



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas, it has been wonderful to welcome you all back into School again this term. It has certainly been a cold start to the new year, thankfully the snow we saw on Monday was just a brief flutter! Please remember to send your child in with suitable black shoes and a warm coat, the cold weather does not stop our outside play.

School's Birthday



Tomorrow, on the 13th January, Holy Cross School turns 49! The whole School attended Mass this morning to celebrate. Father Fagan, who was Parish Priest at Holy Cross, identified a need for a primary School in the parish. He worked tirelessly to ensure this happened and Holy Cross

School opened its doors to children on the 13th January 1975. Thank you to Father Antony for leading a wonderful Mass this morning and to Mrs Ley for the music. It was a joy to have so many parents and carers join with us today.



Book Bingo

I had the pleasure of speaking to these wonderful children about their learning today:

Reception:	Oliver
Year 1:	Rosalia
Year 2:	Kyle
Year 3:	Kenzo
Year 4:	Maely
Year 5:	Tomi
Year 6:	Lisa

Thank you all for enthusiasm about your learning, it was a privilege to be able to talk to you about your wonderful books - thank you!

Afterschool Clubs and Music Tuition

Indoor clubs will commence the week beginning Monday 15th January and outdoor clubs will start two weeks later on Monday 29th January. Gardening Club will start again after the half term break. Payments for your child's clubs and music tuition can be made via your ParentPay

account. We do have a few spaces in some clubs and music tuition. Please see Mrs Manning if your child is interested in joining a particular club.

Academic Review Day

On Friday 9th February we will be holding our annual academic review day. For parents that are new to Holy Cross the teachers hold individual meetings with parents all day to discuss how each child is progressing. This means that School is closed to children except for the time when you have your meeting with the class teacher. The meetings are for both parents and children to attend. We will send out a link next Wednesday when the booking portal is live.

Nuts

Please can I remind you all that we are a nut aware school, which means we ask that all food sent in does not contain nuts. This includes peanut butter spread and all Nutella products.

Head of School Awards

Joyce and Tobe in Year 6 for some wonderful guided reading work.
Mabian in Nursery for an amazing piece of art work.
Well done to you all!

Primary School Applications

Please note that the deadline for applying to primary school is 15th January 2024. Please see the link below for further information. If you require a supplementary form please see Mrs Forde in the office.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

Composer of the Week: Johannes Brahms



This week, we explored the world of classical music with Johannes Brahms, our Composer of the Week. Brahms, born in 1833, was a German composer known for his rich and expressive compositions. His music, characterised by its emotional depth and intricate melodies, continues to captivate audiences worldwide. Brahms composed symphonies, chamber music, and piano works that have left an indelible mark on the world of classical music. His dedication to his craft and his timeless compositions inspire us to appreciate the beauty of orchestral music. As we explored Brahms' musical legacy, we had the opportunity to listen to some of his most famous pieces and learn about the life of this remarkable composer, fostering a love for classical music.

Remember, to learn more about the composers that we are exploring in school visit the Music section of the school website.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, we delved into the world of children's rights as we explored the essential role that UNICEF plays in upholding them. Article 4

reminds us that governments must respect and uphold children's rights, and Article 42 emphasises the importance of spreading knowledge about the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our students engaged in discussions and activities to better understand these rights and the significant work done by UNICEF to protect and promote them globally. For homework, we encourage children to create a poster highlighting one or more rights from the Children's Charter that hold personal significance to them. This activity not only reinforces their understanding of these vital rights but also encourages them to express their views, fostering a sense of empowerment and advocacy for children's rights in our school community.

Thank you

Thank you from all of the staff at Holy Cross for the cards and gifts that we received at the end of term. Everyone was extremely kind, thank you!

Have a lovely weekend and continue to wrap up warm,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and new year and even managed some time to rest and relax! It has been lovely to see many of you this week and hear of the memories you made with your children over the festive period, visiting family abroad or having family come to

stay with you, spending time playing games and having fun. It is a wonderful time for remembering the most important things in life.

I ask for your prayers for a very special friend of Holy Cross School, Gillian Yhip. Gillian was a parent at Holy Cross some years ago, she then became a wonderful governor of our School for many years and remains a parishioner of Holy Cross. She is now unwell and I ask you to pray for her. Gillian is a wise and wonderful lady and has helped to shape our lovely School into the warm and successful School it is today. Finally, happy birthday Holy Cross School, forty nine years young!

31.1.24	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am
6.2.24	Safer Internet Day
7.2.24	Year 6 Class Mass 10am
9.2.24	Academic Review Day
12.2.24	Start of Half Term
19.2.24	School reopens at 8.45am
22.2.24	First Lenten Breakfast
7.3.24	World Book Day
8..3.24	International Women's Day
15.3.24	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am
27.3.24	Easter Bonnet Parade Passion Play at 6.30pm
28.3.24	School finishes at 2pm for Easter