

Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are at the end of this half term and half way through this academic year! It really is flying by! We have had an extremely busy half term but the children have had lots of fun and been making wonderful progress in their learning.

Year 6 Class Mass

On Wednesday, Year 6 celebrated their very final class mass here at Holy Cross. It was a beautiful occasion with every child playing an important role, the singing was simply amazing making many of us very emotional. Thank you to Mrs Mole and Mrs Ley for preparing the children so brilliantly and to Father Antony for always supporting the School and the children so well.



Lent

Next week is the start of Lent, and as this falls during the half term we will not be holding our annual pancake race or participating in Ash Wednesday services as a School. You can attend Mass at Holy Cross Church on Wednesday at 9.15am and 7pm where you will also receive Ashes. We will begin our Lenten preparations when we return to School after the half term.

Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday we celebrated Safer Internet Day 2024. This year's theme is, 'Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online,' encouraging us all to think about our online presence and how we can use the internet for good. Our digital leaders led an insightful assembly on this important topic, and classes have been busy engaging in various activities to enhance their understanding. To add a dash of creativity, we are hosting a competition over the half term break. We want you to envision the future of technology. How do you think technology will evolve? What could be the next big thing? Put on your thinking caps and design your vision for the next groundbreaking technological development. Whether it's flying cars, robots, or holographic classrooms, let your imagination soar!

Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who bought books at the Book Fair this week! It was a huge success with many books purchased, it was a joy

to see the crowds in the hall with everyone talking about reading! We look forward to telling you after half term how much money we will receive to buy books for the classes.

Remember your children will be bringing home details about our exciting half term project - 'A Book in a Box'. Please send completed projects in after half term by Friday 23rd March.

Good to be Green

Year 1:

Tania, Osinachi, Israel, Sophie, Joseph, Nathaniel, Everly, Beatrix, Tendo, Paolo, Remo, Ronan, Rafael, Ifechi, Sean, Jemimah, Rosalia, Nancy, Elizabeth-Mia, Anayiah, Ifeanyichukwu, Amber, Violet, Nicolo, Maia, Valentina, Eireann, Maraiya, Blaise, Anna

Year 2:

Daniel, Joseph, Anita, Elodie, Shaji, K'Leigh, Sasha, Indira, Malachi, Ally, Nicole, Melody, Finnán, Lily, Francis, Ike, Michelle, David, Heiden, Joshua, Kyle, Kyrie

Year 3:

Matteo R, Moya, Jason, Edmyna, Mila, Chibuikem, Emilija, Kymani, Clarence, Jarreldon, Kenzo, Michelle, Oluwatise, Matteo PG, Olivia, Divineson, Hugh, Leonardo

Year 4:

Isabella, Jude, Emmanuella, Damiano, Rose, Sebastian, Harini, Jasmine, Chisom, Henry, Noah, Irene, Ryszard, Edie, Zachary, Maely, Nicole, Olivia, Sophia, Grace, Adora, Luca, Emily, David, Asbon, Zara, Mazin, Sara

Year 5:

Kayley, Vitalii, Diamantina, Amira-rose, Nethumi, Sena, Emily, Poppy, Stefan, Sienna, Ines, Michele, Gabriel, Tomilola, Chidera, David, Amanda, Caoimhe, Gabrielle, Melanie, Adesola, Marcel

Year 6:

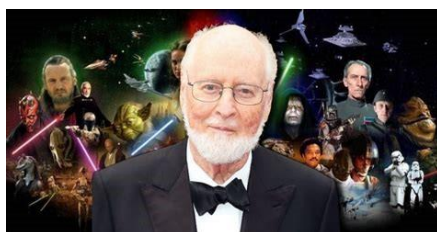
Chidimma, Chioma, Serah, Megan, Joyce, Sandra, Eilish, Chloe, Neriah, Tabitha, Tilly, Faith, Oriah, Jacob, Alyssa, Lucy, Lisa, Sean, Jim, Victor, Patrick, Francis, Tobe, Alice, Stepan, Valen, Gabriel, Ebube

Well done to you all for staying **Green** this half term!

Lenten Breakfast

We are delighted to announce that we will be having our annual Lenten Breakfasts for six Thursday's during Lent, on 22nd February, 29th February, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March and the 28th March. This is a wonderful community celebration, where parents and carers are invited into School to join us for breakfast. We will be serving toast, cereal and a range of drinks. All monies raised will go to a charity chosen by the Year 6 class. More information will follow after half term, our Year 6 children and parents will also be asked to help at some or all of the breakfasts.

Composer of the Week: John Williams



This week, we delved into the enchanting world of John Williams, our Composer of the Week. Renowned for his captivating film scores, John

Williams has left an indelible mark on the world of music. With iconic compositions for movies like *Star Wars*, *Jurassic Park*, *Harry Potter*, and *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, his melodies have transported audiences to galaxies far, far away and enchanted them with the magic of cinema. Williams' ability to weave emotion and narrative through music is a testament to his genius. As we explored his musical masterpieces this week, we embarked on a journey through the enchanting realms created by his symphonic storytelling.

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

Daffodil Competition

We hope the children have been looking after the daffodil bulbs that they planted and took home before the Christmas break. Our annual Daffodil Competition will take place on Tuesday 5th March. We are delighted that 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.

Academic Review Day

It was lovely seeing you all at Academic Review Day today. This is always a wonderful opportunity for you to spend time celebrating your child's successes and how we can continue to support them together in their learning.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week Year 1 and Year 2 children had workshops to support Children's Mental Health Week. The workshops aim was to help build Connections with each other, strengthen friendships and enhance their

well-being. They were wonderful sessions which engaged all the children. Thank you to Mrs Parr for organising these.



UNICEF Rights Respecting School



In our ongoing journey as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, we're diving into the world of the Global Goals this week. Building on our previous exploration of youth advocates and the difference they make, we've turned our attention to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, also known as the Global Goals. These goals outline our collective aspirations for a better world, addressing issues from poverty and inequality to climate action and education. We've been learning about these goals and their significance, inspiring us to think about how we can contribute to making our world a better place.

As part of our UNICEF homework, students have been tasked with creating a 'Pledge for the Planet' and crafting something to raise awareness about one of the Global Goals and how we can all take steps

in our daily lives to help achieve it. This week's UNICEF journey encourages us to be proactive global citizens, working together to create a brighter future for all.

I hope you have a lovely half term, let's hope the rain stops tomorrow! I look forward to seeing you all back in School on Monday 19th February,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been a lovely end to another lovely half term at Holy Cross! The Year 6 class Mass on Wednesday was wonderful, the children read and sang so beautifully. The Year 5 children have been auditioning for parts in the Passion Play and their enthusiasm and talent is superb to witness. Twenty four children sang solos on Wednesday as part of the audition process and I can tell you that several members of staff found it very hard to decide who to cast as they were all so impressive.

It has been lovely being in School today and seeing so many of you at Academic Review Day, thank you for your continuous support. What a very special School we have here in SE6, we are so blessed. Have a lovely half term break everyone.

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
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