



Children's Mental Health Week



The pupils at St Aidan's have enjoyed carrying out activities to explore the theme 'Let's Connect' during Children's Mental Health Week. Here are Year 4 making paper chains of all the reasons they feel connections at school!

St Aidan's Earthquake Appeal Fundraiser

We are immensely proud that as a school community we have so far raised an impressive **£1,255** to help the people affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. The Just Giving page will remain open until tomorrow, Saturday 11th February. All cash donations received have been added to the fundraising page.

Blue Class Trip to Pizza Express



Blue class enjoyed an exciting trip to Pizza Express in Muswell Hill. They learnt the history of the pizza and how to make one, then enjoyed eating it back at school!

Indigo Class visit to the Science Museum



Indigo class (y5) went on an educational visit to the Science Museum. At the museum, we went on a 4k Red Arrows flight simulator. We experienced the G-force encountered when they fly at that speed and do those tricks. After the flight simulator, we explored the flight gallery, where we saw and learned how plane engines have become stronger and more reliable over the years.

After that, we explored the space and making the modern world galleries in groups. Two of the groups got a private tour of the making the modern world gallery. In the space gallery, we tried to build something with massive gloves on (it was VERY hard).

Shortly after lunch, we headed off to the 'Feel the Force' workshop. Three students went on stage and represented our school. The first student tested the force of gravity and how a stronger person could throw something farther. The second student tested the force of air resistance, and the third student explained magnesium.

After a long day we went back to school, we had great fun and learnt a lot on our school trip.

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Governing body update

Following the notification of two parent governor vacancies at St Aidan's, we are pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited to both these posts. Martin Bishop and Marie Tulloch have been appointed to the governing body and we look forward to welcoming them. Thank you to all parents who expressed interest. Sophia Jones (previously a parent governor) has now become a Co-opted Governor and we would also like to thank Sophia for her ongoing involvement and commitment to the school.

Languages Morning - Monday 27th February

We will be holding a languages morning on Monday 27th February to celebrate International Mother Language Day. We would like to celebrate this day with a carousel of language workshops that reflect the many languages spoken at St. Aidan's and the diversity of our pupils. Every year staff and parents have worked together to make the language workshops possible. If you speak another language and are able to help from 9 to 10.15 am on this day, please contact the school office.



Maths at Home



Times Table Rock Stars - all children in Key Stage 2 have access to TT Rock Stars. Regular practice will improve the fluency and speed of their multiplication facts. Sound knowledge and quick recall of multiplication tables are key to enabling children to access the maths expected of them in upper Key Stage 2.

Numbots - all children in Key Stage 1 have access to Numbots, to improve fluency in mental addition and subtraction.

Both of these platforms can be accessed from home. Each week we will be sharing the top three children in each class who have been practising the most in our Gold Awards assembly every Friday.



SEND Power

SEND Power in Haringey is a forum for Haringey parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). They issue a monthly newsletter showcasing news and upcoming events, as well as local and national information and events.

Parents and carers can sign up to be a member of the forum [here](#). Membership is open to all parents/carers of a child/young person (0-25 years) with SEND and who lives (or receives SEND services, e.g. school) in Haringey.

[Haringey SEND Parent Carer Forum | The Bridge Renewal Trust](#)

School Meals

Although we continue to keep our school meals priced as low as possible at all times, the cost of school lunches is being increased by 20p a day to £2.70 from 20th February. The cost for Spring 2 is therefore £81. Please ensure that payments are made via SchoolMoney.

We are currently owed monies for school lunches – can all arrears please be settled promptly.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Meetings will take place on the evenings of Tuesday 7th and 14th March for the main school. Nursery consultations will be on Friday 10th March.

Details for booking appointments via the School Cloud platform will be shared after the half term break.

Term Dates

Spring 2	20 th February to 31 st March
Holiday	3 rd April to 14 th April
Summer 1	17 th April to 26 th May
Holiday	29 th May to 2 nd June
INSET	5 th June (school closed to children)
Summer 2	6 th June to 21 st July

PSA News

Quiz Night Fundraising Total

The PSA Quiz and Curry Night on Thursday 2nd February raised a net profit of £1,486. We are thrilled with this total, and would like to thank Ben Hardy for the excellent quiz, and David Fotheringham for the delicious curry. Our fundraising was bolstered by a small raffle, and we're also grateful to Butler's Deli for donating their star-prize hamper, and to Sourdough Sophia for a signed copy of her book. Huge thanks also to the class reps for their help, and to everyone who came.

What is the money raised by the PSA spent on?

The money we raise this year will be put towards various items such as phonics and reading resources (KS1 and KS2), the refurbishment of the Orange Class toilets, the provision of the school counsellor, whole-class instrumental tuition (WCIT) for Y4, school ICT support, and subscriptions to Mathematics Mastery (KS1 and KS2), Target Tracker, and the Islington Educational Library Service.

In addition, the PSA also gives an annual grant of £6,200 to the school, which covers fruit, books and other needful materials for each class, and items for the school garden. The PSA also funds other annual school expenses including after-school clubs, play-pod equipment and music resources