



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 30 April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week and the children have been as fabulous as ever! I know that we are all looking forward to a lovely long weekend, let's hope that the weather remains bright and we can all enjoy some time in the fresh air. We are so lucky to live in our wonderful city with all the parks and open spaces it offers as well as walking paths along the River Thames. Let's all get out there and make the most of it!

Headteacher Awards

Ines, Tyler, Kayley and Sena in Year 2 for their amazing PE skills. Our coach was very impressed and used them as models for the rest of the class!

Emmanuella in Year 1 for an enormous improvement in her handwriting, what a good girl!

Irene in Year 1 for completing a fantastic reading comprehension. Clever girl Irene!

Sophia in Year 1 for a fabulous contribution to her Science and her History lessons this week.

Amanda in Year 4 for her instant ability to describe the new shrubs at the front of the School as "Majestic"! What a wonderful way with words she has!

Dillon U in Year 4 for some fabulous work on the Ancient Egyptians.

Congratulations to these sensational children!

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: Moya

Year 1: Jude

Year 2: Amira-Rose

Year 3: Matty

Year 4: Amanda

Year 5: Sidney

Year 6: Nate

Well done to all of them!

UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools

This week our focus on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is on Article 29: Goals of Education.



This states that education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Please look at the link below to see further information for you to discuss with your child.

[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%20UK&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=email_rrsa_campaign%20name)

Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Rachel de Souza has written to say

"My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID — and we need your help to do it.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives.

This survey will only take you 5-10 minutes."

Please take part in The Big Ask Campaign and complete the survey found at the link below

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/?utm_source=dynamics&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tba-la-initial&msdyntrid=Ksx4dlv-wSodOqsL8wUW-caGBff4ASMhrLZPnz4sBOU

The Big Ask is a survey for children and young people aged 4–17 in England. We've split the survey into different age groups, so you can fill in a version appropriate for your age. We've also made easy-read 'accessible' versions as well as a version for care leavers.

We won't ask for your name, phone number or email, and we'll keep what you tell us safe and private – it won't be shared with anyone else. You don't have to answer any question if you don't want to.

Denim for Dementia – Friday 21 May

The Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading dementia charity. They campaign for change, fund research to find a cure and support people living with dementia. Dementia is the UK's biggest killer. Someone develops it every three minutes and there's currently no cure. Children and staff are invited to wear their finest denim to School on Friday 21 May in return for a donation to the Alzheimer's Society. Donations should be made on Parentpay please. We are asking for a minimum of £1 per family with a maximum of £20 so people can choose an amount to suit their pocket.

Polling Day – Thursday 6 May

Please remember that **School is closed** next Thursday, 6 May as we are being used as a polling station.

KS2 Playground Improvements

I am sure that you will have noticed the new feature in our KS2 playground, a brick built raised bed and some beautiful laurel shrubs. It makes the front of the School look very smart! The laurels will grow to provide a wonderful wall of greenery. This has been paid for by School Fund money so thank you all those who have contributed over the years.

Dinner Money

For this half term the amount to be paid for school dinner is £62.10 and for next half term it will be £78.20. Any payments to be made on Parentpay please where you are also able to check your account.

Class Photographs

On Wednesday the school photographer was here taking class group photographs. Due to Covid19 restrictions only formal poses were taken as opposed to the relaxed class photographs we had last year. We look forward to seeing the results very soon, I am sure they will be lovely.

The Big Pedal

We have now completed the Big Pedal Virtual Bike Race and are amazed at how many children and families have taken part by walking, scooting and cycling to school. Well done to everyone who has changed how they travel to school to take part. Now that the warmer weather is here, how about making it a permanent change? Thank you to all of the children who have returned their poster competition entries. The winners will be announced in next week's Newsletter. We are sending home some more colouring sheets and bike related quizzes today with the children. If they complete and return them to school they will also receive a small prize.

The Month of May

Tomorrow we begin the month of May, a month dedicated to Our Lady. We will be praying the Rosary with children in School. It would be lovely if you did the same at home to help children understand the beauty and importance of prayer.

Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend.

Miss Collins

“May sunshine surround you each new day. And may smiles and love never be far away.” – Catherine Pulsifer