



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 11 June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We start the new half term with some fabulous news! After a great deal of work and dedication Holy Cross School has achieved our bronze award for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award. This was achieved by showing that we had explained the programme to our School community: children, staff, parents and carers, prepared a plan and established our UNICEF Ambassadors team. We have begun our journey well and will now move onto working on the silver award. My enormous thanks go to Miss Panchoo and Miss Baptiste who are leading our School with this exciting and important work.



Headteacher Awards

Olyana, Mya and Saoirse in Year 4 for amazing Egyptian singing and dancing!
Tobe in Year 3 for speaking so confidently to the whole class and sharing his athletic talents!
Lilian in Year 6 for her beautiful poetry.
Chioma in Year 6 for her kindness and being a fabulous friend.
Isabella in Year 1 for her incredible reading skills.
Congratulations to them all!

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: Naomi
Year 1: Emmanuella
Year 2: Joel
Year 3: Alice
Year 4: Angel
Year 5: Natalia
Year 6: Kingsley
Well done to all of them!

Nursery and Reception Class Meetings

On Thursday 24 June there will be a meeting for new nursery parents at 9.15am followed at 10.15am with a meeting for new Reception Class parents. Reception Class parents should bring their children along please. If restriction arrangements are delayed by the Prime Minister we will update you on changes to this.

Restorative Justice Session for Parents

I was delighted that over fifty families and governors joined the Restorative Justice online session last night. Thank you to everyone who made the time and effort, I hope you found it really useful and informative. Twenty of our Key Stage 2 children received training this week, they will become a new team for our School, a team of wonderful peacemakers who will use a set of questions as the key to solving issues and reconnecting relationships after a disagreement.

- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- What were you feeling?
- Has anyone else been affected?
- How are you feeling now?
- What do you need now?

These questions form the structure of a discussion between two disgruntled parties. Staff and children are encouraged to use these questions to help children articulate their feelings and how peace can be restored.

School Uniform

May I please remind you that children are not permitted to wear earrings, trainers or open toe sandals. Hair that is longer than shoulder length must be tied back with hair bands that are red or blue and discreet – let's save the glitz for the weekend! Our uniform rules are clear and we are very grateful to all parents and carers for supporting us in adhering to them.

UNICEF – Rights Respecting School Award

After the success of our Bronze award we now begin the journey towards silver. This week we are learning about World Refugee Day. A refugee is someone who has had to flee their home because their lives were in danger in their home country. There are many different reasons for why this happens. World Refugee Day is on 20th June 2021 and helps to raise awareness of the lives and experiences of refugees

The Articles from the Convention on the Rights of a Child we are focussing on are:

Article 22 - refugee children

If a child is seeking refugee or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

Article 10 - family reunification

Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has a right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.



Stranger Danger

Now we have the beautiful weather we are all out and about more outside. We must make sure that our children are aware of all the importance of staying safe and not speaking with strangers and taking care on the roads. These are messages we reinforce at School on a regular basis. We do not want to make children fearful but need to be realistic about potential dangers.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Miss Collins

Message from our Chair of Governors

The end of a beautiful warm June week and the beginning of the last half of our summer term, during which the governors will meet twice to discuss resources and curriculum respectively. As this is the last message from the governing body before the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to our Year 6 children across the Federation, you will all go on to achieve many great things I am sure. Good luck to you all and enjoy these next few weeks (and of course the summer holidays). A number of us governors joined the Restorative Justice presentation last night online, along with lots of parents and carers, all learning together. Many thanks to the schools for organising and a huge thanks to all staff, volunteers and parents for your hard work and support throughout this unusual academic year.

*“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel”*

— Maya Angelou