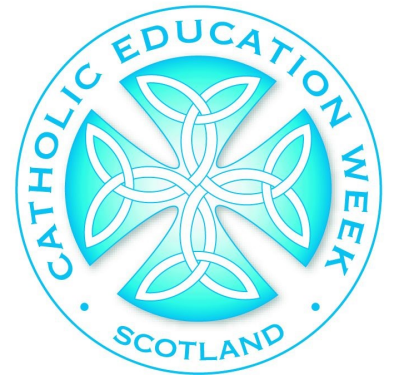


ST AIDAN'S HIGH & ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY

Catholic Education Week 2018



January 2018

Catholic Schools: serving the common good

Our Catholic schools are communities that promote social justice and opportunity for all. Pope Francis said in January 2018 that education should *“train young people to be open and interested in the reality that surrounds them, capable of care and tenderness, free from the widespread prejudice where you must be competitive, aggressive, and hard towards others, especially towards those who are different, foreign or in any way seen as an obstacle to one’s own affirmation.”*

Catholic schools in Scotland are putting into action these words of the Holy Father by being inclusive communities which welcome, value, affirm and support all pupils, parents and staff to fulfil the potential of their God-given talents.

In this historic year, when we mark the centenary of the Education Act that saw Catholic Schools come under state governance, it is important that we remind ourselves of the many things that make a Catholic school, not just good for Catholics, but good for Scotland.



Our Vision in St Aidan's High School:

To provide education of the highest quality for all the students in our school community in order to meet their educational, personal and spiritual needs and to prepare them to make an effective contribution to society in their present and future lives.

Putting our Faith into action to serve the common good

Throughout the school session our young people show commitment to helping others locally and around the globe. Pictured below are our St Andrew's Hospice Ambassadors who organised a coffee morning for staff and assisted at the Santa Dash at Strathclyde Park. Many of our pupils participated in the 6K run for the Hospice last year, raising an amazing £1,800.



During Advent, pupils across the school donated items for Christmas hampers which were distributed to our Parishes to help those in need locally.

We also raised money for Save the Children and for APD - our partner charity in India which supports children and adults with disabilities. Pupils and staff will visit India this June.

Pictured here are our S6 Caritas pupils with Bishop Toal, pupils helping to load the Mary's Meals van with donations and pupils with Bishop Keenan at an event to support Aid to the Church in Need, held at Carfin Grotto.



Praying for others

Our pupils are pictured here attending the Annual Mass for deceased clergy in the Diocese of Motherwell. The Mass took place in St Ignatius church.



Supporting others

Our S1 pupils have been visiting their former primary school buddies, reading to them.



New School Chaplain

At our Feast Day Mass, Bishop Toal announced that Father Bruce McPhail would be our new school Chaplain. We are delighted at this important appointment and have been enjoying getting to know Father Bruce in recent months.



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Catholic Education Week Prayer

**Jesus our Teacher,
in your love for us,
help us to develop our own talents
so that we may become like you
and lead lives of goodness.**

**Bless all learners
and all teachers.**

**May our Catholic schools continue
to serve our families,
our communities and our country.**

**Help us, through our learning,
to believe in you and to celebrate the
life of your Church.**

**Help us to grow in holiness
as we grow in friendship with you
and try to become saints.**

**We make this prayer
in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen**