



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 7th June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to be back in School for the final half term of this academic year, where has this year gone? Over the coming weeks we have lots of activities and events happening, from meeting the new children that will be joining us in September, to sports day, exciting trips, prize giving, to our Year 6 production and the Leavers Mass! It always amazes to think just how much we manage to squeeze in!

UNICEF

Yesterday we had a visitor from UNICEF looking at what we do as a Right's Respecting School. Currently we hold the silver award and we are looking towards becoming a gold school. We are unable to announce the result yet, but as soon as we have confirmation then we will let you know. The children were amazing, and demonstrated that they truly understand the rights that they have a child.

Year 5 Mini Vinnie Trip



Today, our Year 5 class went to St George's Cathedral as part of their role as Mini Vinnie's. They celebrated Mass with many other Mini

Vinnie's from across the Diocese. It was a wonderful celebration and the children really enjoyed the occasion. They finished their trip with a picnic and activities in the park.



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.

PSA Summer Party

This morning we had a coffee morning to discuss the PSA Summer Party, it was wonderful to have such enthusiastic parents involved. I am delighted that this event will be taking place on the 5th July between 3.30 - 5.30pm. I will send out a separate letter with more details shortly.

Diamond Club Fundraiser

On Tuesday, 11th June between 10am-2pm, the fabulous Diamond Club are having their annual fundraiser in Hartley Hall. There will be plants,

refreshments, table sales and much, much more! Please pop in and support this wonderful group.

Book Bingo

I had the pleasure of spending time looking books and talking about the learning of all of these fabulous children:

Reception	-	Xavier
Year 1	-	Sean
Year 2	-	Michelle
Year 3	-	Kenzo
Year 4	-	Mazin
Year 6	-	Lucy

Early Help Coffee Morning

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, from housing advise to parenting support. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, our UNICEF focus has been on the upcoming general election and the vital importance of voting. We discussed the qualities we seek in our leaders and linked this to Sustainable Development Goal 16, which

aims to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable institutions at all levels. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a global call to action by the United Nations to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure peace and prosperity for all by 2030.

For homework, children are encouraged to think about something they would change if they were the Prime Minister and share their ideas. This exercise helps children understand their role in shaping the future and the importance of active participation in democratic processes.

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

Head of School Awards

Leonardo in Year 3 for an amazing presentation about Assisi.

Chloe and Alyssa in Year 6 for fabulous work in their RE books.

Well done to you all.

Composer of the Week: Elton John



This week, we are thrilled to feature Sir Elton John as our Composer of the Week. Elton John, with his vibrant stage presence and unforgettable melodies, has become one of the most celebrated musicians in the world. With a career spanning over five decades, his hits like "Your Song," "Rocket Man," "Tiny Dancer," and "Candle in the Wind" have captivated

audiences globally. Beyond his musical achievements, Elton John is also known for his philanthropic efforts, particularly through the Elton John AIDS Foundation. His ability to blend pop, rock, and classical influences into his music makes his work timeless and universally loved.

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

PE Kits

Can I please remind you that children need to have their PE kits in School every day. PE is a really important part of our curriculum and benefits the children enormously. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Sophia
Year 1	-	Israel
Year 2	-	Connor
Year 3	-	Sebastian
Year 4	-	Noah
Year 5	-	Stefan
Year 6	-	Ebube

Well done to you all!!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, and this sunshine continues!

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been a short but very exciting week at Holy Cross! The visit from UNICEF and the Rights Respecting Schools programme was a wonderful chance to show all that we do to educate our children about equality and justice in regard to important aspects of the world today from climate issues to the refugee crisis. Our children were, unsurprisingly, the stars of the show and spoke beautifully about all they are learning. It is so important for our children to realise that they have a voice in the world and if they want action taken then the need to go about this appropriately and effectively. I would like to thank Miss Baptiste and Mr Foster who lead this programme within Holy Cross. We will let you know if we have achieved the GOLD award as soon as we can ... we are feeling positive!

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend.

12.6.24	Year 6 Theatre Trip
13.6.24	Year 6 Library Trip
14.6.24	Year 4 Cricket Trip
18.6.24	Year 4 Horniman Museum Trip
19.6.24	Reception Class Assembly at 9.15am
21.6.24	Windrush Day Celebration
28.6.24	Year 3 Class Mass at 10am Big Summer Sing
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
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