



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 10th May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a difference we have seen this week with the weather, from a day of miserable rain on Bank Holiday Monday to glorious sunshine for the rest of the week! The sun has certainly had it's hat on for us! Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle, sun cream applied and a hat. Although knowing the British weather it could be all change next week again!

First Holy Communion



Last weekend many of our children made their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross Church. The final Mass is on Saturday at 11am where more of our children will be receiving the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. It is such a wonderfully special time for the children and their families and I would like to say a big congratulations to each of them.

If your child has made or is going to make their First Holy Communion this year, please can I ask that you send a picture of them on their special day to Mrs Manning at pmanning2.209@gfflmail.org and we will display them by the prayer area in the Reception area.

Deaf Awareness Week



This week we have been celebrating Deaf Awareness Week. We had a special assembly with Joanna Buck, a teacher of the deaf from Lewisham. She spoke about how important using sign language is and taught the children a few different words. The children also looked at different deaf composers in this weeks Composer of the Week powerpoint. I spoke to a number of children who said that they enjoyed Beethoven the most out of the different composers they studied - very apt in this week of the 200th anniversary of Ode to Joy!

Year 6 SATs

On Monday, our fabulous Year 6 class will begin their statutory tests, as will all Year 6 children across the country. They have worked incredibly hard and I know that they will all do their very best. A letter has been sent out to the Year 6 parents detailing what to expect next week. Good luck for next week Year 6!

Chicks



Farmer David came and collected our eight chicks yesterday. He was extremely impressed with how well they had been looked after. They are on their way back to the farm in the North of England, where they will be able to roam free on the beautiful farm.

Rosary

It was lovely to see so many of you for Rosary this morning, it is a wonderful way to start the day. There are two more Fridays left in the term and it would be lovely to see even more families next week.

Composer of the Week: Deaf Composers



This week, during Deaf Awareness Week we looked at the remarkable achievements of musicians, singers, and composers who have made significant contributions to the world of music despite their hearing impairments. We explored the ground-breaking work of individuals like

percussionist Evelyn Glennie, singer Mandy Harvey, and the legendary composer Ludwig van Beethoven. Their stories serve as inspiring reminders of the power of perseverance and the ability to overcome challenges in pursuit of one's passion. Through our Composer of the Week curriculum, we celebrated their talents and the enduring impact they have made on the world of music.

You can learn more about the composers that we are exploring in school by visiting the Music section of the school website.

Head of School Awards

Aodhán in Reception for wonderful phonics work.

Kyrie in Year 2 for amazing progress with his phonics.

Tyler in Year 5 for knowing it was the anniversary (200 years) of Ode to Joy, Beethoven's 9th Symphony.

Jasmine on Year 4 for being so sensible when a bug landed on her during hymn practice, what a star!

Well done to you all!

Book Bingo

I had the pleasure of spending time with these amazing children and sharing their fabulous learning,

Reception - Marie Bernadette

Year 1 - Tendo

Year 2 - David

Year 3 - Michelle

Year 4 - Henry

Year 5 - Emily

Year 6 - Serah

Well done, your learning is fabulous!

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



During Deaf Awareness Week, our focus with UNICEF centred on Articles 2 and 23, which highlight the rights of children with disabilities and emphasises the importance of non-discrimination. Our assembly this week looked into the history of British Sign Language and introduced children to basic sign language skills.

To deepen our understanding, children were tasked with creating posters or biographies of individuals who have achieved remarkable feats while overcoming disabilities or challenges in their lives. This homework assignment serves as an opportunity to share stories of resilience and determination displayed by individuals of all abilities.

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception - Keila

Year 1 - Ifeanyichukwu

Year 2 - Malachi

Year 3 - Clarence

Year 4 - Emily
Year 5 - Marcel
Year 6 - Joyce

Well done to you all!!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been a short but certainly busy week here at Holy Cross. The children have been their usual wonderful selves. A local Catholic Headteacher visited us this morning and was very impressed with what she saw, she commented on the lovely atmosphere of the School with children working productively and happily.

It was lovely to see so many of our children receive their First Holy Communion last Saturday. A very precious memory for them and their families.

I hope that you all enjoy the sunshine this weekend. With so many local parks and also living just a short train ride for the centre of London we are blessed with places to visit outdoors and all for free too! How about a nice walk through Trafalgar Square or along the banks of the River Thames? Fun, healthy and educational - what more could you ask for?

17.5.24	Year 2 Class Trip to the Ragged Museum
23.5.24	Year 3 Trip to the Corbett Community Library
24.5.24	Crowning of Mary at 2pm led by Year 3
27.5.24	Start of Half Term
3.6.24	Inset Day - school closed for children
4.6.24	Schools starts at 8.45am
12.6.24	Year 6 Theatre Trip
18.6.24	Year 4 Trip to the Horniman Museum
19.6.24	Reception Class. Assembly at 9.15am
28.6.24	Year 3 Class Mass Big Summer Sing
4.7.24	Year 1 and 2 Beach Trip
16.7.24	Year 6 Performance at 6.30am
22.7.24	Leavers Mass at 1.45pm
23.7.24	School finishes at 2pm