

Newsletter – 16th June 2017 No: 32

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF LEARNING

Healthy week - Thank you to Mrs Watters for leading the organisation of our Healthy Week. It has been wonderful to see children, parents and staff coming together to learn about healthy living.

What a fantastic week we have had as a school during Healthy Week! Thank you to all involved. The five challenges we have been working on are: being active, trying something new, drinking plenty, having breakfast and eating our 5-a-day.

We have experienced a range of activities over the course of the week and wanted to share a few of those with families.



Jade Faulkner - Olympian Assembly and Workshops.
The whole school attended a very special assembly on Wednesday where rhythmic gymnast Jade Faulkner gave us a demonstration and told us about her journey to London 2012. How inspiring! Foundation even made their own ribbons!



In addition to our assembly, Jade also spent time with some classes: showing them some moves, discussing life as an Olympian and also leading a healthy eating quiz.

KS2 Body Coach Joint Workouts.

Years 3 and 6, and then Years 4 and 5 completed the Body Coach school workout challenge this week.



KS1 Teeth on Tour

Oak, Maple and Holly focused on having good dental hygiene and how to brush their teeth properly. They got to handle resources such as: the jar of tar, a giant toothbrush and a large-scale model of a mouth.

Healthy Lunches

It was lovely to see so many parents in school to eat lunch. We have had extremely positive feedback from this and want to thank CaterEd, along with our kitchen staff, for

delivering meals to even more people than usual. Thank you to our Year 6 children who helped run the 'What's in this healthy pudding?' quiz each day.

KS2 Healthy Smoothies

Thank you to the staff who supported some of our KS2 classes with smoothie making. Karen, our cook, allowed us in to her kitchen to make this an even more special event.



"So easy and so yummy!"

Each class have also completed their own activities. Year 3 have been making models of fruits, Year 5 have completed more workouts and Year 6 have been creating outdoor games to stimulate more physical activity at breaks and lunches.



Holly class also tried yoga and making their own sandwiches.

Mrs Watters
Science Coordinator

Bell boating - Year 4 enjoyed bell boating at the beginning of the week. They would have liked to have stayed all day! Well done to them for trying a new challenge and behaving so well on a school trip.

School Parliament - Mrs Confue and I met with the School Parliament this week. They shared their wonderful ideas for the back playground; their suggestions for how to make our school even better than it already is; and their opinions on many aspects of school life. They were very excited to hear that they will be meeting the Lord Mayor during our visit to the Council Chambers in July.

Junior Ten Tors - Good luck to our Junior Ten Tors team! They have been prepared well for this wonderful experience by Mr Cotter, Mr Driscoll and Mrs King.

Plymouth University Art exhibition - Year 3 were fortunate to visit the Art Exhibition this week. Thank you to Fintan for writing this informative report.

Maths masterclass –

On Tuesday 12th June, six Year 6 children - Alan, Samarth, Rafal, Bede, Freya and Gemma - went to Plymouth University for a maths masterclass.

We completed all sorts of intriguing activities directed by a wonderful lady called Jenny. These ranged from reasoning puzzles to programming. We had so much fun.

By Rafal.

Brickfields - Well done to our Brickfields team. Mr Driscoll reported that their behaviour was exemplary. We are very proud of them for representing Holy Cross so well. Well done to Lara for coming second in the vortex throw. Alan, from year 6, has written this short report for you all:

'On Wednesday 14th June 2017, Year 6 attended a sporting day at Brickfields Athletic Arena. We participated in various fun events like: the high jump, vortex throw, long jump and running races. We came 4th and 5th in most events. Unfortunately, we did not make it through to the semi-finals but we all thoroughly enjoyed the day.'

Talent Quest - The end of the year is fast approaching, and excitement is building in anticipation of the annual Holy Cross Talent Quest! The Talent Quest will be held this year on Tuesday 18th July at 1.30. You are warmly invited to join us in the school hall for this special event.

Spelling – All children should now be bringing home a set of five words each day Monday – Thursday. They are being tested on five words each day in class and then tested on all 20 each Monday. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child is not bringing sets of words home. Please see me if you have any further concerns.

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LOST PROPERTY

The box is very full. Please come in and have a look and claim your missing items.

Any items not claimed by 21st July will be donated to charity.

LITURGY IN SCHOOL

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



On Monday 12th June 2017 we visited the arts and media centre at Plymouth university when we arrived we watched a long silver clip about other people. A film that we got split into two smaller groups. In our groups we then explored the place together. There were pieces of art work that showed politicians with fishes and flowers on them. There was a safe printing machine, that showed different colours and images. I thought the whole place was interesting and amazing, I'd really like to go back some time. Of course we couldn't have done it without Mr. King. My really nice Mrs. King.

Reporter: Fintan James Moran

The theme for our prayer and worship after the Easter break is:

BE STRONG

We ask for the strength of faith and character we need to bring Christ's love to all we meet. May this strength be a sign to others of all we believe in.

