



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The highlight of the week has to be our wonderful Art Gallery. On the 7th June, the children right across the school from EYFS to Year 6 spent the day learning about artists from around the world. They looked at their artwork, discussed their responses to the art and then honed in on the artists' techniques. They then practised applying some of these techniques until they were ready to produce their own masterpieces.

The quality of their work was of a very high standard and they were very proud of what they had achieved - as were their teachers! On Tuesday afternoon, our hall was transformed into an Art Gallery by Mrs Duthie (our very own artist-in-residence) and her team of volunteers. We were extremely grateful to Mrs Casey at St Boniface College for lending us their display boards for the event. The boards are now displayed around the school and have added a tremendous burst of colour to our environment. Thank you for coming to view the artwork - if you weren't able to make it, do check our Twitter feed or Facebook page where you will see a selection of these amazing works of art.

Here are just a few to whet your artistic appetite!



There is a whole group of very excited year 6 children packing for their residential trip next week at the Dartmoor Training Centre. We hope they have the most enjoyable time, that the sun shines for them and that they make the most wonderful memories!

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Every Thursday 9am
Drop-in

27th June-15th July
Year 4 Swimming

4th-8th July
Year 6 Residential

11th and 12th July
Year 3/4 field trip to
Dartmoor

18th and 19th July
Year 6 Performance
2pm and 6.30pm

19th July 10am
CAST Leavers' Mass for Y6
children

20th July 9.15- 11.30am
Year 6 Leavers' Mass at Holy
Cross followed by
refreshments



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Our Catholic Life

In the Gospel this week we hear that Jesus sends seventy-two of his friends out to spread the Good News. He sends them in pairs, without money, backpacks or sandals. They will have to rely on the kindness of the people in the villages they visit and on God's goodness. Where they are welcomed, the apostles will tell their hosts that God's kingdom is coming and they will heal anyone who is sick. Jesus' friends come back full of joy from their successful mission.

The newsletter, accessed through the link below, shares some of the worship themes the children will experience in school throughout July and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that you will find the content illuminating and helpful in your shared family faith journey.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

Dear Jesus,

Help me to spread the message of God's kingdom to all the people I meet.

Help me to share your love by what I say and do.

Amen

Action: We can do great things when we work well with other people, make a real effort when working with others this week.

Wonders of the Week

Here are this week's winners of the Wonder of the Week award.

Julia Donaldson: Rosie - for trying really hard in RWI and developing her blending skills and singing beautifully in Mass.

Allan Ahlberg: Ralph - For writing a wonderful prayer in his prayer journal when asking God for perseverance to help him face an upcoming challenge.

Simon James: Thea - For really shining this week in our reading and maths paper, showing how confident and independent she has become.

Judith Kerr: Adam - For fantastic ideas and contributing to class discussions.

David Walliams: Daniel - For showing such maturity in his learning and in how he carries himself around the school.

Cressida Cowell: Rosie - For working incredibly hard in her learning this year and showing us what she knows. We are very proud of you!

Roald Dahl: Laith and Abbas. For working so hard to improve the quality of their writing.

Louis Sachar: Alvin - he works so hard and has, as a result, really started to shine in all areas.





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Emma Carroll: Sarah - For working really hard in PE this week with all the new throwing techniques Mr Cunningham has covered.

Malorie Blackman: Euri - for a fantastic week! He has worked really hard and we are so proud, keep it up!

Gospel Values Awards:

This week we have all been trying to show **Perseverance**

Julia Donaldson: Teddy - for showing perseverance when building a waterproof boat and he kept on trying until find the best way.

Allan Ahlberg: Meeya - For showing perseverance and enthusiasm for learning, even when she is finding it difficult.

Simon James: Ruby-Rahyn: For showing wonderful perseverance with her learning across this year. She always takes onboard feedback and goes away to try and improve her self.

Judith Kerr: Oscar- For persevering with all tasks set and trying hard to complete everything asked of him.

David Walliams: Eddie - Eddie perseveres in all he does! He is a fantastic role model for all children.

Cressida Cowell: Reece- Everyday Reece will practise his times tables and has shown great perseverance.

Roald Dahl: Tristan for persevering with his work every day - you are a wonderful role model!

Louis Sachar: Karolina and Rianna - working together to create an amazing piece of art - a piece that has needed concentration and attention to detail.

Emma Carroll: Elsie - For really persevering with her Maths assessment this week and showing huge improvements.

Malorie Blackman: Aisline - for working on her perseverance and not giving up if things look tricky.

Top Table Awards



Julia Donaldson: Max for eating his lunch so nicely.

Allan Ahlberg: Rory for having such lovely manners.

Simon James: Logan for his kindness to his friends.



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Judith Kerr: Gabriel for always looking out for another child.

David Walliams: Daniel for playing well on the playground.

Cressida Cowell: Poppy for always playing nicely and being a good role model at the MUGA

Road Dahl: Israelle for her polite manners.

Louis Sachar: Tiago for always being respectful to others.

Emma Carroll: Tilly for her kindness and generosity of spirit.

Malorie Blackman: Xander for helping the adults in the hall.



The following children have achieved the next level of Numbots, increasing their fluency of recall of number facts

Fahad Alanazi- Tungsten

Minaal Batool- Chrome

Nikola Jaworska- Tin

Noah Molnar- Iron

In TTRockstars the accuracy of the recall of times tables facts is just as important as the speed of response.

A rock hero is able to answer questions in 1 second (60+ questions a minute) and a rock legend is able to answer questions in 2 seconds (30+ questions a minute).

A rock star is able to answer a question in 3 seconds (20+ questions a minute).

These children achieved the status this week

Israelle Mureza- Rock Star

Rosaleen Smith- Rock Star

Joseph Bridle- Rock Legend

Harvey Gilmore- Rock Legend



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In KS2 we use a programme called Accelerated Reader and when we have read a book we take a quiz to check our understanding.

Words read this week

Class	Words Read
Cressida Cowell	69,046
David Walliams	97,086
Roald Dahl	94,266
Emma Carroll	350,139
Louis Sachar	175,407
Malorie Blackman	224,933



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Safer Journeys to School

Thank you to the 38 parents and carers who have completed the Safer Journeys To School campaign survey this week!

If you drive your child/children to school, we would be really grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete the survey below.

The survey will close today (July 1 st).

Thank you in advance!

Open the survey by [clicking here](#) or by using this QR code:



Alternatively, you can fill out a paper copy of the survey at the school reception desk.

Year 6 Events

4th-8th July: Year 6 Residential.

18th and 19th July: Performance - There will be an afternoon show at 2pm and an evening show at 6.30pm on both days. Each child will have two tickets for each show. Please complete the following google form to reserve the tickets you require <https://forms.gle/3TmVLPct3ND6ciRB6>

We will send out the number of tickets that you have requested. **Entry will be by ticket only**

19th July: Plymouth CAST Leavers' Mass at Cathedral (10am). This is a diocesan event for schools only - at present there is no plan for parents to attend as there will be children from all six primaries.

20th July: Holy Cross Leavers' Mass at 9.15am followed by refreshments. Each child will have two tickets. Please complete the google form if you have not already done so. We will send out tickets to those who have requested them <https://forms.gle/5v3cY6vtNBjGDEke7>

Entry will be by ticket only



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**WE'RE
HIRING!**

We currently have 4 vacancies in the school, starting from September 2022.

2x Mealtime Assistant Roles

2x Teaching Assistant Roles

Please visit our website for more information;

https://www.holycross.plymouth.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/276722

Please also feel free to share with family or friends who may be interested in applying.

Thank you

Breakfast Club/After School Club

Please ring or email the office at holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk to book places **one week in advance**. We cannot take bookings on the day.

I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and for the flurry of email reminders but the school is owed a significant amount of money. DFE money cannot be used to subsidise Breakfast/After School Club and the school cannot cover these costs within its budget.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am and **children need to be in by 8am**. Arrivals after this time will not be admitted. After School Club finishes at **6pm**.

Please ring **07398477727** when dropping off and picking up.

Have a lovely weekend.