has planned for each of us. **Mrs Whitten, Headteacher**



>>> PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Week 13:

Adam Thompson (7B)

Kindness, organised a surprise for a teacher with the rest of his class.

Ronnie Laidler (7R)

Nominated by Mrs Robinson for his efforts to improve over the last half term. He is an exemplary student and both myself and Miss Donkin are very proud of him.

Joseph Tudberry (10C), Gabriel Biju (10C), Daniel Biju (10C), Ruben Robin (10C), Alfie Olive-Wade (10C), Favour Obadina (10C), Ferdinaond Anthony-Luke (10C)

All are training to be CAFOD young leaders and following their training session they went to St Cecilia's Church where they attended Mass and later, Alfie and Gabriel spoke in front of the congregation and invited them to join in the activity they led. The activity was a huge success and also resulted in making £75 in donations towards CAFOD Young Leaders. Tomiwa Oni (7A), Olly Malcolm (7D), Joshua Emanuel (7R), James Hodgson (7B), Ethan Smiles (7F), Victory Amadasun (7C), Camron Baldwin (8C), Lyte Anang (8C), Christian Seeley (8M)

Nominated for delivering Celebration of the Word last week. A perfect example of pupil Leadership. Well done!

Week 1:

Ethan Finuliar (8B)

Nominated for his contributions and generosity to the Christmas food hamper. We are very grateful Ethan and extremely proud.

Aryan Lal (9M), Paris Uriel Santos (9R), Arashdeep Singh (9F), Andrei Reyes (9C), Sam Macalalad (10C), Miguel Clemente (10C), John Castro (10R)

Nominated for giving up their own time during wellbeing week to stay and help run a basketball competition for the year 8s. They helped with looking after the visiting schools, refereeing fixtures and recording scores while also ensuring the competition ran smoothly. Thank you boys for giving back to our school community.

>>> **ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TO DATE: 19287. AVERAGE OF 22.6 PER PUPIL.**

>>> WORD OF THE WEEK

Cycle 1 Week 13: Int/ui/tion - The ability to understand or decide something instinctively, without conscious reasoning. In *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Christopher says: *"And this shows that intuition can sometimes get things wrong. And intuition is what people use in life to make decisions."*

Cycle 2 Week 1: in/ept. Having or showing no skill.

"His fingers almost seized up as they fumbled at the lock on the kitchen door, their ineptitude making him glance round and squeal softly in fear and excitement." *A Kestrel for a Knave* – Barry Hines



»» LEAVING A LEGACY...



SETH HUGHES

Year 9 pupil, Seth Hughes has made us all proud by winning the Sunderland Schools' Cross Country Race! His incredible achievement showcases not just his talent but also his dedication to running. Seth's journey is a testament to what can be achieved when you combine passion, hard work, and the support of a strong community.

Inspired by his brothers' love for running, Seth first discovered his skills for cross country during PE lessons. Those sessions not only helped him build his endurance but also introduced him to the joy of running—a sport that's as much about mental strength as physical fitness. Seth trains with the Sunderland Harriers, where he continues to refine his skills while enjoying the camaraderie of like-minded athletes.

Here at school, opportunities to follow in Seth's footsteps are all around. Our weekly Running Club, led by the enthusiastic Mr. Coon, welcomes runners of all abilities. Whether you're chasing personal bests or simply looking to stay active, it's a great way to challenge yourself while building friendships. Cross country in PE lessons is another chance to discover the thrill of running.

And don't forget—it's not just about competition; running releases endorphins, boosts mood, and keeps both body and mind sharp. Seth's story is proof that running is more than a sport—it's a journey of self-discovery, perseverance, and connection. Why not lace up your trainers and join the adventure?

Who knows, the next cross country champion might just be you!



COMMUNITY NEWS

morning coffee.



»» St. Aidan's Families Together Coffee Morning

Monday 16th December @9.30am

Come to our Coffee Morning! Have a natter, a hot drink, and a slice of cake free of charge- Everyone Welcome
An opportunity for our parents, carers and extended family to come together, build friendships and learn more about our community.

»» ENRICHMENT



Monday

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

Tuesday Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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:
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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

