



Windrush Day

Did you know that today is Windrush Day? This is a special day to remember the first generation of people from the Caribbean, who came over to the UK by invitation to help rebuild Britain after World War Two. It marks the anniversary of the arrival of MV Empire Windrush at the Port of Tilbury, near London, on 22 June 1948.

We have marked this today at St. Aidan's with a special assembly and a special Caribbean meal, prepared by our kitchen team.

Impact of rail strikes

Unfortunately, the rail strikes have had an impact on school events this week. Notably, we have had to cancel two educational visits for Purple class that were planned this week.

I would also like to thank everyone for their support in bringing in a packed lunch yesterday. Having looked at all other possibilities, we were not able to open the kitchen.

Talent show

Many thanks to Lara, Bonnie and Katie in Indigo class who have organised the Talent Show over the last two weeks. They have impressed the staff team with their organisational skills. Thanks also to all the children who have shared their talents with the school.

Sports day

We are looking forward to holding Sports Day back at Finsbury Park track and being able to invite parents to come and watch if they wish to.

Each class will complete a carousel of events during their session. Teachers will send out further details of what colour the children should wear next week.

The Nursery, Red, Orange and Yellow classes will be competing in the morning, starting at 9.30am and finishing at 11am. If parents are able to come and watch, then it would be helpful if you are able to walk down to the track with your child's class. The classes will be competing in the following events:

- Egg and spoon race
- Bean bag on head race
- Teddy bear relay
- Ball dribble relay
- Long jump
- Sprints

Children in Nursery will complete a smaller number of events in their own area of the track.

Green, Blue, Indigo and Purple class will be competing from 1-3pm. They will be completing a carousel of the following events:

- Egg and spoon race
- Vortex howler throw
- Ball dribble relay (in and out of cones)
- Running long jump
- 200m years 3 and 4, 400m years 5 and 6
- Sprints

PSA updates

I am now handing over the rest of this edition of Headlines to the PSA. They are working so hard to prepare for the summer fair, so please read their update carefully to see how you can support them.

PSA summer-term news

Thanks to all your support, the PSA's events this term have raised over £1,300.

The PSA Quiz night was an excellent evening, full to capacity. Many thanks indeed to quizmaster Ben Hardy, and to David Fotheringham and Sandra Hamilton, for cooking such delicious curries (plus all the extras).

The school disco was a massive success, with a wonderful turn-out from the children, and we'd like to thank Tom Pateman for putting on such good grooves for everyone.

The money we've raised will be put towards:
Class toilet refurbishment
Y4 Whole-Class Instrument Tuition
Educational subscription costs i.e. MyMaths, Mathematics Mastery, Target Tracker etc.
ICT Support

Islington Education Library Service
And many more things besides.

St Aidan's Summer Fair, Saturday 2 July, 12–3pm

We are so looking forward to coming together for the school summer fair. The very fact that we can do this again is in itself cause for celebration!

As well as being huge fun, the purpose of the fair is to raise much-needed money to enrich our children's education and school experience. Events like this one are a huge team effort, and each class-group will be running a stall. Look out for requests for help from your class reps – and please sign up! If you can't be there, please think about how much you might have spent if you could have come, and **consider making a donation** instead, on our JustGiving page, which

takes advantage of an additional 25% contribution from HMRC for all UK taxpayers. <https://www.justgiving.com/staidansschoolpsa>

And if you'd like to **sponsor** a particular fun stall, as a gift to the school community, please let us know. The Bar and BBQ obviously require some initial outlay, and in addition to the class-run stalls, we've also bought in a few other treats: a bouncy slide (£180), a nerf-gun shootout (£80) and a candy-floss cart (£80). The PSA will take the proceeds from all of these, but if a kind sponsor would like to fund them, this will tip us into profit that much sooner! Please contact the school office if this is something you'd like to do.

