

St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 21st June 2024



YEAR 3 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, we held a beautiful reflective service for all the children in Year 3 to celebrate their First Holy Communion. The children behaved wonderfully and as always, Fr Francis was very complimentary about how clever the children were and how many answers they knew. We then had a special celebration party afterwards. Thank you to Fr Francis for celebrating the Mass with us and to all the adults who helped with the party and the children. Thank you to Mrs Byrne and Mrs O' Leary for helping with the tidying up!

[Please visit the Year 3 blog where you see lots of pictures of the Mass and the celebration.](#)

RECEPTION CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to all the Reception children who shared their wonderful learning about Noah's Ark. They retold the Bible story through song, dance and artwork. The children performed with such confidence. Well done to all and thank you to Mrs Solakova and Mrs Reid for preparing them.



READING BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

We love that children at St Adrian's love reading. Alongside the books that children choose from the class or school library, our teachers make sure that every child has a book selected from our reading scheme: this is carefully selected to help our children grow as fluent readers.

Currently, the range of books available to some of our classes is very low. Please check at home for any of our books which have been overlooked or misplaced and return them to school as soon as possible.

SPORTING ENDEAVOURS -

Well even by our own industrious standards, this week has been awash with various sporting endeavours:

Football

Last week some of the Year 5 boys were attending district football trials and liaison is under way with St Albans Primary Schools F A to arrange for some of the Year 4 Boys to attend the district trials for the U10 team.

Through the school, parents of Year 4 and 5 boys were invited to try out for London Colney Tigers FC.

The girls in Year 5 and Year 6 have been canvassed and, following the numbers who were keen to play, an application has been made to send an A Team and a B Team to the Annual Girls' Six-a-Side Football Festival on 6 July at St Columba's – children will be formally offered opportunities to play for the school when the arrangements have been finalised.

The St Adrian's Euros Bonanza

Thanks to the charismatic introductory assembly from Jess and Lara (our Sports Ambassadors) introducing this competition, up-take has been phenomenal: there have been over 200 entries from the Nursery – Year 6; parents; past pupils and family members; support staff; and teachers.

Following Thursday's games, we were now in a position to mark the entries for the first round – white sheet (all entrants should have received and returned their lilac sheets whose games commence from today).

Year 5 was like a Santa's workshop this morning, as children busily went through batches of sheets, marking them and writing down scores. It is hoped to give current standings in the near future.

St Columba's Girls Sports Festival

The school has been in contact with St Columba's who are hosting a sports festival for girls next week and parents have been emailed the invitation details.

World Games

Today, eight pupils from Year 4 have gone to Oaklands College today to compete in the World Games event. Miss Allen and the Sports Ambassadors (Lara and Jess) have also gone there today to help run the event.

District Sports

On Tuesday, a selection of Year 6 and some Year 5 pupils went to Westminster Lodge to compete in the relay heats and track and field events. On Thursday, after school, pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to compete in the track events and the relay finals. The pupils gave up their chance to see the England V Denmark football match in order to compete (although, following England's lack-lustre performance, probably made a wise choice). The sun was shining fiercely but every child pushed themselves relentlessly (my heart went out to Oscar and Lily in the searing heat in the 600m race). I was proud of all the children who were a credit to the school both on the track and through their encouragement of team mates.

Now it might be invidious to do this, but special mention should go to some of our sprinters:

Olivia in Y3 who came first in her heat and the finals; Athina who came first in the Year 4 Girls' Sprint; Henry and Harry from both won their individual heats- in the final, St Adrian's came first and second with Harry ahead of Henry by a whisker. Year 6 girls Lara and Lucy also won their sprint heats and came 2nd and 3rd respectively in the final.

Thanks also to James (Y6) Oscar (Y6) and George (Y4) for stepping in at the last minute to cover for injured contestants.

Although we are only a single- form entry school, we were classed as a middle school, thus competing against schools with much higher pupil numbers. Nevertheless, our girls managed to come 3rd overall.

Special thanks to the parents who assisted with the walking, supervising and support generally.

Finally, this event was such a success due to the meticulous preparation and hard work of Miss Allen – thank you.





MACMILLAN MIGHTY HIKE

This weekend, my sister, my friend and I will take part in the Macmillan Mighty Full Marathon Hike along the Giant's Causeway and the North Antrim coast in honour of our mothers. Click on the link to see the route we will follow.

<https://www.relive.cc/view/vevY3QLz7y6>

If you would like to make a donation to this fantastic cause, please follow the link below. Wish us luck!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teameilish>



PTA UPDATE

Cake Sale Spending!