Amen.

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We are now registered with:

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Allsave/Sodexo/p&mm/salary
plus ref – 872743
Computershare ref – 0024415526

ON TIME HEROES



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

Well done to you all



The winners were as follows:

1st St Julie's
2nd St Andrew's
3rd St Theresa's
4th St Jude's



WONDERS OF THE WEEK

Maja (Y6),
Lilia (Y5),
Euan (Y4),
Filip (Y3),
Arianna (Oak),
Uche (Holly),
Michal (Maple),
Jaisal & William (FS)



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

21st June – Y6 visit to the Citadel
23rd June – Summer School Disco

FS, Y1 & Y2 - 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 -5:45pm to 7pm

27th to 29th June – Y4 Residential

28th June – Y6 Buckfast Abbey

Trip

30th June – Sports Day @ Notre Dame School

7th July – Reserve Sports Day

10th July – Festivals of Faiths Week

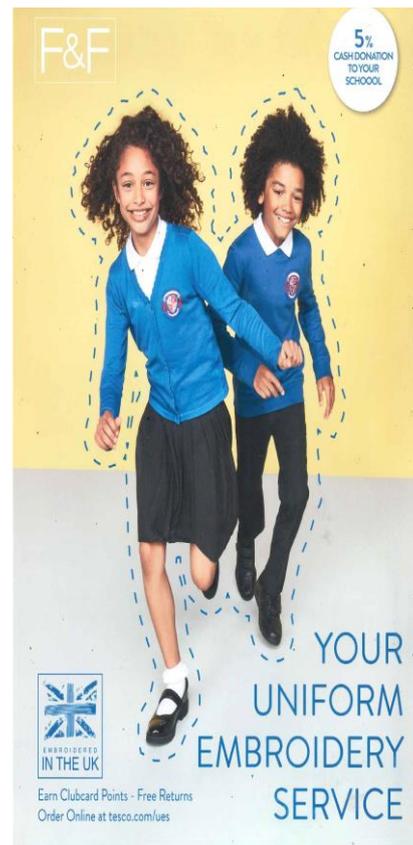
11th July – Y6 production @ 7pm

12th July – Y6 production @ 7pm

14th July – Summer Fayre 2 pm till 4:30pm

18th July – Talent Quest

19th July – Year 6 Leavers Mass



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Please visit:

tesco.com/ues

for further information.



23rd June – SCHOOL DISCO

FS, Y1 & Y2 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - 5:45pm to 7pm

Any helpers would be very much appreciated to help with door entry, tuck shop and general monitoring. If you would like to volunteer, please email: hc.ptfa@gmail.com

14th July Summer Fair from 2pm until 4:30pm. Extra



helpers to take a turn on our stalls would be greatly appreciated, contact email:

hc.ptfa@gmail.com



Please Support The Rainbow Project @ Bee Pugsley's Home, 7 Furzehatt Way, Plymstock PL9 8LP Tel:401260

Friday 21st July 10.30am to 3pm & Saturday 22nd July 10.30am to 2pm

With a cream tea on Friday at 2pm.

Helpers needed for KS2 disco, please let us know if you are able to help by emailing hc.ptfa@gmail.com

We are now collecting items to sell at the summer fayre. If you are able to donate the following, we would be very grateful:

Preloved uniform (laundered) to resell at very reasonable prices.

Unwanted children's books, toys, soft toys, teddies, fancy dress/ book day costumes.

We are also requesting your help with the following:

Can you spare an evening to help with painting the back playground on Friday 7th July from 4pm, please contact us by email, if you can: hc.ptfa@gmail.com.

Donations of the following would also be grateful:

Unwanted outdoor furniture paint, in any colour, which we can paint the wooden seats tables with? or any rollers brushes, plastic protective sheeting. If you do have any spare, please can you donate direct to the school office.



This week the PTFA sent out a Spree voucher book, with the help of the school staff. The book cost £20 of which £5 goes to the Holy Cross PTFA. Our main aim on raising funds is to improve the playground spaces particularly the back playground area.



If you do not wish to purchase this book please return the book in the envelope to the school. However, if you are interested in purchasing the book, please follow the instructions on the envelope and we will issue the necessary card to be used in conjunction with the vouchers, which will then need to be registered online.

Could any books or payments be returned to the school by Tuesday 4th July.

Thank you for your continued support. Holy Cross PTFA



Next Generation Care – Family Day Fundraiser.

Location: Tothill Park (St Judes), Plymouth.

Date/Time: 09/07/17 & 10am – 3pm.

- Business Stalls & Services
- Beer Tent & Refreshments
- Bouncy Castle & Assault Course
- Face Painting & Crafts

A family day out in the summer sun to raise money for Age UK – Dementia Awareness.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter