



Holy Cross School Newsletter
Friday 28th June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end the month of June and next week begin July, it always amazes me to think of everything that we have achieved so far this year, and what we still have to squeeze into the remaining three and a bit weeks! This week we had meetings for the new Nursery parents and the new Reception parents. These were very well attended meetings, with lots of familiar faces and some new families that we welcome into our School community. The meeting for the Reception families is always a special one as the new children get to meet their buddies. The Year 5 children were so excited to meet the children and they were all brilliant with them. They had so much fun together that I know we are in for a fabulous year next year.

PSA Summer Party

Next Friday we will be holding our annual PSA Summer Party. I know that there has been lots of organising for this behind the scenes. A separate message has been sent out today with more information, the more parents who support this event the greater success it will be.

Windrush Poems with the Diamond Club

On Tuesday our Year 5 children went to the Diamond Club and spoke about some of their learning around Windrush Day. They read some poems that they had studied, which I know the Diamond Club enjoyed.

It is a very special bond that we have with our senior citizens and we are very grateful to share these experiences with them.



Big Summer Sing

This afternoon, the choir have headed up to St Dunstan's playing field to sing with other local Schools. We were invited to the event last year and it was a wonderful experience to be involved in. I am looking forward to seeing our children sing their hearts out!



Year 3 Class Mass

This morning our Year 3 class celebrated a special Mass in their classroom. These are always wonderful occasions and it was the first Class Mass for Year 3. It was an exceptionally beautiful service and the children read and sang superbly. My thanks to Mr Parker and Mrs Ley for preparing the class so well and to Father Antony for speaking beautifully and always giving his time so generously. It was lovely to

see so many parents join us, and the first time for a number of parents, making it even more special.



Parking

This week our Junior Travel Explorers were conducting traffic surveys, especially looking at parking around the School. Most parents park considerately, however they noticed that a few parents parked over driveways, on the corner of roads and even on double yellow lines! We need to make sure that we are keeping our lovely children safe by parking in proper bays and if you drive and there are no spaces near the School, please consider parking further away. Thank you all for your support with this.

Wild Flower Garden

Our wild flower garden is looking so beautiful and the children from Year 1 were inspired to draw. Mary surrounded by these gorgeous blooms. The pictures were amazing!



Wrap Around Care

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the interest letter which was sent out last week. If you haven't sent back your response already, remember that the final day for this is Monday.

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: Giuseppe Verdi



This week, our Composer of the Week was Giuseppe Verdi. Verdi, born in 1813, is one of the most celebrated composers in the world of opera. His works are known for their powerful emotional impact and memorable melodies. Some of his most famous operas include "La Traviata," "Aida," and "Rigoletto," which continue to captivate audiences worldwide. Verdi's music often reflects themes of love, betrayal, and redemption, and his ability to convey deep emotions through his compositions has left a lasting legacy in classical 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

Luca in Year 4 for wonderful writing about Windrush Day.

Irene in Year 4 for a superb piece of art drawn on handmade papyrus paper.

Sebastian in Year 4 for amazing Maths work.

Anita in Year 2 for fabulous writing.

Well done to you all!

Early Help Coffee Morning

Please remember that on Monday at 9am there will a coffee morning for all parents where you can find out more information about Early Help. I know this will be really informative and look forward to seeing many of you there.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, our UNICEF Rights Respecting School work focused on Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month, celebrating the rich diversity these communities bring to the UK. We explored their vibrant traditions, such as flamenco, and learned about notable figures like actor Charlie Chaplin, artist Damian Le Bas, and boxer Tyson Fury. Linking our learning to UNICEF Articles 2 and 30, we emphasised non-

discrimination and the right of children to enjoy their culture, language, and religion. Our discussions highlighted the importance of tolerance and respect to prevent persecution and promote understanding.

For homework, students are encouraged to discover and share traditions from their personal backgrounds. This activity aims to foster pride in one's heritage and promote a deeper appreciation of the cultural diversity within our school community.

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Aodhán
Year 1	-	Everly
Year 2	-	Joseph
Year 3	-	Jarreldon
Year 4	-	Sophia
Year 5	-	Michele
Year 6	-	Sean

Well done to you all!!

Enjoy your weekend,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been an exceptionally busy and hot week this week! It was lovely to meet and welcome the families with children coming into our Reception Class in September. The gorgeous Year 5, who will become

buddies when they are in Year 6, introduced themselves and began to build those wonderful friendships which are so precious for the children and their parents.

Looking ahead to September there is a slight alteration to my timetable I would like to let you know about. As you will be aware I currently spend two days each week at Holy Cross and two days at St. Augustine's but my fifth day is often spent working with either Lewisham Learning or Challenge Partners. From September I will be reducing the work I undertake with Lewisham Learning and Challenge Partners and will spend a day with a group of schools in East London who require some help with their primary provision. As always, all learning gained will come back to our lovely School for the good of our fabulous children.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

1.7.24	Early Help Coffee Morning
4.7.24	Year 1 and 2 Beach Trip Year 6 Cricket 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 Reception 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