



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week here at Holy Cross. It is always such a joy to walk around the classes and see the range of learning that is happening across the different year groups. The children really are offered such a rich and engaging curriculum and it is wonderful seeing the engagement from every child.

Smoothie Making



Year 2 and Year 3 had a wonderful workshop this week organised by our catering company. They spent time learning about a whole range of different fruits and vegetables and how they can be eaten in different ways. They then had the chance to try four different smoothies, I think the fourth drink was the favourite and even I found it difficult to taste

the beetroot in it! Thanks to our catering company Caterlink and especially Nigel who led the sessions.



Coffee Afternoon



This afternoon we invited parents and carers in for a coffee and chat for Parents Mental Health Awareness Day which is tomorrow. It was wonderful to see parents from all different classes meeting and talking together. As parents and carers we do need to remember to make time for ourselves. They were joined at 2.45pm by their children for DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read), it is always a joy to see parents sharing books with their children.

Please see below the links to either Apps that support well-being or websites that you can seek advice from:

Apps:

Headspace

Hub of Hope

Websites:

www.Stem4.org.uk

www.kooth.com

www.place2be.org.uk



Other Faiths Week

Next week all children will be learning about another faith. This is a wonderful week that we celebrate each year here at Holy Cross. Please speak to your child about the faith they are learning about (Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism or Islam), and I hope that you enjoy hearing about the different activities they are participating in. It is so important that we understand and have respect for other faiths. My thanks to Mrs Wilson who has organised this for us.

Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair from Monday 5th until Wednesday 7th February. Pupils will be given time to look around the fair on Monday during the school day and can then purchase books with parents and

carers before and after School on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. If you are unable to visit at these times, you can send your child in with a named purse or wallet which they must give to their class teacher. The pupils will then have some time on Tuesday or Wednesday to purchase a book during the School day. The School benefits greatly from this fair, as it will allow us to also choose some new books for our classrooms so please come along and see what books we have to offer!

Book Bingo

These children shared their wonderful learning today:

Reception:	Otto
Year 1:	Anna
Year 2:	Cora
Year 3:	Leo
Year 4:	Zara
Year 5:	Joel
Year 6:	Ebube

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

Academic Review Day

The link to book your academic review day appointment is now live. If you have any issues with this, please speak to Mrs Forde in the office.

Composer of the Week: Frédéric Chopin



This week, we are delving into the mesmerising world of composer Frédéric Chopin. Born in 1810, Chopin was a musical prodigy known for his exquisite piano compositions. His emotionally charged and beautifully expressive music continues to captivate audiences around the world. Chopin's compositions, such as the "Nocturnes" and "Preludes," reflect his deep love for his native Poland and his ability to convey profound emotions through his melodies. We explored the enchanting melodies of Chopin and appreciated the timeless beauty of his piano masterpieces.

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

Head of School Awards

Jason in Reception for amazing number work!

Japheth in Reception for wonderful singing and focus during music.

Gabby and Ines in Year 5 for designing a fabulous anti-smoking poster.

Well done to you all!

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



In our recent UNICEF Rights Respecting School session, we delved into the crucial concept of duty bearers and their responsibilities. We explored who these duty bearers are in our lives and how they play a pivotal role in ensuring that children's rights are respected and protected.

This week's homework assignment encourages our students to reflect on the duty bearers who hold significance for them. We invite them to design heartfelt thank-you cards to express their appreciation for the support and commitment these duty bearers provide in upholding their rights. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to recognise the contributions of those who work tirelessly to create a safe and nurturing environment for them.

Holocaust Memorial Day

In preparation for Holocaust Memorial Day on Sunday, January 27th, our recent UNICEF assembly served as a poignant reminder of the importance of honouring and learning from history. We focused on the UNICEF articles 2, 19, 37, and 38, which highlight the rights of children to protection from discrimination, violence, and exploitation, as well as their right to freedom of thought and expression. We discussed the Holocaust as a tragic chapter in history and emphasised the significance of promoting tolerance, empathy, and understanding among our students. Through this assembly, we hope to instill the values of compassion and respect, ensuring that the lessons of the past guide our commitment to creating a more inclusive and just world for all children.

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception:	Nemmy
Year 1:	Nancy
Year 2:	Shaji
Year 3:	Leo
Year 4:	Maely
Year 5:	Nethumi

Year 6: Chioma

Well done for always trying your very best.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and try to take time for yourself tomorrow,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

Another week has flown by at Holy Cross! Lots of fun learning and activities have been enjoyed around the School. I am always so pleased to hear the children speak so enthusiastically about all that they are working on in classes. I am also always pleased to hear the manners our children use when speaking so articulately. Children always answer beautifully when asked how they are - we are pushing them to add to their answer "and how are you?" We never stop pushing for more!

Have a lovely weekend.

29.1.24	Year 6 School Journey Meeting at 3.30pm
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 Year 6 School Journey
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