

Holy Cross School Newsletter

Thursday 28th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very short but busy week for us here at Holy Cross. I had the pleasure of visiting another school as part of a Challenge Partners Review. It was really interesting and has given me lots of food for thought, I did however love returning just in time for the Easter bonnet parade yesterday!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing team that we have here at Holy Cross, every single member of staff works incredibly hard and always puts each of our lovely children at the centre of everything they do. I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful team.

Passion Play



Last night our Year 5 children performed the Passion play in the Church. The Easter story was retold beautifully, with the children performing in

a sensitive and reverent manner. The children should all be extremely proud of themselves, the acting and singing was amazing, when the lights went down I certainly had a little tear come to my eye. My thanks to Father Antony for letting us use the Church, it is the perfect setting for the Passion play. My thanks also to Mr Foster and Mrs Spencer, creative directors, Mrs Manning for the programme, Miss Quinn for the costumes and finally Mrs Ley who got the very best from every single child.



Stations of the Cross



This year every class made a different station which were set up around the School Hall. They were beautiful, depicting different parts of the journey Jesus took as He was sentenced to death and crucified. Classes and small groups have spent time at each Station praying and reflecting during this week. You can view these on our website:

<https://www.holycross.lewisham.sch.uk/creative-stations-of-the-cross-2024/>

Mr Paterson

Today we said goodbye to Mr Paterson after two years working with us at Holy Cross. I would like to thank him for the love and care he always shows to the children, staff and parents. Good luck Nathan, we will all miss you.

Easter Bonnet Parade



The children looked phenomenal yesterday wearing their amazing Easter bonnet creations. It always amazes me how creative the hats are, we have a very talented group of children and parents! The parade was perfect, with the sun shining just at the right moment! Thank you to everyone one who was able to join us for this, I hope you enjoyed the song as much as we did!



Composer of the Week: Stephen Schwarz



This week, we are delighted to shine the spotlight on Stephen Schwarz as our Composer of the Week. Schwarz is a renowned American composer and lyricist best known for his work in musical theatre. His most famous works include "Wicked," "Godspell," and "Pippin," which have left an indelible mark on the world of musical theatre. Schwarz's captivating melodies and poignant lyrics have enchanted audiences worldwide, making him a celebrated figure in the realm of musical composition. Through his innovative storytelling and emotive music, Schwarz continues to inspire and captivate audiences of all ages. Remember, to learn more about the composers that we are exploring in school visit the Music section of the school website.

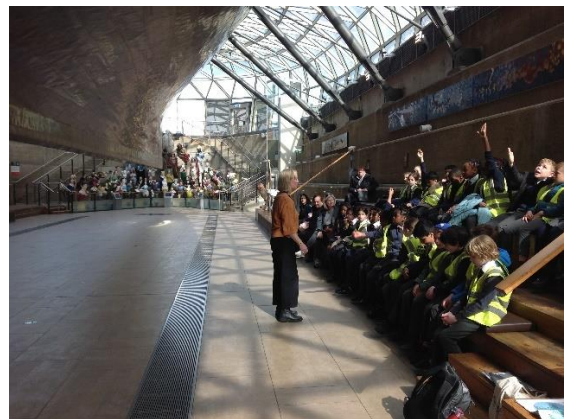
The Big Walk and Wheel

A huge well done to all of you who took part in The Big Walk and Wheel. We managed to achieve a daily average score of 81.83% which is amazing. Our school came 41st out of 2268 schools that registered to take part and we were 10th in London. This is fantastic! Keep up the good work with helping us all to lead healthier and safer lives.

Year 4 Trip



Year 4 had a wonderful trip out this week to the Cutty Sark. They had a brilliant time and all had different favourite parts that they wanted to tell me about. We have just amazing opportunities in London to visit such a wide range of places that support our learning, I think the children were amazed that it was so close to Catford! Thank you to Mrs Parr for organising this and to all the parents and carers who accompanied the children.



Easter Egg Raffle

We had the Easter Egg raffle during the assembly this morning. It was a very exciting draw with many winners from across the School. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and to those who brought in the eggs.

Good to Be Green

Well done to all of these children who have stayed **green** this half term!

Year 1:

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

Year 2:

Joseph, Joshua, Ike, Sasha, Anita, Emilia, Elodie, Heiden, Kyrie, Melody, Daniel, Michelle, K'Leigh, Ally, Nicole, Indira, Shaji, Cora, Malachi

Year 3:

Edmyna, Moya, Milan, Emilija, Jasmine, Michelle, Mervyn, Kymani, Esa, Clarence, Chibuikem, Kenzo, Stefano, Jason, Oluwatise, Santiago, Sebastian, Matteo PG, Matteo R, Divineson, Jarreldon, Hugh, Leonardo

Year 4:

Isabella, Jude, Emmanuella, Damiano, Rose, Sebastian, Harini, Chisom, Henry, Noah, Irene, Ryszard, Edie, Zachary, Grace, Luca, David, Asbon, Sara, Mazin

Year 5:

Amira-Rose, Adesola, Caoimhe, Marcel, Michele, Gabrielle, Chidera, Kayley, Ines, Melanie, Vitalii, Emily, Sena, Poppy, Tomi, Dante, David, Stefan

Year 6:

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

Lenten Breakfast

We had our final Lenten breakfast of the year this morning. It was lovely to see so many families join us for one final time. Well done to the year 6 children and their fabulous parents who made these breakfasts a real joy to be part of. A fabulous £580.13 was raised for Cancer Research.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, we've been focusing on "The Big Walk and Wheel" initiative, which encourages us to think about how our travel choices can contribute to a healthier world. By promoting walking, cycling, and other forms of active travel, we not only improve our own health but also reduce air pollution and congestion, creating a cleaner and more sustainable environment for everyone. Our discussions have aligned with Global Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being, emphasizing the importance of physical activity in promoting overall wellness. As part of our reflection, we've been considering how we can incorporate more active travel into our daily routines and contribute to a healthier world for ourselves and future generations.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you at 8.45am on the 15th April,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

The end of term is upon us! It has been a very busy, happy and successful term here at Holy Cross and the end of term has had a festival of activities for our children and parents to enjoy. The Passion Play was beautiful on Wednesday evening, the children performed with reverence, talent and confidence - a perfect reflection of the story at the centre of our faith. The Easter Bonnet parade and Lenten Breakfasts have all been fun and exciting ways to celebrate the season.

My thanks, as always, to the fabulous staff team who put so much effort into offering our children the very best experiences.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and holy Easter. Enjoy the rest and spend time enjoying the company of your children - they are blessings to us all.

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