

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF LEARNING

We have enjoyed another wonderful week of learning here at Holy Cross. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Watters for organising our Science week. Please read her report below and visit our website to see the photos.

British Science Week.

What a busy week we have had! Foundation and KS1 were thrilled to see, and handle, animals from Dartmoor Zoo. Asking questions, discussing size and habitats have built on the learning that takes place in these year groups.

Y3, Y4 and Y5 eyes filled with wonder as children entered the Spacelab Mobile Planetarium. Exploring light and space, the children consolidated their understanding within an exciting setting.

Y5 and Y6 travelled to the STEM Centre at Plymouth City College where they investigated microfossils, extracted DNA from fruit, tracked animals using scientific equipment and had quite a shock when they saw an interactive 3D heart pump in front of them!

Finally, Notre Dame students taught Y6 science on Friday. This provided our Y6 children with the chance to experience learning in a secondary school and embed their knowledge of science topics we have been learning about in class.

I would also like to celebrate our MKC Heroes with you this week. Last Friday they visited the Council Chamber for a very special event. Many thanks to

Mrs Confue for accompanying the children. Please see her report below:

Member of MKCHeroes Plymouth took over the Plymouth City Council Chamber last Friday as they lead a question and answer session with several important people. In attendance were MP's Gary Streeter, Oliver Colville and Jonny Mercer, supported by local councillors, Terri Beer and Glenn Jordan.

The Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Councillor Pauline Murphy and her consort, councillor Brian Vincent, both great supporters of MKC Heroes were there to oversee the event.

Our two representatives, Bede Blakeman and Shayla Barnes asked some tough questions. "This was a real learning experience, hearing how all these people work together"

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your children. Thank you for your support.

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ON TIME HEROES



Being at school on time is crucial for learning. Well done to Y5, who are our On Time Heroes this week!



Please visit our website for the full list of clubs running this term.

Watch this space for Spanish Club!

LITURGY IN SCHOOL

Parents and parishioners are invited to join us for liturgy, 9am, Monday mornings.

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

WATER OF LIFE

Jesus, show us the transforming gifts of your living water this Lent. May we thirst for your presence in our lives so that we may be share in your grace as we journey towards Easter.

Amen.



Childcare Vouchers

We are now registered with Edenred (ref.P21102440) & Fideliti (ref.HOL357C), and are in the process of setting up Allsave/Sodexo.

PTFA Quiz Night

Friday 28th April



Easter Egg Raffle

Mufti Day is on Friday 24th March

Children are asked to donate an Easter Egg for the raffle rather than money.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from today after assembly in the top playground, for the Easter Egg draw to take place on Thursday 30th March



We raised a grand total of £87.46 for CAFOD for Lent, many thanks for your generous donations.



Friday 24th March

COMIC RELIEF

Red Nose biscuits will be on sale at breaktime for 50p each, please remember to send your children in with some pennies.

PTFA New Bike Rack



A new bike rack is being fitted beside Foundation classroom over the weekend. If you are going to be using this facility, can we suggest you buy a lock to safeguard your property. The school is not responsible for these items.

LABELLING SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can you ensure that all school uniform is labelled. Without labels, we are unable to identify and return items!

Change to Friday Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly will now start at 2:40pm on a Friday from 17th March and will no longer be held in the morning. The winners will be announced in next weeks newsletter.

Witness of the week:

This will now be celebrated at Monday Liturgy and awards will be mentioned on the following Friday newsletter



Top Table Awards

We are so proud of the winners of our Top Table awards:

Esme (FS), Olivia (Maple), Uche (Holly), Filip (Oak), Thato (Y4), Zachary (Y5), Joshua (Y6)

for showing exemplary behaviour during meal times this week.



Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for for this term. All information is available on our website calendar.

17th March – Feast day of St. Patrick
21st & 22nd March – FS to Frankie & Benny's
22nd March – Y5 class Mass
24th March – Ubuntu Retreat Day, Notre Dame (Y5 & Y6 - girls)
Mufti Day
29th March – Y6 class Mass
30th March – Y3 trip to Eden Project
31st March – Lenten Service
31st March – last day, school closes for Easter
School reopens Tuesday 18th April

Thank you for all your support as always and have a lovely

St. Patrick's Day!



Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter