



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed their first week back after the half term. Lent began during the half term holiday, with Ash Wednesday just over a week ago. In the Gospel Assembly on Monday we thought about Jesus in the desert and how he would have felt as he was being tempted. We thought about what we could do during these few weeks during Lent to remember Jesus. We decided that we could give something up, like chocolate, try to do something extra, like making your bed every day and also make more time to pray.

Year 6 School Journey



This week our Year 6 had an adventure of a lifetime with their school journey to Kingswood. They had an absolutely amazing time with some

wonderful activities. They participated in events like aeroball, archery, zip line and 3G swing, which I think was everyone favourite. Mrs Mole said that she is surprised we didn't hear their screams here in Catford! School journey is such a magical experience for the children and the memories of those few days will stay with the children throughout their lives. My enormous thanks to Mrs Mole, Miss Quinn and Mrs Manning for giving the children this amazing opportunity.



Lenten Breakfast

Yesterday we had the first Lenten breakfast of this year. It was a wonderful event joined by many families. This will continue on every Thursday over this Lenten period. Thank you to all the children and parents from Year 6 who came and helped, especially after such a busy few days at the beginning of the week.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. The Children will take part in a parade around the KSI playground from 9.15am, just after Lenten breakfast. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for this wonderful event.

Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who bought books at the Book Fair before half term. An amazing £990.09 was raised for the School. Mrs Mole is very excited about all the new books that each class will be able to have.

Book In a Box

It has been fantastic to see the 'books in a box' arriving into School this week. They all look amazing and have brightened up all areas of the School. It has been brilliant to hear the children talking about the boxes and being so enthusiastic about reading. Thank you for your support with this, they are exceptional! The judging will take place next week when Mrs Mole has had a chance to catch her breath!

Composer of the Week: Ravi Shankar



This week, we have celebrated the legendary Ravi Shankar as our Composer of the Week. Known for his mastery of the sitar and his pioneering contributions to Indian classical music, Shankar mesmerised audiences worldwide with his soul-stirring melodies and intricate rhythms. His collaborations with Western musicians, including The Beatles' George Harrison, brought Indian classical music to the global stage. Shankar's legacy continues to inspire generations of musicians and listeners, bridging cultures through the universal language of music. Remember, to learn more about the composers that we are exploring in school visit the Music section of the school website.

Daffodil Competition

Remember that the annual Daffodil Competition will take place on Tuesday 5th March. The Diamond Club, our Parish senior citizens, will be once again judging this. Prizes will be awarded to best in show and all entries will get a certificate.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, we delved into our commitment to being a Rights Respecting School by examining the various ways our pupil leadership groups

uphold children's rights. From our Head Boy and Head Girl to our Sports Captains and Peacemakers, each group plays a vital role in ensuring that the rights of every child are respected and upheld within our school community. Through their dedication and leadership, they exemplify the principles outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, fostering an environment where every child's voice is heard and valued. We applaud their efforts in championing children's rights and creating a culture of respect and equality at our school.

Head of School Awards

Zachary and Jason for being amazingly supportive to each other during piano lessons.

Gabby, Ines and Melanie in Year 5 for an amazing poetry poster and friendship.

Well done to you all!

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Caleb
Year 1	-	Paolo
Year 2	-	Stirling
Year 3	-	Jason
Year 4	-	Rosie
Year 5	-	Sienna
Year 6	-	Tilly and Stepan

What superstars, well done to you all.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and you are sticking to your Lenten promises!

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

Well this week has all been about Year 6! They enjoyed their fabulous three day trip to Kent and I am reliably informed that they tackled every activity with true Holy Cross spirit – a sense of fun, determination and teamwork! It was great to hear all the stories of fun and adventure, they have made memories that will last a lifetime, what a special trip. My thanks to Mrs Mole, Miss Quinn and Mrs Manning for accompanying them and making the trip possible.

Year 6 then hosted our first Lenten Breakfast of the year. It was a lovely occasion and I look forward to seeing many of you each week. Again my thanks to Mrs Mole and all the staff who helped out as well as the fabulous Year 6 parents and governors who joined us. If you didn't make it along this week please do come next week – parents, children and staff all sharing breakfast is a very lovely way to mark this special time of year.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

5.3.24	Mini Vinnies Commissioning Mass at 10.45am in Holy Cross Church Daffodil Competition
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
15.4.24	School starts at 8.45am
24.4.24	Class Photo Day
26.4.24	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.15am
3.5.24	Year 5 Class Mass at 10am
17.5.24	Year 2 Class Trip to the Ragged Museum
24.5.24	Crowning of Mary at 2pm led by Year 3
27.5.24	Start of Half Term
3.6.24	Inset Day
4.6.24	Schools starts at 8.45am
19.6.24	Reception Class Assembly at 9.15am
28.6.24	Year 3 Class Mass Big Summer Sing
4.7.24	Year 1 and 2 Beach Trip
16.7.24	Year 6 Performance at 6.30am
22.7.24	Leavers Mass at 1.45pm
23.7.24	School finishes at 2pm