

Holy Cross School Newsletter
Friday 14th October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming some of our lovely Governors into School. This was the first time that they have had the opportunity to visit the School since we have become Aspire London. They were able to visit each class, meet all of our wonderful children and our fabulous staff. It was lovely to be able to take visitors around our amazing School, thank you to all the Governors who were able to visit us this week.

Year 4 Class Mass

Next Friday, the 22nd October, our lovely Year 4 class will be celebrating the first class Mass of the year. This will take place in their classroom at 10am and parents are warmly welcomed to celebrate this with us. We ask that if you are able to attend that you wear a face covering in the school.

Carnival

Next Friday we are celebrating the end of Black History Month with a carnival. This will mean that all children can wear their own clothes, we want the children to wear bright, colourful clothes that support a carnival atmosphere! Children in Year 4 will need to wear their school uniform coming into school and bring clothes to change into. I think that this is going to be a very lively and exciting afternoon for all of us.

Head of School Awards

Leonardo in Year 1 for being a super friend.

Daniel in Reception for some super independent writing.

Gracie and Emmanuella in Year 1 for wonderful phonics work.

Jasmine in Year 1 for a wonderful effort with her writing.

Gabriella in Year 5 for warming Mrs Ley's heart, she said that spending time with Gabriella today has been the highlight of her week!

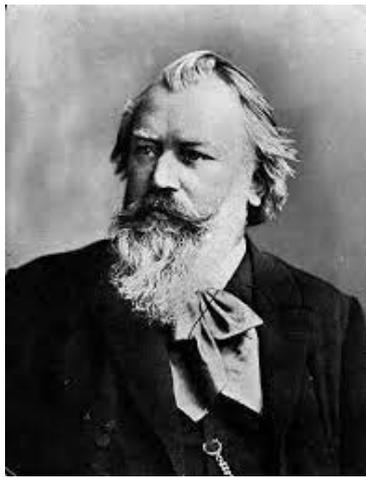
Wow! What fabulous reasons for these awards this week.

Chocolate Friday for Going Above and Beyond!

Reception	-	Cora
Year 1	-	Milan
Year 2	-	Adora
Year 3	-	Stefan
Year 4	-	Patrick
Year 5	-	Dylan S
Year 6	-	Eva

Well done to you all for going above and beyond this week!

Music Curriculum: Artist of the Week



This week we have been learning about Johannes Brahms. He is one of the leading composers of the Romantic period. He started composing when he was 11 years old but as he got older he was

embarrassed by his early pieces and destroyed them all. He also loved walking in the hills of Italy.

Harvest

We are delighted that we will be celebrating Harvest Festival as a whole community on Wednesday in the Church. We are hoping that the service will be streamed so that if you are not able to join us, in the Church you might be able to virtually. Thank you to everyone who has sent in food, our altars are looking very full. We will be taking the food we have over to the Church in time for our Harvest Festival on Wednesday.

Clubs

Next week all clubs will continue as normal except for Coding Club. This will not go ahead as Mr Foster will be busy in parent teacher meetings. Please collect your child at 3:15pm.

Parents Evening

Please remember that Parents Evening is next Tuesday and Thursday. Your appointments should all have been made and you just need to join the link that has been emailed to you.

Unicef - Rights Respecting School



The Article we will be looking at next week is Article 16, that every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect each child's private, family and home life. We will be thinking about this in a few ways. One is keeping ourselves safe online by not sharing passwords, but also thinking about how we all need our own personal space and how we can have this.

Dates for the Diary

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

Wednesday 20th October: Harvest Festival Service in the Church at 2pm

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

Friday 26th November: Year 5 Class Assembly at 9:15

Monday 29th November: Flu jabs for Reception to Year 6

Friday 3rd December: Christingle Service

Have a wonderful weekend,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

Sitting in my office now I can hear the wonderful sound of Year 6 playing the drums in their Djembe session. It is fabulous to hear their rhythm and enthusiasm. We are very lucky to enjoy such a wide and varied curriculum offering our children so many wonderful opportunities. The new addition to our music curriculum this year, the composer of the week, has been a huge success and staff as well as children have enjoyed gaining so much knowledge. Next week we will be learning about Thomas Tallis; who knew that he held the unique claim to have worked for each of the Tudor monarchs? See we are always learning!

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend and are lucky enough to get outside and enjoy the wonderful autumn colours currently on view.