

Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have had the pleasure of spending time with every teacher talking about each child in their class during our Pupil Progress meetings. It is always a delight to hear about the progress that each child is making. The knowledge that teachers have about the children demonstrates how well they know their classes and understands how to support every child in their learning. Thank you to all the staff who enable our pupils to make fabulous progress in their learning and in their personal development.

Oscar Romero Award



On Wednesday I had the privilege of accompanying the GIFT team (Growing In Faith Together) to St George's Cathedral where we were

presented the Oscar Romero Participator Level Award. It was a wonderful occasion with many other Schools from across the Diocese who had also demonstrated how they apply the Catholic Social Teachings in their Schools. It was a wonderful Mass led by Archbishop John Wilson, who spoke beautifully about St Oscar Romero.



Kitchen Audit

Yesterday our school kitchen had an audit and were found to be exemplary! The gentleman undertaking the audit said he had never seen kitchen staff working so well with the School staff. He stayed for lunch and was very complimentary about the food provided for our precious children. Thank you to our chef Sabrina and her team Angela, Debbie and Salwa - you are superstars!

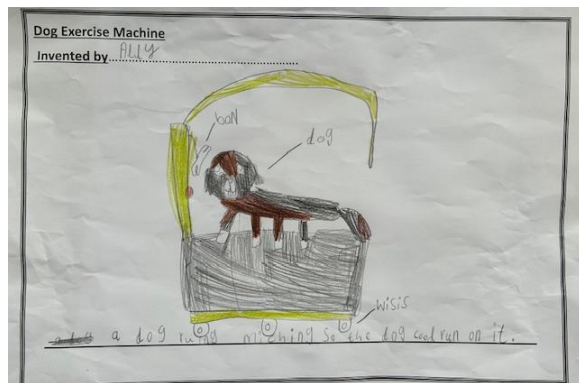
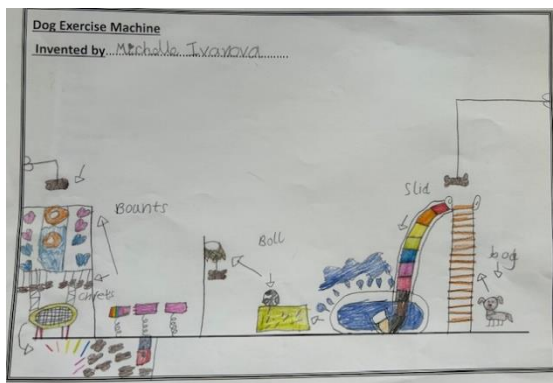
Science Day

Today we celebrated Science Day across the School. Each class was tasked with ensuring that the children had fun with Science. It was lovely to see different year groups working together on investigations and experiments. You never know we might have inspired a new

physicist or chemist of the future! Our lovely Year 2 and Year 5 investigated how exercise affects our bodies:



Year 2 also designed exercise machines for dogs!



WOOFYT Workshops



On Tuesday, Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in a WOOFYT workshop, which linked to our Science celebrations. It was a music and science themed workshop, where the children were shown how a pipe organ works. It

was a fascinating session which really engaged all the children. Thank you to Jeremy for leading such a wonderful workshop.

Uniform

Please can I remind you that children need to wear black shoes, not trainers or boots and hair accessories must be kept to a minimum in either red or blue, the School colours. We want our children to continue to look smart and take pride in being a member of Holy Cross.

Drama Workshop

Some of our Key Stage Two children have been very fortunate this week to have had some drama workshops. The children involved had a fabulous time, I think we might have some Hollywood stars in our midst!



Easter Bonnet Parade

Remember to join with us next Wednesday the 27th March, at 2.45pm for our annual Easter Bonnet Parade in the KS1 playground. Easter bonnets can be brought into School in the morning for the parade in the afternoon. I hope you all have a fun and creative weekend!



Composer of the Week: Rodgers and Hammerstein



This week, we have been delighted to learn about Rodgers and Hammerstein as our Composers of the Week. This dynamic duo, consisting of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, is renowned for revolutionizing musical theatre. Their collaboration produced iconic works such as "The Sound of Music," "Oklahoma!," and "Carousel," amongst others. With their innovative storytelling, memorable melodies, and captivating lyrics, Rodgers and Hammerstein have left an indelible mark on the world of music and theatre. Through their timeless compositions, they continue to inspire audiences of all ages and backgrounds, showcasing the enduring power of music to unite, uplift, and entertain.

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

Lenten Breakfast

Yesterday we had our penultimate Lenten breakfast of this year. We have perfected the toast, croissant and porridge cooking! It would be lovely to see even more of you next week. Remember that all money raised will go to Cancer Research, the charity chosen by Year 6. Raffle tickets for the Easter raffle will also be sold before and after School next week.

Book Bingo

Reception	-	Caleb and Daniela
Year 1	-	Beatrix
Year 2	-	Lily
Year 3	-	Conor
Year 4	-	Jasmine
Year 5	-	Poppy
Year 6	-	Chloe

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, we celebrated Neurodiversity Celebration Week as part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools focus. Throughout the week, we explored the remarkable contributions of individuals who have harnessed their unique differences to make a positive impact on the

world. From Greta Thunberg, the climate activist who has autism, to Billie Eilish, the singer who has Tourette's Syndrome, and Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the space scientist who has dyslexia, we learned about the diverse talents and abilities of neurodiverse individuals. This celebration aligns with Article 2 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which emphasizes the right to non-discrimination, and supports Global Development Goal 10, which aims to reduce inequalities. For homework, children are encouraged to create something that showcases their own uniqueness, celebrating their individual strengths and talents.

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Isaiah
Year 1	-	Jemimah
Year 2	-	Ally
Year 3	-	Olivia
Year 4	-	Ryszard
Year 5	-	Ines
Year 6	-	Jacob

Well done to you all!

Lost Property

We have quite a stash of lost property in School! If your child has lost anything or indeed if you need any spares please do come in to

look through all the clothing. Anything left at the end of next week will be sent to charity.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been a very busy week for me as we had an Ofsted inspection at St. Augustine's. I always know that when I am away from Holy Cross the School is still in the safest of hands with the fabulous team here - I have missed you all though!

I was delighted to hear about our children attending the Cathedral to collect our St. Oscar Romero award, what a wonderful experience for our lovely GIFT team.

Next week we will be in Holy Week and helping the children to understand the solemnity of the week before the celebration of Easter Sunday. Our Passion Play on Wednesday will be a beautiful portrayal of the final steps of Jesus on his journey to the crucifixion yet our Easter bonnet parade will be a bright and exciting event for all to participate in.

I hope you all enjoy a very lovely weekend, time for me to rest!

27.3.24	Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.45pm Passion Play at 6.30pm
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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
1.5.24	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