

# St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy

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*'Together we enjoy Learning, Achieving, Sharing and Praying. Let Jesus Love shine through in everything we do.'*

Dear Parents/Carers,

As it is the first newsletter of 2024 I wish you all a happy new year and look forward to the exciting year ahead with wonderful experiences in the curriculum for our children.

We started the year with Fr Marek joining us to celebrate Holy Mass for the feast of the Epiphany and he shared with us about being wise like the 3 kings and use our gifts that God gave us. We blessed our classrooms with the traditional blessing – 20+C+M+B+24 meaning 'May Christ bless our school'. This is written in blessed chalk from Brentwood Cathedral over each classroom for the year.

## **Young voices concert O2:**

Our choir had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Young voices concert at the O2 arena at the beginning of the month and sang in the largest children's choir with 8562 children. It was an amazing experience to be part of with very inspiring musicians and acts on stage. A huge thank you to Mrs Dwyer for preparing the children with choir practice each week and organising the opportunity for our children. We are already planning next years event so if you wish for your child to join the choir then speak to Mrs Dwyer.

## **BETT show:**

A group of KS2 children had the wonderful opportunity to attend the BETT show at the excel centre this month. The children were thrilled with the whole experience and being immersed in the latest technology advances and resources. They even loved the train journey which is all part of the experience with real life opportunities. Thank you to Mr Ward and Mrs Peak for organising the event.

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## **St Aidan's staff news:**

Huge congratulations to Mrs Darcy and her husband as they are expecting their first child later this year, we wish them all the happiness and God's blessings on this new chapter in their lives.

We pray for the repose of the soul of a beloved past member of staff Mrs Gearney who sadly passed away recently following an illness. She was a loved member of our St Aidan's family for over 20 years and I am sure many of you with older children will remember her. *'May eternal rest grant unto her oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.'*

## **Thank you:**

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Johnson Immanuel parents of Johanna and Mervyn who have kindly donated a presentation stand for the main hall which will be used daily for all assemblies and collective worship. We wish them the very best on their new adventures as they leave our school this week.

## **Journalists:**

Please enjoy the children's articles this month – Duran (3/4R), Favour (6Da), Charlise (RC), Alisha (5D), Tomisin (5D), Dua (5D), Anika (RC), Nathan (6Dw) & Sithi (6Dw).

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards, *Mrs. Campling*

**Please ensure all your contact details are up to date with the school office and inform them of any changes. Please ensure you have provided emergency contact details for your child. Thank you.**

## Diary dates

- 2/2/24 – Number day!
- 5/2/24 – Children’s mental health week
- 14/2/24 – Ash Wednesday service at 2pm
- 16/2/24 – Half term school closes at 3:20pm
- 26/2/24 – School re-opens at 8:45am
- 29/2/24 – Book fair arrives
- 7/3/24 – World book day!
- 18/3/24 – Rock steady concert at 10am
- 26/3/24 – Stations of the cross Parents welcome between 9-10am.
- 27/3/24 – KS2 Easter Presentation at St Cedd’s church at 10:45am Parents welcome
- 28/3/24 – End of term – Easter holidays finish at 3:20pm

## Parking restrictions

Please be aware that new parking restrictions are now in place in the surrounding roads of the school and permits are required to park your vehicle.

Parents should not be parking or stopping on the double yellow lines on Benton road this causes disruption to the traffic and a significant safety issue for the children walking to school.



## Extra-curricular activities

The following clubs are now available after school with premier sport coaches - 3:30-4:30pm:

- Tuesday – KS2 Multi sports club**  
**Wednesday – KS1 Multi sports club**  
**Thursday – KS1 & KS2 Gymnastic club**

We also have available:

- Monday – Judo club**  
**Monday – Rock steady music lessons (during the day)**

Contact Miss Rickwood in the school office for booking details.

Lunch time clubs available:

Choir, gardening, colouring, lego, football and homework clubs.



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**Dress up for Digits** - Please wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!) Or get even more creative by dressing up as a Times Tables Rockstar!



## Children’s Mental Health week 2024

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK.**

This year’s theme: **‘my voice matters’**

Our mental health ambassadors will be leading us in a variety of activities throughout the week. Here is a link for parents to source resources:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/#resources>



**Young voices O2**



**May Christ bless our school**



**BETT show**

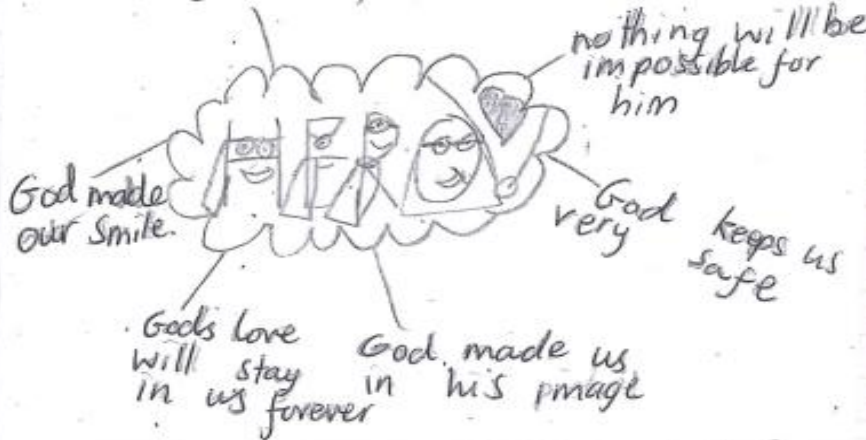
# St Aidan's News!

## Spiritual Journaling

Spiritual Journaling is the time of our day when we spend time - with Jesus. We read through scriptures and discuss what they mean. We have time to meditate and be still. We get to think about how we can be more like Jesus and follow his commands. Prayer leaders lead us with the reading and we share the love of God.

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### God is OUR HERO!



### Thankful

In thankful for my family

Jesus said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you"

# Spiritual Journaling



Spiritual Journaling is we reflect and discuss some scripture from the Bible. We do Spiritual Journaling every day in class after lunch. It helps us to be calm and remember everything that is important to us, to pray and remember that Jesus is always in our hearts.

In Spiritual Journaling we have been learning about joy and how we can bring joy to the world. We read a book in the Bible, psalm chapter 95 verse 1 and it says 'come, let us praise the lord let us sing for Joy to God who protects us' this teaches us that Jesus died

on the cross for our sins so they can be forgiven so we should at least read the Bible and pray because Jesus cares for us.

We have also been looking at how we can share the good news - we looked at one of the books in the Bible which is Mark 1: 14 -20 and it says 'turn away your sins and believe the good news' this teaches us that we should pray for our sins so that God can forgive us and teaches us to be thankful and not sin.

## **Favour 6Da**





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with by charlie RC

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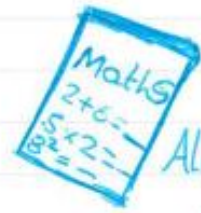
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Maths

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by: Alisha 5D

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Maths is a lot of things but as one for example let's start with the easiest Addition. Addition is like when you add 2 different numbers like  $4+2+6=9$  and that equals to 11. Let's move on to Subtraction. Subtraction is when you take away something from another. Like  $64-32$  which equals to 32.

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Now we move on to division and multiplication. Multiplication is when you add something to itself like  $8 \times 6 = 48$  and division is the opposite of multiplication so you do the opposite like for example  $48 \div 6$  would be 8.

Multiplication	Division
$8 \times 6 = 48$	$48 \div 8 = 6$

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Shapes are like how something is. you can do lots with shapes like ○ measure them, draw with them and more. There's so much to maths like area, perimeter, degree, Celsius, fractions, decimals and so much more. When you need help you can always use base ten or break it up.



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# The O2 Arena!

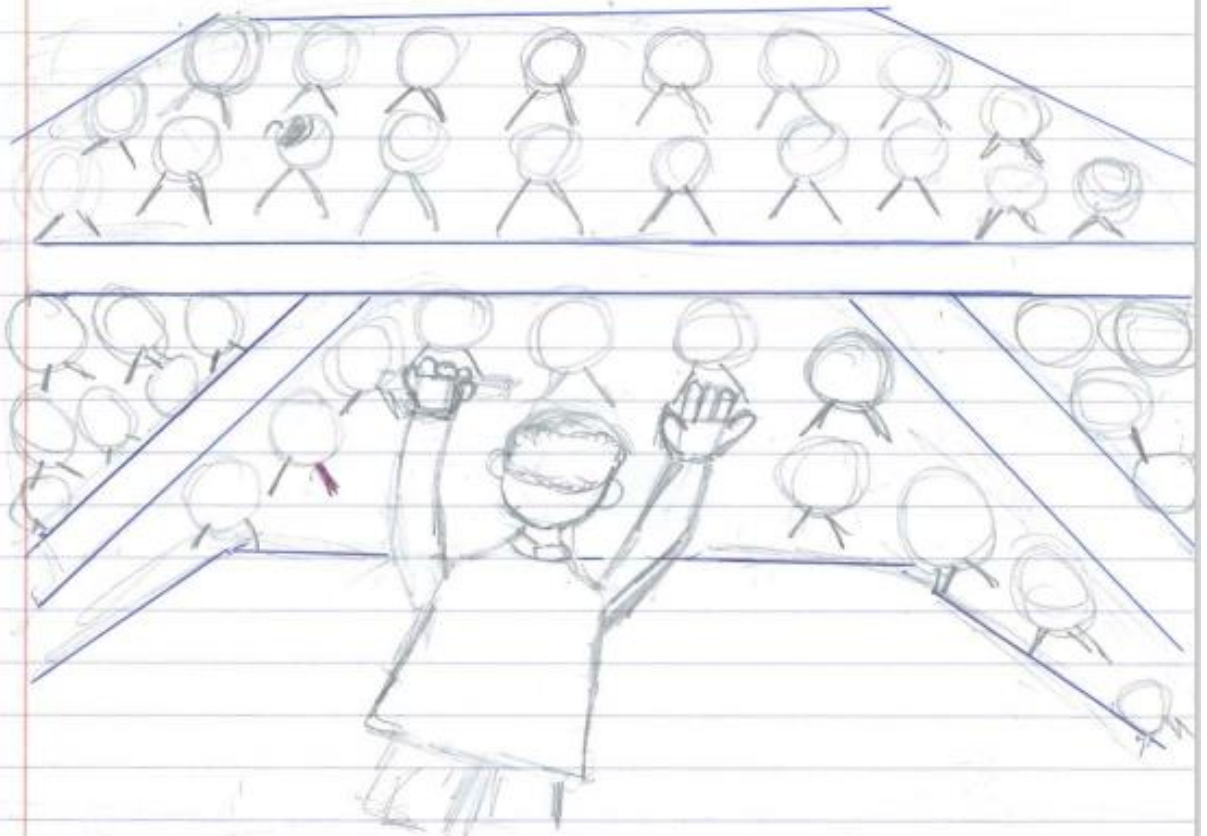
by tomisin  
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## Fun facts about the arena.

1. The O2 brings together over 800 people to have fun, sing and have the best time ever.
2. The O2 has a director who's been in O2 for 25 years. How amazing is that!

## The mexican wave.

The mexican wave is when children in different schools do a big wave from section to section. (Even the parents could join).





# BETT Show trip



The BETT show was so fun we didn't know where to go because there were so many places first we went to get our badges for the BETT Show and then we went to the BETT Show when we got in we explored so many places.



First place we went to is the VR (Virtual Reality) it was scary when I put it on in the VR it felt like I was floating on the edge of the bridge but it was so fun.



Then we went to the Robots we met so many little robots that one was my special one the most for me.

Experiencing VR



Then the man told me how the robot reacts he said when ever you move your hand it follows your hand. Then we got a lot of stuff like pens and stickers.



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From Rua SD





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by Anika, RC

## Mass with Father Marek

Two weeks ago, we had a mass with Father Marek from St Cedds. It was based on the Epiphany which is when the Three Wise Men (Gasper, Balthasar and Melchior) went to baby Jesus.



We have mass after each half term. We either walk to the church or have it in the hall. The story of the Three Wise Men is, King Herold told them to look for baby Jesus and tell him where he is, not telling them what he actually wanted. The Three Wise Men went out following the bright star and when they reached Bethlehem, they gave Jesus Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. After that, they had a dream about an angel who told them not to go back to King Herold but to go the opposite way. The Three Wise Men listened to the angel and never returned.

Our main song for the mass was we three kings of orient are. Feel free to listen to it and we sang many more songs,

Nathan 6DW

# The O2

## Stars for the night! by Sithi 6Dw



The children choir from St.Aidan's Catholic Academy had been given the amazing opportunity to participate in the world's largest choir concert for children called the O2.

This wonderful event took place in 15.1.2024. The children have been given their own young voices T- shirts and miniture lights. They were stars for the night.

The choir has been practicing for this event since September. They sang with their hearts.

Mrs Dwyer(the music lead) expressed, "I thought that it was an amazing opportunity for the children and I personally felt a bit emotional, it was lovely."

The students had a great time watching and performing. Along with other celebrities, the Urben strides were there.

The students were collected by their parents and carers at 11pm. The whole school was talking about the O2.