



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 7 May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very short week it has been in School! I hope you enjoyed the bonus days at home. The children have been working well as always and enjoying all the opportunities that school life offers them. They are certainly enjoying our lunch time sessions with the new Sports Coach – just watching them is enough to tire me out!

Our staff team across both Schools in Aspire London attended training this week on Restorative Justice. It is really important that when there are disagreements between children that we work on empowering the children to solve the squabble themselves and rebuild relationships. These are lifelong skills our children will use both now and as adults.

### Headteacher Awards

Julian in Year 1 for improving his handwriting. What a hardworking boy!

### 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:** Aiden

**Year 1:** Rose

**Year 2:** Naomi

**Year 3:** Gabriel

**Year 4:** Ifechukwu

**Year 5:** Vanessa

**Year 6:** Martin

Well done to all of them!

### Poster Competition

The winners of the poster competition are as follows:

#### EYFS & KS1

1<sup>st</sup> – Kymia in Year 2

2<sup>nd</sup> – Irene in Year 1

3<sup>rd</sup> – Divineson in Reception

#### KS2

1<sup>st</sup> – Saoirse in Year 4

2<sup>nd</sup> – Tania in Year 6

3<sup>rd</sup> – Chloe B in Year 3

Highly Commended – Francesca in Year 5

Congratulations to those children and all the children who took part. All children who took part will receive a small prize.

### UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools

This week our focus on articles 9 and 20 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Article 9, keeping families together and Article 20, children without families.



[https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/resources/teaching-resources/guidance-assemblies-lessons/article-of-the-](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)

[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)

As we focus on these two articles we are encouraged to consider families brought together through the care system and the amazing job foster carers do for children and young people.

On Saturday 15 May we will celebrate the International Day of Families. This is a UN day to remember the importance of families to people all over the world

### **Book Swap Day**

Our fabulous School Council have organised a Book Swap for children on Friday 14 May. If your child has a book they have read and enjoyed and are happy to give away please ensure that they bring it into School by Wednesday 12 May at the latest. Next Friday every child will have the chance to choose a new book from all those that come in and take it home to enjoy. Please note that the swaps are permanent so only part with books children are not going to want returned!

### **Your School Photograph is Ready**

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions. If you have not received your proof or it has been lost please call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. The cut-off date to order for free delivery back to school is 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### **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.

### **Vaccinations**

At a meeting of Lewisham Headteachers this week we were asked to remind parents and carers that the Covid19 vaccine is now available to all those aged 40 and over. The take up for the vaccine is not as high in Lewisham as it could be and we are asked to remember that no one is safe from Covid19 until we are all safe. We need the vast majority of the population to be vaccinated before we can feel confident about the future and avoid further death, illness and lockdowns. If you are old enough (!) please do take up the opportunity when it is given to you, we are very lucky to have such a chance, millions around the world are not as fortunate as us.

### **The Month of May**

May, is the 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 great weekend.

Miss Collins

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*“The test of our progress is not whether we add to the abundance of those who have much. It is whether we provide enough to those who have little.”*

– Franklin D Roosevelt