Match-funding

If your company offers a match-funding scheme, please consider whether this can be used in tandem with your efforts for the school fair. If you help on a class stall, then could your company match the profits from this? Or even from the whole fair, due to your involvement?! Please contact the school office if this is something you can offer.

Set-up and take-down

On the day, please come and help with set-up from 9am. Any willing pair of hands will be put to good use! We would also be very grateful for help clearing up and taking down stalls at the end. If you can help, please just be there and muck in.

Bunting

It would be lovely to have lots of bunting around the site for the fair. If you have bunting, please come and string it up when we're setting up on the day or give it to your class reps before the day, labelled with your name at one end.

Raffle tickets - buy yours now!

Your child should have brought raffle tickets home for the St Aidan's Summer Fair Raffle. There are over a thousand pounds'-worth of prizes to be won from local businesses, including meals out, luxury hampers, treatments, after-school clubs and tuition and other treats! Tickets cost £1 each. Just fill in the raffle ticket stubs with your name, number and your child's class, and bring them to the raffle ticket-stand before school to pay by cash or card. You can also pick up new tickets if you need them – feel free to sell to friends and neighbours too! The raffle will be drawn by Anne at the Summer Fair, all in aid of St Aidan's.

Bottle tombola and prize donations

We'll also be holding a bottle tombola at the summer fair, for which we require donations. Donation day is **this Friday 24th June**. Please bring a bottle with

you to drop-off and leave it with the volunteers on the gate. Any kind of bottle of decent quality is welcome, so long as it is in good condition and in date.

Suggestions:

- Toiletries
- Oils/vinegars/marinades
- Nice soft drinks
- And, of course, booze

In addition, Purple class (Y6) will be running a games stall at the fair, and would be very grateful for donated prizes: for example, new unwanted toys, games and stationery.

In return for your generous donations the children are treated to a **non-uniform day, also on this Friday, 24th June**.

Cake stall

Purple class (Y6) will be running a cake stall, the proceeds of which will go towards an end-of-year activity for the leavers. If you'd like to donate a cake, please drop it at the stall on the day. Please, as ever, no nuts.

Wot, no auction? Wot, no hampers?

There will not be an auction at this year's summer fair. We will be holding an auction as a stand-alone event next academic year, so that we can focus on maximising its fundraising potential. So if you're itching to donate big items to this, rest assured that the time will come!

Please note also that this year we are not making up hampers for raffle prizes.

Poster

Please print, display and circulate the poster, attached below.

Term dates

June 2022	
Thursday 23 rd	Purple class educational visit to London Docklands cancelled due to train strike
Friday 24 th	Non-uniform day- please bring in a contribution to the PSA bottle tombola pm Haringey Shed performance for Indigo and Purple classes
Monday 27 th	Purple class educational visit to Ben Kinsella Trust School council meeting
Tuesday 28 th	Blue class educational visit to Estorick Gallery
Wednesday 29 th	Class photographs
	'The World's Gone French' play for KS2 children
July 2022	
Saturday 2 nd	PSA summer fair, 12-3pm
Monday 4 th	6.45pm Governing Body meeting
Tuesday 5 th	4-5pm meeting for new Nursery parents
Wednesday 6 th	Playground Buddies visiting St. Mary's Primary School
Friday 8 th	Purple class visit to Southend Indigo class educational visit to the theatre Annual reports distributed Orange class cake sale
Monday 11 th	French café am 4.15pm Streetdance show for parents 6pm Meeting for parents and carers in Indigo class re Pendarren residential visit in October
Tuesday 12 th	Nursery educational visit to Golders Hill Park 7pm Purple class show
Friday 15 th	Indigo class educational visit to Institut Francais
Monday 18 th	Sports Day at Finsbury Park
Tuesday 19 th	Purple class family BBQ
Wednesday 20 th	Leavers' service at 11am, Holy Trinity church
Thursday 21 st	Term finishes at 1.30pm
Friday 22 nd	Additional holiday for the Platinum Jubilee

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