



Fr Chris spoke in our form Mass this week about God's hands.

Our year 10 pupils have their mocks, our year 6s have their transitions and we continue to grieve as a community. However we know that if we put our lives into God's hands we can trust that he will make something wonderful out of them.

Mrs Whitten, Headteacher



>>> PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Week 9:

Sukruth Pailla (9R)

Nominated by Mrs Priest, This week's Pupil of the Week is Sukruth for making a fantastic start to his St Aidan's journey and having a really positive impact on the form class. From the very beginning, he has brought energy, maturity, a friendly presence and a great attitude each morning. Well done, Sukruth – your positive influence is appreciated by both staff and peers!

Week 10:

Allen Agbadua (10R) and David Imeri (10M)

Both pupils supported with the Tesco bag pack last Tuesday to raise money for our allotment. They were commended by Fr Ronnie McNish who was in Tesco at the time. They helped Fr McNish pack his shopping and even carried it to his car. He spoke how you were both excellent ambassadors for our school. We agree. Well done and thank you!

>>> ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TO DATE: 45507 (AVERAGE 53.54 PER PUPIL)

>>> WORD OF THE WEEK

Cycle 3 Week 3: Innate - I/n/nate

- Definition: Existing from birth; natural or inherent.
- The theme of innate goodness is explored in To Kill a Mockingbird, especially through the character of Scout Finch, who embodies natural curiosity and compassion.

Cycle 3 Week 4: Disillusion - Dis/i/llu/sion

- Definition: A feeling of disappointment resulting from the discovery that something is not as good as one believed it to be.
- In The Great Gatsby, Jay Gatsby's disillusion with the American Dream highlights the disparity between dreams and reality.





Sunderland U12 rugby season came to a close last weekend. Many of the team are St Aidan's students and 2 of our students received the big awards of the night.



Cooper Dolman received the award for players player - chosen by his teammates.



Isaac Winlow received the award for player of the year - chosen by the coaches.

Huge well done to the whole team for a great season and many more to come.



The Y7/8 and Y8/9 cricket teams have progressed to the quarterfinals and semifinals of their respective County Cup competitions. The Y7/8s recorded wins over Whickham and St Thomas Moore, and will face St Leonard's next for a spot in the semifinals. The Y8/9s have beaten Venerable Bede and Seaham, with a tough semifinal against Durham School scheduled for September.

Both teams have played some outstanding cricket in great spirit. Special mention to J. Winlow for an impressive unbeaten 50 against St Thomas More at Blaydon last week.

The Y8/9 Cricket Team won their County Cup Semi final match against Seaham last week at home at Ashbrooke CC and will now play Durham School in the Semi Final, also at home. The boys set a competitive target with contributions from all who batted and successfully defended it despite pressure from a good Seaham squad.



Sunderland U14's also brought their season to an end with a great presentation evening. The whole team have worked hard all season. One of St Aidan's own, James Woods, was awarded with Club Man of the year. Well done to all.

THE NINE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS



During week 9, pupils took part in an assembly in their forms about one of the nine protected characteristics: Race. The pupils looked at why it is important to be anti-racist and how they as individuals can be allies to others. Pupils were also reminded that bullying or discrimination of any form is not tolerated at St Aidan's.

This week we continued our discussion around legacy and why we value it so highly as a community. To this end we welcomed Dermot Hamblin from Ashbrooke Cricket and Sports club to share what legacy means to him and demonstrate to our pupils how highly the world of work values leaving an indelible mark. He spoke in depth about the journey he has been on throughout his career and how his boys, who attended our school previously, have lived the values of legacy that they developed at St Aidan's. It was a fascinating insight into the power of legacy and how we want to be remembered by the generations that follow us. It motivated the pupils who listened to him and hopefully inspired them to 'sweep the shed' and always try to be the best version of themselves in every facet of their school life.

Community

On Friday pupils and staff had the opportunity to remember and pray for Miss Gordon, our dear friend and colleague who tragically died earlier this year. A series of beautiful prayers and reflections were displayed in every classroom accompanied by Gabriel Faure's Requiem. During the reflection pupils and staff remembered the energy, commitment and love Miss Gordon brought to her role. We were all reminded of Miss Gordon's kindness, her love of life, her irresistible humour and, of course, her obsession with Henry VIII. Pupils and staff prayed for Miss Gordon's family, especially her mum and her sister Lucy. The school day ended at 12.25 so that staff and pupils could pay their respects at Saint Edward's Church in Whitley Bay. As expected, the service was beautiful and truly honoured Miss Gordon.

Miss Gordon was a dear friend and colleague. She will be greatly missed by all who have met her. Her legacy, love and commitment will undoubtedly live on in all who came into contact with her.

The following reading was read out during Miss Gordon's funeral Mass.

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord

