



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final week of this half term, where have the last few weeks gone? It has been an exceptionally busy week with lots of learning and excitement around the School. On Monday, during the Gospel assembly, we thought about how the Holy Spirit helps us and learnt more about Pentecost. We thought about why Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the disciples, what difference we thought the Holy Spirit made to them, and how can we show the effect the Holy Spirit has on our lives. This is something that you could reflect on as a family as well.

Crowning of Mary



This afternoon, our lovely Year 3 children led us in a very special Crowning of Mary. It was a wonderful occasion; this assembly is always so special as it celebrates Mary our Mother. The children read and sang beautifully, especially during Blest of the Lord, there was a little tear from me and others around the hall. Thank you to all the parents and

carers who joined with us and to Mr Parker and Mrs Ley for preparing the children so well.

Road Safety Assembly



Yesterday afternoon the children in KS1 and KS2 had a wonderful assembly about road safety. The children all enjoyed learning about how to keep safe in a range of exciting, but extremely informative ways.

Rosary

This morning we had the final full Rosary of this academic year. It has been a wonderful month with many new families joining us. We still have prayers every morning, beginning after half term at 8.45am, and it would be lovely to see you there.

Art Week



This week we have been celebrating art week. Mrs Parr, our art leader, has organised a fabulous range of activities based around the artist,

Picasso. The children have loved learning different facts about him, I think the favourite was how many names Picasso had, ask your child and see if they can remember the number, not all of the names! The work the children have produced is of an extremely high quality and show cases their amazing talent, from Nursery through to Year 6.

Year 3 Library Trip



Yesterday Year 3 went on a trip to Torrion Library to return the books they had previously borrowed. They had a really interesting session with Jackie, one of the volunteers who works in the library. She read them a book about saving libraries and spoke about the importance of libraries to the local communities. The children were beautifully behaved and asked some really good questions. If you haven't joined the local library yet, please consider doing this over the holidays.

Composer of the Week: David Bowie



This week, we are celebrating the extraordinary career of David Bowie as our Composer of the Week. Known for his distinctive voice, eclectic

style, and innovative approach to music, Bowie has left an indelible mark on the world of music and pop culture. From his groundbreaking albums like "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars" to iconic hits such as "Space Oddity," "Heroes," and "Let's Dance," Bowie's work transcended genres and inspired countless artists. His ability to continually reinvent himself and push artistic boundaries serves as an inspiration to us all.

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

Oleks and Sophia in Year 4 for amazing research about the island of Formentera.

Uniform

We pride ourselves on our children looking very smart in their uniforms. When children return to School after the holidays please can you ensure that they are in summer uniforms, if they wear a shirt then they must bring a tie in every day and they need to wear black school shoes, not trainers. Thank you for your support with this.

Good to be Green

Congratulations to all of these children for staying green this half term!
Year 1:

Tania, Osinachi, Israel, Sophie, Beatrix, Tendo, Paolo, Remo, Ronan, Rafael, Ifechi, Jemimah, Rosalia, Nancy, Elizabeth-Mia, Anayiah, Ifeanyichukwu, Amber, Violet, Nicolo, Maia, Valentina, Eireann, Maraiya, Blaise, Anna

Year 2:

Daniel, K'Leigh, Anita, Elodie, Sasha, Michelle, Cora, Ally, Shaji, Ike, Stirling, Kyrie, Lily, Indira, Melody, Nicole

Year 3:

Naomi, Moya, Milan, Conor, Emilija, Jasmine, Michelle, Mervyn, Kymani, Esa, Clarence, Chibuikem, Kenzo, Stefano, Jason, Oluwatise, Santiago, Sebastian, Matteo PG, Olivia, Matteo R, Divineson, Hugh, Leonardo

Year 4:

Isabella, Jude, Emmanuella, Damiano, Rose, Sebastian, Harini, Jasmine, Chisom, Henry, Noah, Irene, Zachary, Maely, Olivia, Sophia, Grace, Adora, Luca, Emily, David, Asbon, Zara, Mazin, Sara

Year 5:

Kayley, Vitalii, Diamond, Amira-Rose, Sam, Nethumi, Sena, Emily, Poppy, Stefan, Sienna, Ines, Michele, Gabriel, Tomilola, Chidera, David, Amanda, Peace, Caoimhe, Gabrielle, Melanie, Dante, Tyler, Adesola, Marcel

Year 6:

Chidimma, Chioma, Serah, Megan, Joyce, Sandra, Eilish, Chloe, Neriah, Tabitha, Tilly, Faith, Oriah, Jacob, Alyssa, Lucy, Lisa, Sean, Jim, Victor, Francis, Tobe, Alice, Stepan, Valen, Gabriel, Ebube

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, we have been reflecting on the profound impact that our work as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School has had on both ourselves and

our school community. Each class has created a beautiful display showcasing the particular aspects of this important work that they feel are vital to share. These displays highlight our collective commitment to understanding and upholding children's rights.

Over the half term break, the children will continue this work by creating posters that demonstrate their understanding of their rights and how they can take responsibility for upholding them. We would love to hear from the wider school community about your thoughts on the work we are undertaking as part of our journey as a Rights Respecting School. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we encourage you to share your opinions and insights to help us continue to grow and improve in our mission to respect and promote children's rights.

Please send any comments to Miss Baptiste by emailing info@holycross.lewisham.sch.uk

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Kaitlyn
Year 1	-	Tendo
Year 2	-	Finnan
Year 3	-	Milan
Year 4	-	Zachary
Year 5	-	Sam
Year 6	-	Sean

Well done to you all!!

I hope that you all have a lovely half term and that the sun shines for us all. I look forward to seeing you back in School on Tuesday 4th June at 8.45am,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

Goodness me, another half term has flown by! I am always delighted at the end of a half term to see the vast number of children receiving a certificate for being 'Green' for the whole half term. This is a real achievement and shows consistently impressive behaviour. I hope all those who achieved this are showered with praise at home!

Thank you to our fabulous staff for another successful half term at Holy Cross, they really do work with such dedication and determination to do the best for our precious children. Thank you also to you, our lovely parents and carers, who support us and work with us in all we do - the home school link is such an asset to our children and our School.

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely half term break. Do make sure that you make the most of living in the best city in the world! There are plenty of activities for all ages, parks, galleries, museums and most are free of charge. There is always the option to just wander around our fabulous city, a walk along the River Thames or through the ancient streets of the City of London, maybe a sightseeing walk taking in Trafalgar Square, Parliament or any of the many wonderful sights we have on our doorstep. Enough of my sales pitch!

Whatever you do, enjoy the break!

27.5.24	Start of Half Term
3.6.24	Inset Day - school closed for children
4.6.24	Schools starts at 8.45am
7.6.24	Year 5 Class Trip
12.6.24	Year 6 Theatre Trip
14.6.24	Year 4 Cricket Trip
19.6.24	Reception Class. Assembly at 9.15am
21.6.24	Windrush Day Celebration
28.6.24	Year 3 Class Mass Big Summer Sing
4.7.24	Year 1 and 2 Beach Trip
10.7.24	Sports Day for Reception to Year 6
16.7.24	Year 6 Performance at 6.30am
22.7.24	Leavers Mass at 1.45pm
23.7.24	School finishes at 2pm