# The Democrat



November 2020

### Welcome to our pupil newspaper. Each month we will share articles written by children from our pupil councils that will tell you what is going on at St Adrian's.

#### School Council Update

We have had a busy start to the year. First we elected our executive committee who run our meetings. Then we decided on our priorities for the year listening to our class's ideas. Our priorities are:

- 1. Promoting equality, tolerance and inclusion in the school
- 2. Celebrating different subjects through running competitions and curriculum days
- 3. Fundraising for charities and equipment throughout the year

As a School Council, we have already achieved a multitude of things so far this year such as:

- A Children in Need mufti day.
- We have elected a subcommittee to write the monthly Democrat issues.
- We are discussing a possible junior school disco (under the latest COVID restrictions).
- We are hopefully going to work with the Eco-Council members in order to plant free trees in the junior playground from the Woodland Trust.

Our weekly School Council meetings will lead to further decisions being made in order to improve our already brilliant school life at St Adrian's.

Natalie and Noah (Head Girl and Head Boy)

#### **British Values**

Mr Sallis teaches us about British Values during Monday assemblies. The quizzes are quite tricky but also fun. We talk about the different British Values and do quizzes and learn about how we do the values in school.

Keeva (School Council member)

#### **General News**

Each class created a life-sized model of a key worker to celebrate Art Week -



some classes even gave them names!



Year 3 entered a Sumdog competition to practice their maths. Year 4 entered too and won first place.

Year 4 celebrated a class Mass with Father Francis for their First Holy Communion which they were not able to do



before the summer holidays. They all dressed up very smartly and had a party in class too.



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Year 6 was the first class to take an assembly. They celebrated black history through a clever video assembly that looked at influential black people both in the past and today.



We are happy to report that classes are happy with the bubble system along with the other measures in place to keep everyone safe.

Classes have started to prepare for Christmas celebrations - with children being given roles and songs to practice for our Christmas Concert.

Dylan, Jessica and Alex (School Council members)

#### **Chaplaincy Team Update**

We have had a busy start to the year. As a Chaplaincy Team, one of the first things we did was to create a suggestion box to make sure that everyone could have a say about what they want us to do.

We created poppies for each class to help them reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers who gave their lives during combat.

The Vineyard Church collects food for their FEED food bank programme. We have asked for each class to put donations into the decorated boxes. We are doing this so that people won't be hungry over Christmas and because it is a way for us to live out the Gospel values. Every week, during Monday assembly, we announce a new 'Thought for the Week' which people have tried to do to help them feel closer



to God. Year 2 created some wonderful 'smile' posters.

We have also enjoyed helping Mr Bedford with assemblies by acting out and reading from the Gospels.

#### Sports Council Update

Hello, we are the Sport Council. We attended a virtual training course with lots of other schools and learnt lots of tips about how to be great sports ambassadors and activity leaders in school. Our aim to help everyone at St Adrian's be more active and healthy.

Our first job was to decide which roles we would all take on. We also asked classes to choose sports co-leaders to help us because of our bubble system. We met with them to plan our first event which was a speed-stacking competition! We ordered some really great prizes and children have enjoyed it a lot.

Keep an eye out for lots of other sports and healthy eating activities throughout the rest of the year.

> Sofia and Josh (Sports Ambassadors) Ellie and James (Activity Leaders)