

Holy Cross School Newsletter

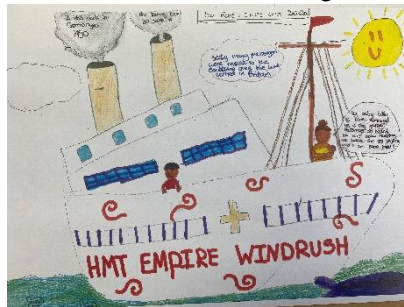
Friday 21st June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week of sunshine we have had, it certainly cheers everyone up. Yesterday I took some of our governors on a walk around the School so they could see the learning happening in each class. They were really impressed with the focus and concentration from the children, and the range of teaching happening. It is always a real treat to take visitors around the School and see our amazing children being so enthusiastic and motivated about their learning.

Windrush Day



Today we have been celebrating Windrush Day with the children across the school participating in a range of different Windrush Day based activities. It has been a wonderful day and the children have been really engaged in their learning about Windrush and the impact it has had on Britain. They have all read age appropriate books about Windrush, with one of my favourites, Coming to England by Dame Floella Benjamin, being enjoyed across the School. Thank you to Mr Foster for organising the day.

DT Cooking Week

This week, children from different classes have been cooking as part of the DT curriculum. The cooking has ranged from fruit salads, dips and dippers to cucumber sandwiches, biscuits and shortbread. The children designed and then made the food, tasted each other's dishes and finally evaluated which dish they liked best and why. Judging by some of the dishes produced we have some budding chefs in our midst, the whole week has certainly made me very hungry!

Reception Class Assembly



On Wednesday we had the pleasure of watching some of the youngest members of our School community showcase some of the learning they have been doing in class by performing the story of the Three Little Pigs. They did a magnificent job and retold the traditional tale brilliantly. The acting was so good that I thought a big, bad wolf really had entered the school hall! Well done Reception class and thank you to Mrs Asamoah, Mrs Osman, Miss Goumidi and Mrs Ley for supporting and encouraging the children so wonderfully.

Year 4 Trip

This week Year 4 went to the Horniman's Museum to learn more about their topic of Ancient Egypt with a wonderful workshop. They also visited the Butterfly House, which I heard was amazing. The children were

amazed at how large some of the butterflies were. They had lunch in the gardens and the weather, thankfully stayed dry. Thank you to Mrs Parr for organising this and to all the helpers who enabled the trip to take place.

Wrap Around Care

A letter is being sent out about wrap around care, please can you fill this in and return it as soon as possible so we are able to gauge interest.

International Week

We will be holding our annual International Week from the 15th to the 19th July. This is always a wonderful celebration of the different cultures and heritages that make the Holy Cross community so special. We are inviting all parents and carers to join with us. You could read a story, help with some cooking or even teach the children some songs from your childhood. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are able to volunteer.

Composer of the Week:



This week, we were thrilled to highlight Gioachino Rossini as our Composer of the Week. Rossini, an Italian composer born in 1792, is renowned for his operatic masterpieces that have left a lasting impression on the world of classical music. His lively and engaging compositions, such as "The Barber of Seville," "William Tell," and "La

Cenerentola," showcase his remarkable talent for melody and his unique sense of humour. Rossini's operas are celebrated for their memorable arias, vibrant orchestration, and dramatic flair.

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

PSA Summer Party

Please can you let your class reps know if you are able to support at the PSA Summer Party on 5th July. I know many classes are getting their stalls organised already. Please remember to start sending in any hamper items that you have. If you would like any more information please come and speak to me.

Book Bingo

There has been no Book Bingo this week as I am at a Conference, however it will return next week!

Head of School Awards

Tobe in Year 6 for an amazing piece of art work.

Amanda, Melanie, Peace, Jayden, Ben and Chidera in Year 5 for wonderful art based on the work by Picasso.

Well done to you all!

Early Help Coffee Morning

Date for your diaries, on Monday 1st July, the local Early Help coordinator for Holy Cross will be holding a coffee morning in Hartley

Hall from 9am. This will be a very informative session, with lots of details about support available to you.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, as part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting School work, we focused on Refugee Week. We explored what it means to be a refugee, the reasons why people are forced to leave their homes, and the significant contributions refugees have made to the UK. We learned about famous refugees such as Mo Farah, an Olympic gold medallist, and Rita Ora, a renowned singer, both of whom have enriched British culture and society. Our discussions were linked to UNICEF Articles 22, which ensures special protection and humanitarian assistance for refugee children, and Article 38, which protects children affected by armed conflict.

For homework, students are asked to think about what they would pack in their backpack if they had to leave their home suddenly and the reasons for their choices. This activity helps to foster empathy and understanding for the difficult decisions that refugees must make.

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception - Marie Bernadette
Year 1 - Elizabeth-Mia
Year 2 - Francis
Year 3 - David
Year 4 - Emmanuella
Year 5 - Ben
Year 6 - Gabriel

Well done to you all!!

Enjoy your weekends,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

Thank you all for your cooperation this week in refraining from using your mobile phone on the School site. My message from last week has prompted some very interesting conversations so thank you to all those who have taken the time to share their views with me. I repeat our request from last week to any parent looking at buying their child a mobile phone to buy a 'brick' phone which can make calls and send text messages but does not have access to the internet. Research shows that mobile phone use in children can contribute to a lack of focus, anxiety, depression, eye damage and increased safeguarding risks. Please work with us, as you always do, to help protect those precious children.

Mrs Mahony and I have spent today with all the Lewisham Headteachers for a fabulous conference about belonging. I hope that you all feel as proud to belong to Holy Cross as I do.

Have a lovely weekend!

28.6.24	Year 3 Class Mass at 10am Big Summer Sing for the School Choir
1.7.24	Early Help Coffee Morning
4.7.24	Year 1 and 2 Beach Trip
5.7.24	Year 3 and 4 trip to Catford Broadway PSA Summer Party 3.30-5.30pm
8.7.24	Sports Week begins, PE kits to be worn all week
9.7.24	EYFS Sports Day from 2pm
10.7.24	Sports Day for Year 1 to Year 6
16.7.24	Year 6 Performance at 6.30pm
22.7.24	Leavers Mass at 1.45pm
23.7.24	School finishes at 2pm