



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year! It has flown by and we have achieved so much together as a School. The children should all be very proud of their achievements whether academic or otherwise. They should all be very proud of the year that they have had and the progress that they have made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful team that we have here at Holy Cross. Every single member of staff works incredibly hard and always puts the children at the heart of everything they do. Finally, I would like to thank all of the parents and carers that we have here at Holy Cross, you make it a very special school to be a part of.

Year 6



Today, we say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 class. They have been wonderful, throughout their whole time at Holy Cross. They will be missed by all of us, but I know that they are ready to move on to new adventures. Year 6, I would like to thank you for all the fun, smiles,

laughter, kindness and support you have shown to each other and the staff over the last eight years. Good luck and lots of love to you all.

Leavers' Mass



Yesterday we had our annual Leavers' Mass in the Church. It was a wonderful occasion with the whole School community coming together to say goodbye to all of our leavers'. Thank you to everyone who organised the Mass, especially Mrs Mole and Mrs Ley, and to Father Antony for celebrating with us.



The Enchanted Castle

Last Tuesday our amazing Year 6 class presented a phenomenal performance of 'The Enchanted Castle', otherwise known as 'Beauty and the beast'. It was simply amazing; the children should be so very proud of themselves. The acting was brilliant, who knew that we had such

talent in our Year 6 class! I am not sure that I have words to describe how brilliant the singing was! My thanks to Mrs Mole, Miss Quinn and Mrs Ley for working so hard to ensure that the children all had their moment to shine.

PSA Summer Party

I am delighted to announce that after expenses the PSA Summer Party raised a staggering £1263.96 A great big thank you to everyone who came and supported this amazing event!

Prize Giving



Last Monday we celebrated our annual prizegiving. We were celebrating a range of achievements in KS2. Every child should be very proud and celebrate everything that they have achieved this year. My thanks to Father Antony and Ms Quintyn-Williams for helping on this special occasion.

Academic Achievement

An award for those who have put in every effort to do their very best all the time, they have applied themselves and they have been determined to do their very best.

Year 3: Sebastian

Year 4: Harini

Year 5: Melanie

Year 6: Faith

Sports Award:

This award is for children who have really engaged in the spirit of all the sports that we teach and who show wonderful sportsmanship.

Year 3: Matteo R

Year 4: Jude

Year 5: Stefan

Year 6: Joseph

Contribution to School Life:

This is for children who make Holy Cross a happy and joyful place. It is for children who help others, give their skills generously for the benefit of others. It is for those who have add something special to Holy Cross.

Year 3: Chibuikem

Year 4: Irene

Year 5: Kayley

Year 6: Lisa

The Beatitudes Award:

This is for children who are seen living by the Gospel values every day, they show kindness, thoughtfulness and consideration for others.

Year 3: Edmyna

Year 4: Zachary

Year 5: Amira-Rose

Year 6: Joyce

Creativity Award:

This award is for children who excel at all things creative, from art and music, through to imaginative ideas.

Year 3: Michelle

Year 4: Emily

Year 5: Gabby

Year 6: Stepan

Music Award:

The music award is for children who really share their musical talents through performing and understanding music.

Year 3: Oluwatise

Year 4: Grace

Year 5: Ben

Year 6: Francis

The Akehurst Award:

This is for a child who has faced challenges in different ways, but who still retains a fantastic attitude towards learning and life. A child who has worked hard and is an example to us all.

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Mini Vinnies Award:

Caoimhe

School Council:

Year 3: Chibuikem and Naomi

Year 4: Luca and Sophia

Year 5: Gabriel and Chidera

Year 6: Gabriel and Alyssa

Junior Travel Explorers:

Joseph and Alice

Head Boy and Head Girl:

Autumn: Jim and Oriah
Spring: Victor and Lucy
Summer: Francis and Alyssa



International Week

Last week we celebrated International Week. It is always a joy to share in and learn about the different cultures we are so fortunate to have here in School. My thanks to all the parents, carers and children who imparted so many interesting facts about their heritages. I thoroughly enjoyed sampling the different food, especially the Polish 'Peirogi', they were absolutely delicious!

Good to Be Green

Well done to all the children that stayed green this half term:

Year 1:

Osinachi, Sophie, Beatrix, Paolo, Remo, Rafa, Ifechi, Jemimah, Rosalia, Nancy, Elizabeth-Mia, Amber, Nico, Maia, Valentina, Eireann, Maraiya, Blaise, Anna

Year 2:

Anita, Shaji, Cora, Indira, Melody, David, Finnán, Joseph, Michelle, Ally, Malachi, Paari, K'Leigh, Emilia, Nicole, Sasha, Elodie, Kyrie, Kyle, Daniel, Heiden, Osinachi, Joshua, Lily

Year 3:

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

Year 4:

Isabella, Jude, Emmanuella, Damiano, Rose, Sebastian, Harini, Jasmine, Chisom, Henry, Noah, Irene, Zachary, Grace, Luca, Emily, Asbon, Mazin, Sara

Year 5:

Kayley, Vitalii, Diamond, Amira-Rose, Sam, Nethumi, Sena, Emily, Poppy, Stefan, Sienna, Ben, Jayden, Ines, Michele, Gabriel, Tomi, Chidera, David, Amanda, Peace, Caoimhe, Gabby, Melanie, Dante, Tyler, Adesola, Marcel, Nicholas, Joel

Year 6:

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

Reports

The children's School reports were available last week to either collect from the office, or to be sent home. Teachers spend a long time writing these and they are a wonderful record of all your child has achieved over this last year. I hope that you have enjoyed reading them.

Guitar Assembly



Last week we had a guitar assembly lead by the fabulous guitarists we have at Holy Cross. The quality of the performance was amazing, the children all played brilliantly! My thanks to Mr Laurence who does such a fantastic job teaching and supporting them during their lessons.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday 3rd September at 8.45am,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

Another year at Holy Cross has rushed by full of fun, excitement and fabulous learning opportunities for our children. The end of term has been no different and it has been wonderful to see all the activities and experiences our children have enjoyed.

The end of the school year can be an emotional time and although there is excitement about the future and new classes and new schools

it can also be an anxious time too. Saying farewell to our Year 6 leavers is always hard, we have loved and guided them since the day they started at Holy Cross School and now we send them off to enjoy new adventures. We look forward to them returning to us to tell us how well they are doing and to share their news with us.

Many families are seeing the youngest child in the family finish at Holy Cross and so we must say farewell to the parents we have known so well in addition to the children. Mrs Sanderson will be collecting from the school gate for the last time after twenty eight years of walking down Culverley Road! Thank you for all you have done to add to the life of Holy Cross School. You will all be very much missed but as you go off and begin your new chapters please remember that you will forever remain a part of the Holy Cross Family.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer; rest, relax and have fun!