



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 23 April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break. The sunshine has been very welcome this week and the children are looking fabulous in their summer uniforms. It has been lovely to see the children engaged in their learning and enjoying life in school, they are a pure joy and make us smile every day. The sun is especially shining today for St George's Day, happy feast day to you all!

### Headteacher Awards

**Sidney** in Year 5 for a wonderful poem.

**Michelle and Alona** in Year 6 for a beautiful Easter poem.

**Kendra** in Year 6 for a fabulous poem about our lovely School.

**Noah** in Year 1 for amazing reading in class, what a superstar!

Congratulations to these fabulous children!

### Head Girl and Boy

Thanks to Claire and Marcus who have been brilliant ambassadors for our School during their time as Head Boy and Head Girl of Holy Cross School. It is a new term however and so we have elected a new Head Boy and Head Girl from our wonderful Year 6 class. I am delighted to let you know that Tania and Paolo are the successful pair and I know that they will carry on the good work and will be fantastic in their new and exciting role. Congratulations to them.

### Chocolate Superstars!

Each week class teachers and support staff think about all the children in their class and the effort they have made during the week. One child per class is chosen to receive a delicious bar of chocolate to enjoy as a celebration of going above and beyond what is expected of them. This week's wonderful children are:

**Reception:** Santiago

**Year 1:** Nataniel

**Year 2:** Stefan

**Year 3:** Joyce

**Year 4:** Nicolas

**Year 5:** Alicja

**Year 6:** Chioma

Well done to all of them!

### UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools

We are continuing our work on the Rights Respecting Schools programme along with our fabulous team of UNICEF Ambassadors. Each week the programme focuses on some of the articles from the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**. We will share these with you each week through the newsletter and discuss them with children in School. We want our children to understand their rights and to be aware of the importance of them in our lives. The website is full of interesting information, please do take a look.

Next week is World Immunisation Week. This is designed to raise awareness of the importance of vaccines in protecting people from potentially life threatening diseases. Covid-19 has made us all even more aware of the importance of vaccines in protecting us. During the week we will look at two articles from the convention:



**Article 6: Every child has the right to life** meaning that governments must do all they can to ensure children survive and develop to their full potential.

**Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health** meaning that governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and wellbeing so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Please look at the link below to find out more

[https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/resources/teaching-resources/guidance-assemblies-lessons/article-of-the-week/?utm\\_source=Unicef\\_UK&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=email\\_rrsa\\_campaign%20name](https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/resources/teaching-resources/guidance-assemblies-lessons/article-of-the-week/?utm_source=Unicef_UK&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=email_rrsa_campaign%20name)

### **Music Tuition**

Instrumental lessons will begin next week. Please remind your child to bring their instrument into School for their lesson. We look forward to hearing some fine tunes!

### **Class Photographs**

On Wednesday 28 April the school photographer will be in School taking class group photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their summer uniform. All health and safety precautions regarding Covid19 will be taken.

### **The Big Pedal**

We are at the end of our first week of the Big Pedal Virtual Bike Race and are amazed at how many children and families are joining in by walking, scooting and cycling to school. Keep up the good work next week and enjoy the lovely weather on your journey! Thank you to all of the children who have returned their poster competition entries. You still have time to design a poster on the theme of 'My Cycle to School' as the competition ends next Friday. All entries returned will receive a small prize. We are sending home some colouring sheets and bike related word searches today with the children. If they complete and return them to school they will also receive a small prize.

### **Restorative Justice**

This term our staff are receiving training on restorative justice. This will help our staff to further develop skills in solving disagreements between children and coaching them to sort issues out sensibly and fairly themselves. Our children will then also receive training and we will have a selection of our oldest children trained as peer mediators to work with other children to develop these essential life skills. More information will follow.

Wishing you all a happy and sunny weekend.

Miss Collins

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*“Always remember you matter, you’re important and you are loved, and you bring to this world things no one else can”* – Charlie Mackesy

**A message from our Chair of Governors, Mrs Tara Nelson**

A warm welcome back to the glorious summer term from the Aspire London Governing Body. How quickly this academic year has flown by, but our amazing schools have found different ways to learn and to share the school journey with parents and carers too. Those Easter prayers and performances, viewed online, were heart-warming. Well done St Augustine's Year 5, what a beautiful Passion Play and the Holy Cross Stations of the Cross, accompanied by such angelic singing, was wonderful to hear, well done to you all. Such talented children at our schools, what a joy, lovely to watch virtually but even better in person – as governors it is important for us to physically visit both schools, we look forward to doing that again soon, and building those connections with you all.