



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 8 March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Lent begins, the children at Holy Cross School have been encouraged to pray a little more, fast and give alms in order to grow closer to Jesus and prepare themselves for the great feast of Easter. Our Lenten prayer box is now displayed at the entrance for anyone who wants to write a special petition.

Headteacher Awards

Michelle in Year 4 for her wonderful poem.

Macie, Fabian and Kieran in Year 5 for working so hard on their writing with Mrs Okor.

Mya for being a super helper to Miss Smith.

Congratulations to them and to all the children who made an extra effort this week.

House Cup

The house cup winner for this week is again, **St Bernadette's**. Congratulations to them and I think children in other houses need to make a concerted effort to win more housepoints in the week to come!

Morning Prayers.

Take place in the Hall each morning at 8.45am. During the season of Lent we will pray the full Rosary on a Friday starting at 8:30am. All are welcome.

Hot Chocolate Friday

My lovely guests today were Sena, Oriah, Saoirse, Oliver, Paolo, Faye and George.

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who went along and supported the PTA Quiz Night last Saturday. I could hear everyone's brain cells whirling over the course of the evening! Congratulations to the well deserving winning team who were presented with bottles of fizz.

Pancake Race

Our traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake races were, as ever, such a lot of fun. I hope you all got to eat some later as well!

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday the children in KS2 attended Mass and Father Antony later came into School and led a service for our younger children. All children received the Ashes and it was really striking to see the children and staff going about their normal business at school all day bearing this powerful sign on their foreheads.

Lenten Breakfast – 8.00-8.45am Thursdays during Lent

Our first Lenten Breakfast took place yesterday. It was a roaring success and wonderful to see so many lively conversations taking place over breakfast. Do try and join us next Thursday. Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult. Prices for breakfast will be as follows: full English £2.20, bacon or sausage sandwich £1.50, with both of these you will get a free hot drink, eggs or beans on toast £1, toast or cereal 50p, tea or coffee 20p, juice 20p. All money raised will go to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

World Book Day

Yesterday we also celebrated World Book Day. Every year I am amazed at the number of children and staff who participate and this year was no exception. There were so many creative and marvellous costumes it was really hard to choose winners. In my eyes everyone who took part was a winner. A boy and girl from each year group were awarded a book prize presented by Miss Smith in assembly. Congratulations to them and to all the children and parents who designed and made such fabulous outfits. Thank you also to all the staff who always make such a united effort to get into the spirit of the day.



The photo on the left is of World Book Day Winners. They are:

Emilia and Jude
Michele and Naomi
Chloe and Viktor
Benedict and Francheska
Ollie and Abigail
Elliot and Lillian
John and Izabella
Nina and Paulius

Maths Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the Maths Meeting on Wednesday after school. Miss Honore focused on cross-curricular Maths. It would be useful to have some feedback about these meetings. If you have any thoughts please email the School.

Science Week

Next week Mrs Story is organising a whole school Science Week. Do ask your children about what they have been doing.

Year 3 Class Assembly

A reminder that Year 3 will be having their Class Assembly next Wednesday, 13 March at 9.15am.

Year 3 & Year 4 Football Festival

Ten of our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a Football Festival at the wet and windy Bonus Pastor Catholic College playing fields yesterday afternoon.

The team played against three other local primary schools, losing the first game, winning the second and narrowly missing out on a win in the final seconds of the third game. Well done to Owen, Ailish, Ashton and Ikechukwu in Year 3 and Marcus, Ada, Mikel, Paolo, Sibissan and Bossenu in Year 4 for some great football and spectacular saves. Thank you also to the parents who came to support the team.

Holy Cross School Football Team

The Holy Cross School football team play at Blackheath this Saturday morning. We wish them good luck for their games. We will let you know how they get on in next week's Newsletter.

Thank you to the PTA

On behalf of the infant children, Miss Smith extends her thanks to the PTA for the money they gave to us for the new EYFS and KS1 reading books.

First Holy Communion Catch-up.

If your child is in Year 4-6 and has not yet made their First Holy Communion in Holy Cross Parish, contact ossiefolkes1@gmail.com to discuss how you and your child can join the catch-up programme which begins soon.

Do you have some time that you are prepared to give back to Holy Cross Parish? Could you help by joining the **Children's Liturgy** group, at 10am Mass for 25 minutes, once every 10-12 weeks? Or could you join one of the **Baptism teams** that give up 2 Saturday mornings 10-11.30am once a year, to meet and welcome new families and their children? Training and support will be given in both cases. Contact ossiefolkes1@gmail.com if you want to know more or if you can help.

Exciting news!

On Sunday five of our fantastic staff are running The Big Half; a thirteen mile trek around four London boroughs. They are doing this in aid of The Duffus Foundation. We wish Miss Baptiste, Mrs Stoneham, Mrs Mole, Miss Honore and Miss Smith the very best of luck. If you wish to donate they have an online donation page which can be found at <https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/HolyCrossRunners> I know they would be grateful for every bit of support.

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Miss Finaldi**

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been yet another busy week at School. I was away in Bedford for three days reviewing another school with Challenge Partners. It was fascinating and has filled me with ideas to bring back to our lovely School!

Today we celebrate International Women's Day. We held an assembly with the whole School and heard from two inspirational speakers; a doctor and an investment banker who explained to the children what they did and how they had studied to get to their chosen profession. We always want to encourage our children to aim high, do their best and ultimately end up in a profession they love. I can assure you that I am eternally grateful for the joy I get from the children, staff and parents of our wonderful School.

Have a fabulous weekend and good luck to our fabulous Holy Cross runners!

“Go all through the city, all through Jerusalem, and mark a cross on the foreheads of all who grieve and lament over all the loathsome practices in it.” - Ezekiel 9:4

Lenten Breakfast Week 1 – some of the helpers:



