



St Aidan's Church in Wales School

September/October Newsletter

2018



Distinctiveness as a Church School

The whole school participated in the Harvest Service in St Mary's Church, Wiston. Thanks are extended to Canon Roger Jones (Father Roger to us!) for taking the service. Class 2 gave a wonderful retelling of Stone Soup and Class 3 moved at great speed to show us how many thoughtful words could be made from the word Harvest. Class 4 have been looking at the charity Pumpkins against Poverty who have been working in Bangladesh and made a very tasty Butternut Squash Humus. Year 2 - 6 visited St David's Cathedral for International Day of Peace undertaking a variety of activities prepared by the Education Officer Janet Ingram. The day began with a discussion about the day and how it was being celebrated across the world. The pupils thought about how disputes can be upsetting and how wars can affect countries. Throughout the morning the pupils went into small groups and competed many activities to make them think about peace in their lives and around the world. Canon Leigh Richardson spoke to the pupils about World War I and the art installation around the Cathedral. Many pupils had opportunities to decorate peace doves and some wrote prayers for the final service. They also had opportunities to search the Cathedral for different birds, identifying the doves and also walking a labyrinth. The day ended with all pupils singing 'Together as One', the One Day One Choir song, being sung by pupils all around the world.

Classes 3 and 4 have also visited St David' Cathedral for Psalms and Science activities - a visit postponed from the Summer Term. The pupils experienced a variety of workshops using a very hands on approach with science and linking it in with aspects of Psalms and religion. The pupils looked at a range of Psalms, including Psalm 23 as well as the life of Thomas Beckett. They looked at the science behind water pressure to link to the pressures of everyday life and also used glitter and water to create a water tornado, mirroring how Henry II must have felt after ordering the murder of Thomas Beckett. They certainly helped the brightness of the Cathedral collections by using vinegar and salt to clean the 2p's in the collection plate! This was linked to the cleansing of souls and how sometimes as Christians, they need to sit back and ask God to cleanse them. A great time was had tasting jelly babies without using their sense of smell and then reflecting of the what might the Psalmist be thinking when he wrote 'Taste and see that the Lord is good'?



School Dinners

Dinner Money this term is £2.35 (infants) and £2.45 (juniors) per meal.

We are extremely fortunate to have food cooked on site in our kitchen by Mrs Harries and Mrs Thomas and this is provided we have a good uptake on the school dinner menu. All dietary requirements can be catered for, and the kitchen is now offering jacket potato with a range of toppings every day. With the winter months ahead, it may be worth considering the benefits of a hot midday meal for the children. Please feel free to contact Mrs James or Mrs Arnold about free school meals and they will advise you accordingly.

School Prospectus

The school prospectus is available on the website (www.st-aidans.pembrokeshire.sch.uk)

Target Shooting

We would like to thank Go-Sport Target Shooting Club, Carmarthen for coming to school with their mobile range to give the children a taste of the Olympic event of target shooting. Most of the junior children took up the opportunity to try and thoroughly enjoyed it. They understood that they had to adhere to strict guidelines and rules and were all able to follow the instructions clearly. It was obvious following the event that the pupils realised how important listening and following instructions was, as well as care and attention for fellow participants. We are very pleased that some of the pupils expressed an interest in the schools shooting competition coming up at Half Term and we can't wait to see how they get on.

Busy Beehive

Busy Beehive is open every day 8.15am to 1pm so if you know of other children who would like to attend, please contact Mrs Arnold on the school telephone number. There is also a Parent and Toddler group that meet every Wednesday afternoon at 1.30. Parents who are eligible will be able to claim the childcare element of working tax credits and once it is introduced into this area parents who are eligible will be able to take advantage of the 30 hours of funded early education and childcare for 3 and 4 year olds.

Well done to those pupils who took part in the Iron Kids event back in

Congratulations to our Head Boy and Girl and their deputies. Well done to all the other school councillors too.



Well done to our Cross Country Team who participated in the Annual Pembrokeshire Cross Country Championships. There were over 150 runners in each race.



Show Racism the Red Card

Pupils dressed in red and individually decorated an outline of their hand to Show Racism the Red card in October. They considered how 'God created us each unique and beautiful but together we are a masterpiece'.



Pupils in classes 3 and 4 shared their Unhomework with each other for this half term. The quality of work and range of activities undertaken was tremendous and Mrs James was pleased at the amount of hard work that had obviously gone into completion of the tasks.

Many thanks to all parents and families who attended the open afternoon at the end of term. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to share your child's work and achievements. We would welcome any feedback from this event, as we hope to repeat this again in the Spring Term.

Hope everyone has a good half term break