

Friday 15th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a chilly week with mainly grey clouds, but the weather never dampens the fun the children have! Next week it is set to turn even colder with snow and sleet forecast for the end of the week. Please can you make sure you send in your children with appropriate coats with a hood or a hat.

Thank you for the feedback about the new newsletter, it all has been very positive. I am hoping that this week we will be showing our technical side even more, Mrs Manning is becoming a newsletter whizz!

I hope you have a fabulous weekend,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

Friendship Week

This week we have been celebrating Friendship Week. It is a week where we demonstrate even more love and kindness towards each other, if that is possible! There have been some brilliant activities, with the children especially enjoying Friendship Bingo, where there were a few full houses! We celebrate Friendship Week during Anti-Bullying Week to look at how we can be positive friends and role models to each other. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising this so well.

Year 5 Class Assembly

We had the pleasure this week of watching our amazing Year 5 class perform their assembly all about William Shakespeare and the Tudors. The children were brilliant and gave a wealth of facts, it is amazing that Shakespeare wrote so many plays in his lifetime! The acting and the singing was wonderful and the children should all be very proud of themselves. Thank you to Mrs Mole, Mrs Byrne, Miss Quinn and Mrs Ley for supporting the children so well.





PSA Meeting

There will be a PSA meeting on Thursday 29th November at 9am in the School Hall. All parents and carers are very welcome.

Parking

If you drive to School, please can I ask that you are considerate when you are dropping off and picking up your children. The Junior Travel Explorers have been out undertaking a traffic survey this week and they have noticed several cars that are double parked or parked on double yellow lines. We are role models to our children and that also applies to when we park our cars. If there are no spaces please park a little bit further away and keep our precious children safe.

Nursery Visit to Dear Zoo

Yesterday, our lovely Nursery class went on their very first class trip. They went to the Broadway Theatre in Catford, to see a very special performance of one of their favourite books, Dear Zoo. All the children were amazing and had a wonderful time. Thank you to Miss Baptiste who organised this and to all the parents and carers who accompanied the children on the trip.



A Message from Holy Cross Playgroup

Come and join us at Holy Cross Playgroup! This is a stay and play session for under-fives and their parents/carers. It is in Hartley Hall on Wednesday mornings during term time from 9am to 11:30am. The cost is £1 per child. The session includes playtime, stories, songs, a healthy snack for the children and tea or coffee and a chat for the grown-ups.

Wall of Remembrance

Please continue to send in any names of your departed loved ones to jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org or fill out the form at the bottom of the letter that was sent to you. All names will be displayed in the School and will also be added to the newsletter each

week. Please can you keep all of these names in your prayers throughout the month of November.

Remembrance

On Monday at 11am, the whole School gathered together in the playground for a two minute silence, to remember all those who lost their lives in the World Wars. Throughout the month of November we will continue to pray for all our loved ones who have died and gone to heaven before us.

SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for coffee morning yesterday. It was a really informative and useful session lead by **Sophie Hodson from PINS (Parent Partnership Leader)**. **I hope that it gave you plenty to think about and consider.**

Wraparound Care

Thank you to all the families that responded to the survey that was sent out before the half term. There was a very good response and we will keep you informed about any further developments. If you still wish to respond, can you please do so as soon as possible. Thank you

Composer of the Week: Thomas Tallis



This week, we featured Thomas Tallis as our Composer of the Week. One of the most prominent composers of English Renaissance music, Tallis was known for his beautiful choral compositions and his ability to adapt to the changing musical styles and religious influences of his time. Born in 1505, Tallis served as a composer for four English monarchs, creating

music for both Catholic and Protestant services. Some of his most famous works include "If Ye Love Me" and "Spem in Alium," a stunning 40-part motet that remains one of the most admired pieces of choral music. Through his timeless music, Tallis left an enduring legacy that continues to inspire musicians and listeners.

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

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, as part of our UNICEF and PSHE work, we have celebrated **Friendship Week** across the school, exploring the theme of respect and its importance in building positive friendships. We linked this theme to **Articles 2, 12, and 19** from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:

- **Article 2:** All children have the right to be treated equally and without discrimination, reminding us to respect each other's differences.
- **Article 12:** Every child has the right to express their views and be listened to, encouraging respectful communication and understanding in friendships.
- **Article 19:** Children have the right to be protected from harm, which highlights the importance of respecting each other's safety and well-being.

For homework, children are invited to create something based on respect. Suggestions include sharing ways we can show respect, like saying something kind, helping others, or respectfully agreeing to disagree. This activity encourages students to think about how respect plays a central role in fostering supportive and caring friendships.

Message from Miss Collins:

It was wonderful to see the Year 5 assembly this week and to watch the children so proudly sharing their learning with us. Children at Holy Cross approach their learning enthusiastically thanks to the support given to them both at home and by our fabulous staff. The children are keen to share their new knowledge and show their acquired skills.

I was at a meeting all day yesterday with Challenge Partners and although I missed being at Holy Cross there was some excellent ideas to come from the meeting which I will be sharing with our staff – we are all, always learning!

I hope that you all enjoy a good weekend and manage to get some time with your children to enjoy their company, relax and have fun – treasure them as they grow up very quickly!

Names for Remembrance

Please keep these names in your prayers throughout the month of November:

Vitalii Family

Moses Eboiyehi

Elizabeth Eboiyehi

Nene Eboiyehi

Frank Banks

Fiorenze Gonnella

Lola and Dennis Collingwood

Fred and Morfydd Symons

June Porritt

Leonard Porritt

Bernadette Kennedy

Tom Bevan

Oliver Wilson

Mik Wilson

Christopher Kowalski

Becky Dunn

Ogechi Uche

Margarita Family

Kircho Family

Miroslava Family

Francis Frenchy

Anaclete Gyanaprakasam

John Broadley

Charlie and Betty Broadley

Maurice and Dorothy Hart

John and Shelia O'Hara

Sheerin Family

Fr John Mulligan

Pat and Eileen Hanlon

Mary Trelford

Libby Macnamara

Francesca Candita-Simpkins

Carly Akehurst

Elizabeth Coutts

Gracey George

John and Bernie Maher

Bunty Kane

Bridget Doyle

Happi Thomas

Kitty Tyler

Graham and Erica Canelle

Lancelot Clapperton

Terry Farrelly

John Farrelly

Sean Farrelly

Martin Farrelly

John Beirne

Agnes Adebanye

Alakuro Otiko

Omowunmi Otiko Adeniyi

Julie Collins

Patrick Collins

Winifred Grundon

Leslie Grundon

Dates for the diary

20.11.24:

Year 6 Class Assembly at 9.15am

11.12.24:

KS1 Nativity 10am for parents and younger siblings, 2pm for parents and carers

17.12.24:

Class Christmas Parties

18.12.24

EYFS Nativity at 10am

KS2 Christmas Celebration at 6.30pm in the Church

19.12.24:

Christmas Dinner Day

20.12.24:

School finishes at 2pm for Christmas

6.1.25:

Inset Day, School is closed to pupils

7.1.25:

Start of the Spring term from 8.45am

13.1.25:

School's 50th Birthday

31.1.25:

Year 4 Class Assembly

12.2.25:

Year 6 Class Mass at 10am

14.2.25:

Academic Review Day

Catherine Mahony

Head of School