



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 1st October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Holy Cross, we have had even more of a return to normality. Year 4 attended Parish Mass on Tuesday morning and today we had our Buddy Assembly for Year 6 and Reception. It is wonderful for us as a school to take further steps to be back to where we were before March 2020, but as a school and community we must continue to keep safe and well.

Buddy Assembly

It was so wonderful this morning that the children from Year 6 were able to introduce their Reception Class buddies to their parents. This is such an important job our Year 6 pupils take on, they help the new Reception Class children start school with a sense that someone is always there who will look after them. Year 6 also benefit hugely from the responsibility of caring and nurturing for their buddy throughout their first year in school. It was very emotional and a joy to watch the children together this morning, I know that they will have a fabulous year together. Thank you to the large number of parents who were able to join us today.

Black History Month

Today is the 1st October and therefore we are celebrating Black History Month. This is celebrated each October when we focus on key figures and events. In 2021 the theme is 'Proud to Be', which aims to recognise the achievements and contributions that black people make to the UK every day, from working on the Covid-19 frontline in hospitals, care homes, schools and supermarkets to the children and young people leading the fight for equality in the classroom. Miss Knight, as our History lead, is coordinating this and we have lots of exciting activities planned. A letter has been sent out giving details about what will be happening, if you are able to offer your support please let your class teacher know.



We will be celebrating wonderful local legends such as Sybil Phoenix. She has been a tireless champion for disadvantaged young people in Lewisham for decades.

FREEMAN OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

In 1996, Sybil was awarded the Freedom of the London Borough of Lewisham in recognition for her service to the people and community of the London Borough of Lewisham. A reception was held in her honour. In

1999, Sybil exercised her right (as laid down in The Magna Carta) as a Freeman of the Borough by taking a flock of sheep over the Ladywell Bridge as a sponsored event, to raise funds for young homeless women.

FREEMAN OF THE CITY OF LONDON

Sybil was presented with the Freeman of the City of London in 1998. An award ceremony took place at the Guild Hall in the City of London

Our Wonderful Community

Yesterday a child from our school was injured on her way to school. I wanted to thank all of the amazing parents who helped in different ways, we are blessed to have such a wonderful school community. We want to send our best wishes and speedy recovery to the child and family involved.

Head of School Awards

Santiago in Year 6 for being a superstar helper to Mrs Wilson and translating wonderfully for a new family.

Wiktorina in Year 6 for an amazing piece of art work, the use of tone was fabulous!

Grace in Year 2 for beautiful handwriting.

Well done to you all, I have loved seeing you all this week for very lovely reasons!

Chocolate Friday for Going Above and Beyond!

Reception - Noah

Year 1 - Sofia
Year 2 - Emily
Year 3 - Kayley
Year 4 - Victor
Year 5 - Olivia
Year 6 - Natalia

Well done to all of these superstars!

Music Curriculum: Artist of the Week

The composer the children have been introduced to this week is Joseph Haydn. He produced some fabulous music and was also a friend and mentor of Mozart and a tutor of Beethoven!

Harvest

We are now collecting dried food for our Harvest Festival. Please send into your child's class any dried foods, such as rice, pasta and tins, we will place these on our altars until our Harvest service.

Year 4

Year 4 very lucky to be the first class in over 18 months to join the Parish again at 9.15 Mass. They lead the prayers and readings beautifully. My thanks to Miss Knight and Mrs Power who supported the children and to the children themselves who were marvelous!

Space Week

Remember that next week we are also celebrating International Space Week, with a competition and a special dinner. Children can take part by drawing a picture or making a model on a space theme, these need to be sent into School by Wednesday 6th October, with a small prize in each class for the most cosmic entries! On Thursday the 7th October there will be a spectacular space themed lunch that our fabulous kitchen staff are putting together and the exciting news is that this dinner will be free for children in Years 3-6.



Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st of October. These will be a ten-minute meeting with your child's teacher and will be held virtually using Teams. The link has been sent out so please book your meeting if you haven't booked it yet.

Bikeability

If your Year 6 child is taking part in the Bikeability training next week please remember to send in their bike!

Unicef - Rights Respecting School



This week we will be looking at these Articles which we will link to Black History Month. Article 2, which applies to every child, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language or ability. Article 12, child has the right to express their views, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. Article 29, which we have also looked at last week, education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. Finally, Article 30, every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family. These are so important for our children to learn about and understand their rights. It would be lovely if you could spend some time talking to your children about this.

Djembe drumming

This week we have had double drumming in our school! Year 2 and Year 6 have had the pleasure of learning how to drum. The sound coming from the hall is amazing and the children love these sessions.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th October - Friday 8th October: Bikeability training for Year 6

Thursday 7th October: Space themed lunch

Tuesday 19th October: Parents Evening from 4:30 - 7, this will be held on Teams

Thursday 21st October: Parents Evening from 3:30 - 6, this will be held on Teams

Friday 22nd October: Year 4 Class Mass at 10am in their Classroom

Monday 8th November: Individual and sibling photos, all day

Wednesday 17th November: Year 6 Class Assembly at 9:15

Wednesday 24th November: Year 5 Class Assembly at 9:15

Friday 3rd December: Christingle Service

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to find fuel if you need it!

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been a fun and exciting week at School. The children in the Buddy Assembly this morning were fabulous, it was such a delight to watch and a real treat to have parents and carers back in School - we had really missed you!

I was honoured to be invited to the Houses of Parliament this week as part of a celebration of our work with Challenge Partners. Such a beautiful and

inspiring building, it was wonderful to be there representing our wonderful Schools.

It is the London Marathon this weekend so if you are looking for something exciting to do pop along to see it on Sunday morning and give the runners a cheer! It is always such a special occasion in our wonderful city.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



"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