



## **Parent Governor Vacancy**

I am pleased to report that the vacancy in our Governing Body for a parent governor has been filled. Helen Froggatt was the only parent to submit a nomination form, so will continue in her role as a Parent Governor.

Thanks to Helen for her commitment to St. Aidan's and putting herself forward for a further term as a member of the Governing Body.

## **Another opportunity to celebrate reading at our Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be arriving in school this Thursday, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

**Come and join us!**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Books will be displayed opposite the Ball Court, before and after school**

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. Children will also be given a £1 book token, that can be used to exchange for one free World Book Day book or used as a discount on another book of choice. Payment will be taken by scanning a QR code on your mobile phone. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, you can pay online or try our Gift Vouchers available at:

[www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents)

They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

**Don't forget that every book you buy can help us to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!**

Amanda Munn

Book Fair Organiser and English subject leader

## **Congratulations!**

Warm congratulations to Guler Yasar on the safe arrival of her son, Arden, who was born at 1.55am today, weighing 3.450kg. Mother and baby are both well.

## **School money debts**

If your child has school meals, please can you ensure that any debts are settled as soon as possible. Your support with this will be much appreciated.

## **Do you know the school's governors?**

Over the next few editions of Headlines, we'll be profiling members of the Governing Body to give parents information about who they are and what they do for the school.



### **Owen Sloman: Parent governor**

Owen has been a governor for less than a year. He has two daughters in years 6 and year 3. Owen's children are adopted so he has a particular concern for "looked after children". He feels passionately about inclusion and sees the positive impact that St Aidan's caring ethos has had on his children. He is a member of the Standards Committee and link governor for history and geography.

Owen's previous career included the civil service, European civil service and EY management consultancy. After his daughters' adoption, he took a local job as Assistant Director of Primary Care in Haringey for the NHS. A major focus has been to increase take-up of the covid vaccine during the recent vaccination campaign.

Owen has previously been a vice-chair and chair of governors at a Tottenham primary school. He is a practising Christian and churchwarden of St Ann's church in South Tottenham. Owen and his wife Siwan sing together in the London Welsh chorale. They are very proud that their daughters will sing with St Aidan's choir at the Royal Albert Hall.



### **Jennifer Paker: Parent Governor**

I have three daughters at St Aidan's and I applied to become a parent governor just over a year ago. I now sit on the Care & Communications Committee, responsible for oversight of wellbeing, some key school policies and communications, as well as the main governing board.

As a Parent Governor I try to add value by asking questions and making sure we test our decisions. I

enjoy hearing from the school staff about strategies to maximise learning and wellbeing and then seeing how they translate into real life through the things that my kids talk about and bring home from school.

I would encourage anyone who is tempted, to apply to become a Parent Governor - the role gives a unique insight into the school and being able to relate that to our children's experience is invaluable. As the pandemic recedes, schools are under ever more pressure to do more for less, so it feels like an important time to be involved.

### **Easter Service**

We are very much looking forward to returning to Holy Trinity church for our Easter service as a school for the first time since 2019!

It was lovely to have an opportunity to practise singing our hymns together in the sunshine this morning, as we decided to have assembly outside in the amphitheatre.

The service will be held at 11am on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, with limited space for parents to join us.

### **After School Clubs- Summer term**

After school clubs for the summer term start the week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. A letter with full details is included in this edition of Headlines and a paper copy was sent home in book bags today. Applications for after school clubs must be submitted to the school office by 10am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Places at clubs will be confirmed by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, when payments can be made via SchoolMoney.

Priority for places in clubs is given to children who have attended previously, in order that children are able to develop their skills over time.

Please note that we have made some changes to our clubs for the next term. Sadly, we are unable to continue to offer fencing club. However, we have some new clubs including performing arts for children in Orange and Yellow classes, football for Red class and cricket for children in KS2. Junior youth club is also a new club for children in KS2 to complete their homework, socialise and enjoy fun and games.

### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

All children in Key Stage 2 have access to Times Tables Rock Stars. They can access this platform from home in order to improve the fluency and speed of their multiplication facts. Sounds knowledge and quick recall of multiplication tables and key to enabling children to access the maths expected of them in upper Key Stage 2.

Each week we have been sharing the top three children in each class who have been practising the most in our Gold Awards assembly each Friday.

Congratulations to Francesca in Purple class for being the first to earn over 100,000 coins!

### **Big Walk and Wheel**

We are taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel challenge, organised by Sustrans, which has the aim of promoting walking, scooting and cycling to school. More details can be found [here](#).

### **Opportunity to support research at UCL**

We have been approached by Professor Niko Steinbeis from University College London to collaborate on a research project. The project looks at how prosocial behaviour develops from 3-6 years of age. Prosocial behaviour, like sharing, helping and comforting make up an enormous part of a child's interaction with their peers and it is a very important predictor for present and future well-being and social connectedness. I can imagine that this would be of some interest.

Children and parents are invited to come to UCL to participate in a series of games and tests. To be able to actually look at development, children will be invited to come back a year later for a repeat of those games and tests. The project starts in March 2022 and children between the ages of 3 and 6 years are invited to participate.

The team, which is based at the Developmental Change and Plasticity Lab at UCL, is a young, dynamic and engaging group of researchers headed by Dr. Steinbeis (<http://www.dcp-lab.org/>)/[www.dcp-lab.org](http://www.dcp-lab.org)). We are very excited by this opportunity and hope that you will share our enthusiasm.

Please contact Dr Steinbeis directly ([dcp-lab@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:dcp-lab@ucl.ac.uk)) if you would like to receive more information about taking part.

Dr Steinbeis will also be giving a talk to parents of our school on child mental health and use that opportunity to introduce the study in some more detail. The event will take place at **9am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at a coffee morning. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

### **Ramadan**

This year, Ramadan starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, in the school holidays. Rugina, our Red class teacher, will be leading an assembly to share why she will be fasting.

It would be appreciated if you could inform us if your child will be fasting, so that we can provide appropriate support if required.

### **Fundraising for St. Aidan's**

Many thanks to Claire Hollington, who is setting out on another 100km walk and has kindly offered to raise money for St. Aidan's.

[This link](#) has further details. Many thanks Claire and good luck!

### **Swimming**

Indigo class will have their final swimming session this week, and will conclude with a water safety training session, so will need an old t shirt for this session. There will be no swimming in the final week of term,

as all classes will be visiting Holy Trinity church for our Easter service.

After the Easter holidays, Blue class will be swimming for the first half of the Summer term, with Purple class swimming for the final half term.

### **Free School Meal vouchers for the Easter holidays**

Haringey Council has been using the Household Support Fund (HSF) to fund free school meals during the holiday periods in October, December and February. So far, this has been £15 voucher per child but the council are in a position to allocate an additional £5 per child for the Easter holidays, taking the total voucher award to **£35 per child**. These vouchers will be distributed to eligible families before the end of term.

We have been advised that there will not be funding available to provide vouchers after Easter.

### **September Nursery places available**

There are some places still available in our school Nursery, where we offer places for children for the term after they are 3 years old. Please contact the school office, or contact Joy Banfield in the Nursery if you would like more details.

### **Get active with Spurs**

Please see the flyer at the rear of this edition of Headlines for details of free sport and activity sessions at the N17 arena.

### **Parkland Dragons**

The Parkland Dragons is a football club that includes a number of boys and girls from St Aidan's. We play friendly and League matches and are dedicated to Fun, Friendship and Football. Next year we are expanding to two teams - Under 10 and Under 11.

We are looking to recruit strong and enthusiastic players from the current Year 3, 4 and 5. Players must be able to commit to Monday evening and Saturday morning practice. Under 11 matches will usually be on Monday or Tuesday nights, and Under 10s on a Saturday morning.

We would like interested children to start practising with us in the summer term. Please speak to Steve Booth or Alice Clay on the gate if interested, or contact Alice on 07730005194.

### **YMCA fun run**

The YMCA city and North Fun Run and Festival is going to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> May in Priory Park.

There will be 1 mile races for children aged 3+, as well as the usual 10k race. Places can be booked via [this link](#).

### **Thank you for your generosity**

Many thanks to everyone who made donations at the fate last Wednesday for the Ukraine Humanitarian DEC appeal. During the day we had opportunities to come together during assembly and think of the families who have been impacted by war in Ukraine. We have also raised £618.61.

### **Anchor project research project**

At St. Aidan's, we have been using the Anchor Approach to support the wellbeing of children, parents and staff. I have been approached by a team at UCL who are conducting research into its impact.

*The Anchor Approach resilience (<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/public-health/haringey-anchor-approach>) is being run at your child's school, and the impact of this intervention is currently being evaluated by researchers from University College London. We are particularly interested in your views as a parent, for example, whether you are aware of the Anchor Approach and what you think of it. This research will help to further strengthen the Anchor Approach, and its outcomes on your child's well-being.*

*We are organising one-hour long focus groups in order to hear your feedback. If you are interested in finding out more about the research or would like to participate, please identify your interest using the link [in this letter](#) by **March 25th**.*

*Best wishes,  
The UCL Research Team*

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### **Haringey Easter Break Fun**

There are a wide range of activities planned for the Easter holidays across Haringey. Please see [this link](#) for more details.



## Summer term after school clubs, 2022

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Football club with James</b>  Orange, Yellow classes  £5 x 10 sessions=£50 (one INSET day) FSM free Payment via Schoolmoney	<b>Street dance with Ready Set Stage</b> Green, Blue, Indigo & Purple classes  £5 X 10 sessions = £50 (one INSET day) FSM Free Payment via Schoolmoney	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Choir with Sarah</b>  <b>Green, Blue, Indigo and Purple classes</b>  £5 X 11 sessions = £55 FSM Free Payment via Schoolmoney		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Chess club with Chess in Schools</b>  Green, Blue, Indigo and Purple classes  £5 X 11 sessions = £55 FSM free Payment via Schoolmoney	<b>Target training multi sports with James</b>  Orange, Yellow and classes  £4 x 11 sessions = £44 FSM free Payment via Schoolmoney	<b>Cricket with North Middlesex Cricket Club</b>  Green, Blue, Indigo & Purple classes  £5 X 11 sessions = £55 FSM Free Payment via Schoolmoney
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Football club with James</b>  Green, Blue, Indigo and Purple classes  £5 x 10 sessions = £50 FSM free Payment via Schoolmoney	<b>Drumming club with Han</b>  Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Purple classes  £5 x 10 sessions = £50 FSM free Payment via Schoolmoney	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Performing arts with Ready, Set, Stage</b>  Orange and Yellow classes  £5 x 11 sessions = £55 FSM free Payment via Schoolmoney	<b>Football club with James</b>  Red class  £5 x 11 sessions=£55 FSM free Payment via Schoolmoney	<b>Junior Youth Club with Fabian, Kyron and Philip</b>  Green, Blue, Indigo & Purple classes  £5 X 11 sessions = £55 FSM Free Payment via Schoolmoney

**All clubs are from 3.15- 4.15pm. Please collect your child at 4.15pm. All clubs start the week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April and finish the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.**



## Summer term 2022 after school registration form

Name of child: .....

Class: .....

Please ensure this form is completed and returned to the school office by 10am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Payment will then be requested via School money if your child gets a place.

Please note that payment must be made before your child starts their club next term.

Clubs applied for:

1.	continuing/ new applicant
2.	continuing/ new applicant
3.	continuing/ new applicant
4.	continuing/ new applicant
5.	continuing/ new applicant

Club places will be confirmed by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Date received:	School Signatory:
Is your child entitled to Free School Meals? yes/no	





# INTRODUCING THE **N17** ARENA

**WATCH AS ONE. PLAY AS ONE. ACHIEVE AS ONE.**

**Get active with Spurs!  
Sign-up now to our free sport  
and fitness activities.**

We are proud to introduce the N17 Arena – a brand new community space – located on the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium campus and dedicated to providing fitness, inspiration, friendship and fun in the heart of Tottenham.

You can now sign up to a variety of different activities available on our Mini-Pitches including Women's Football, Walking Multi-Sports and more, all for free and right on your doorstep.

View the list of activities available with a full timetable on the reverse.



To register interest and find out more, please contact [thf.activities@tottenhamhotspur.com](mailto:thf.activities@tottenhamhotspur.com)

## Activities |

### Women's Football

A friendly football session for all women, our coaches can help you develop your skills and keep fit. Sessions include both regular football and walking football, all abilities are welcome.

### After-School Football

Two after-school football clubs for those aged 8-11 years and 12-15 years. Sessions offer a great opportunity for young people to play football, develop skills, and make new friends.

### Walking Multi-Sports

Open to both men and women, we cover a variety of sports played at walking pace with the help of our dedicated coaches, while improving your fitness and opportunities to socialise.

### Wildcats

This is for girls aged 5-11 years old who are passionate about football. Sessions focus on fun, gaining confidence and learning to play the game in a friendly and safe environment.

### Adult Inclusion Session

A sports session for adults with learning and physical disabilities. Weekly sessions include multi-sports and walking football and are delivered in partnership with Adult Care.

### Shape up with Spurs

Our renowned physical activity programme for both men and women over 18 years old. Sessions are open to all levels of fitness and support you to move more, get fit and feel great.

### Women's Walking Football

A friendly walking football session for women (40+). Our coaches can help you try something new, develop your skills and get fit playing football. All abilities are welcome.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-11:00 Women's Football	10:30-11:30 Walking Multi-Sports	13:30-14:30 Disability Sport session	10:30-11:30 Shape up with Spurs
16:00-17:00 After-School Football 8-11 yrs	16:00-17:00 After-School Football 12-14 yrs	16:00-17:00 Wildcats 5-7 yrs	
	18:00-20:00 PL Kicks 15-18 yrs	17:15-18:15 Wildcats 8-11 yrs	