Thank you to all the classes this year who have baked, bought and sold yummy cakes and treats to raise money for their individual classes! We wanted to update parents and let them know exactly what their fundraising helped to purchase:

- 1) Nursery and Reception - Two wonderful garden tables for the children to sit at in the EYFS playground
- 2) Year 1 - Two planters and compost which are situated outside year 1's classroom
- 3) Year 2 - Resources for mini-beast hunting in the KS1 playground
- 4) Year 3 - Wet play games, including Board games, puzzles and card games. Some money went into books the children chose for their classroom and some caterpillars to see/experience their lifecycle.

5) Year 4 - Bought a set of books for whole class reading "A pebble in my pocket" and a tee-pee for the reading corner

6) Year 5 - 4 Class sets of Staedtler Noris colouring pencils.

7) Year 6 - A filled pencil case for each child to ensure they are all equipped to learn

Choir Concert Wednesday 3rd July!

In keeping with tradition, the fabulous school choir and select instrumental soloists will see out the academic year with an evening summer performance on Wednesday 3rd July from 6.30pm. Pop Songs and Film Tunes will fill the school hall along with dance moves and instrumental solos. The performance will be followed by a well stocked bar and nibbles with all proceeds going to the PTA. Tickets are £5.00 via Victoria FitzGerald in advance. Thank you in advance to all who help with this lovely event - hair, make up, lighting, running the bar, helping on the door - the list goes on!

Victoria runs the choir which rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 3.15-4.15pm in the school hall. It is open to all children in years 3-6 and places go fast so contact Victoria (07974666843/victoriamanning83@hotmail.com) if your child would like to join in September. Our next performance will be at the O2 Arena singing as part of the largest school choir in the world in Young Voices. It is a very special night for the children and parents alike.

50 Club winners JUNE

Thank you to all those that continue to support the St Adrian's 50 club! The winners for June are as follows:

£25 Karen Roache

£50 Paola Sawle

£100 Julia Millar

Welcome back BBQ

We have decided to have our summer fair/welcome back bbq in September. July is a very busy time of year for people and we feel like it is a nice way to start the new school year. Keep the 28th September in your diaries free!

Please contact the PTA on their email address stadrians.herts.pta@gmail.com to arrange payment! This will be the last draw of the school year and the PTA will be in contact with you shortly to see if you would like continue with your numbers for the next school year.

Thanks,
Emma

Congratulations to:

HOUSE POINTS- The points this week are as follows:

St John = 122

St Matthew = 116

St Mark = 96

St Luke = 48

AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE

Class	Headteacher's Award	Star Writer Award
Reception	Mollie Darch	Tess Wright
Year 1	Durra Belhaj	Georgie McEvoy
Year 2	Dihias Liyanage	Ellis Carroll
Year 3	Aila Smith	Brianna Carey
Year 4	Mia-Grace McSweeney	Aoibheann Donnellan
Year 5	Aiden Di Maio	Sayfoddine Hajjou
Year 6	Ciara Pearman	Archie Bhegani-Phillips

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday 25th June: Transition meeting for current Y6 parents 9-11 am in the hall.
- **Wednesday 26th June - 4.00pm- 5.30pm - St Adrian's Open Evening - please invite any friends along who wish to join the school**
- Thursday 27th June - Great Fire of London workshop for Year 2 and Year 3. We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed in period costume. Details of how to make simple costumes have been sent home via Arbor. If you have not already done so, please make your donation of £10 for this daylong workshop via Arbor. **Some Year 3 parent helpers are needed for this event to take place. If you can help, please inform Miss Osman or the office ASAP.**
- Thursday 27th June - Year 1 trip to Whipsnade
- Friday 28th June - Year 2 - Class liturgy The Feast of St Peter and Paul (Children only)
- Monday 1st July - Year 1 - Class liturgy The Feast of St Peter and Paul (Children only)
- Tuesday 2nd July - EYFS sports day
- Wednesday 3rd July - Choir Performance 6.30pm
- Thursday 4th July - KS1 and KS2 Sports Day - KS1 10.00am and KS2 1.15pm **Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit, suncream and a cap on 4th July. The KS1 children will come home with their PE kit before the day, so you have a chance to check that their trainers fit comfortably.**
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- Wednesday 10th July - Year 6 performance
- Thursday 11th July - Transition day
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Mass

- Friday 19th July @ 9.00am - Year 6 Graduation
- Friday 19th July @ 9.00am - 1.30pm End of term

Have a great weekend everyone.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter