

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

If I had to choose one word to sum up this week, it would be **PROUD**.

A huge thank you to Mrs King first of all for arranging and organising the very successful Careers Week 2022 - hopefully an annual event from this year forward. Thank you to all her adult helpers for giving so generously of their time and for speaking so kindly to the children, even when asked very tricky questions! The children absolutely loved the event and made the most of having so many inspirational people to speak to about their aspirations for their future - they were buzzing with ideas and so excited to think about the opportunities awaiting them! The children were well-prepared with questions for our invited guests; they were polite and friendly and they listened so well to the responses given. Our first '**PROUD**' moment!

This week we have been praying for the people of Ukraine. We feel so powerless in the face of this dreadful tragedy but as always, our children are brimming with ideas for how to help so please look out for further details. We will be starting with a **bake sale on Wednesday the 16th March** and would be grateful for any donations. The children will then have a chance to buy a cake at playtime and perhaps after school (if we have any left over!). This morning we met with St Mary's Catholic School in Bodmin, Keyham Barton Catholic School and a number of other CAST schools for a Virtual Vigil to pray for the people of Ukraine. Due to some technical issues at St Mary's, our children had to sit and wait a bit longer than anticipated - another **PROUD** moment. Olivia read a beautiful prayer at the end of the vigil and we were all very **proud** of her too!

Finally, today Mr Maslen and I spent a wonderful two hours talking to children from Year 1 to Year 6 about their learning in History, Geography and Science. They were truly phenomenal! Mr Maslen visits a large number of schools and he was very impressed with how they could articulate their learning, make links across the three disciplines and demonstrate such depth of knowledge - again, a very **PROUD** moment!

Thank you for working with us to support your children's learning!

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



7th March - 1st April
'Eat them to Defeat them'

14th-18th March
Science Week

15th March
FS and Y6 Measurement checks

15th and 17th March
Parents' Evenings

16th March
Bake Sale for Ukraine

21st March
Y3/4 Able Maths Day at Bishop Cornish
KS1 Change4Life Festival

23rd March
World Maths Day

23rd March
Celebration of Learning
Details to follow!

28th March
School Games KS2
Change4Life Festival

29th March
Tempest Class Photos

21st -1st April
Big Walk and Wheel Week

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Our Catholic Life

TRANSFORMATION Luke 9:28-36

Meeting God changes people. Jesus is changed when he prays at the top of the mountain. The friends he has taken with him are amazed when they see Jesus in his glory, shining with light and love. A cloud covers them with shadow and they hear a voice saying, "Jesus is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples can't hold onto this moment, but they know how wonderful it is to be with Jesus and they will never be the same again.

Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me. Help me to shine with your light and love as I try to keep my Lenten promise and be more like you.

Amen



Action

Change something for the better this week: tidy your room or help out at home more. Can you treat your friends with light and love?

Wonders of the Week

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

Julia Donaldson: Anmar - for his amazing independent writing and for being a good role model to his peers.

Allan Ahlberg: Elijah - for showing amazing improvement in his independence when writing about Ash Wednesday.

Simon James: Sejal - For showing huge levels of resilience with her learning, by not giving up and always looking to improve.

Judith Kerr: Aston - For being a kind, caring member of our class and talking so eloquently about his learning.

David Walliams: Harry - for showing independence, perseverance and a positive attitude to everything in class.

Cressida Cowell: Stefan - for taking his targets on board in both reading and writing and showing us improvement in his writing.



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Roald Dahl: Nevaeh - for showing independence and a new found confidence in her writing!

Louis Sachar: Karolina - For being such a supportive friend and mentor for someone who asked for help. Doing all of this in her own lunchtime. A true friend.

Emma Carroll: Joseph - working hard all week in Maths, making great strides in his knowledge about percentages.

Malorie Blackman: Olivia - for representing our school during the Vigil for Ukraine; we are immensely proud!

Gospel Values Awards:

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

Julia Donaldson: Angel-Mae - for showing honesty and talking about her feelings.

Allan Ahlberg: Sajid- for being honest when something has happened and encouraging his friends to be honest too.

Simon James: Seb - For showing honesty about his learning and for trying to encourage others to be honest in their lives

Judith Kerr: Fahad- For always showing honesty in class and demonstrating integrity.

David Walliams: Haidar - For being honest about his feelings and actions.

Cressida Cowell: Archie- For being open and honest about how he is feeling and understanding how this can make us feel.

Roald Dahl: Carter - for reflecting openly and honestly about his work and behaviour.

Louis Sachar: Julia - It takes courage and honesty to admit you need a hand. Well done for asking and doing something about it.

Emma Carroll: Ashley - for being open and honest about his actions and recognising when he needs to make adjustments to be successful.

Malorie Blackman: Ashleigh - for showing honesty by owning up to her mistakes and setting a positive example for others.



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Top Table Awards



Julia Donaldson: Charlie for trying his best to follow lunchtime rules.

Allan Ahlberg: Callum for good listening and following the adults' instructions.

Simon James: Sejal for always being so happy and smiley!

Judith Kerr: Quinton for his lovely polite manners.

David Walliams: Daniel for good behaviour on the playground.

Cressida Cowell: Awaab for helping in the hall.

Roald Dahl: Misma for listening to adults and always being so polite.

Louis Sachar: Josh for his excellent lunchtime behaviour.



On Wednesday 16th March, we will have a bake sale to raise funds to support the people of Ukraine. The children will have the opportunity to buy cakes at playtime for a small donation. We welcome donations of cakes on the morning of Wednesday the 16th .

Any homemade cakes **MUST** be accompanied by a list of ingredients, otherwise we will be unable to sell these.

Foundation Stage and Year 6 Measurement Checks will take place on Tuesday 15th March. The school nursing team will carry out the checks in the hall for children in those year groups unless you have opted out.

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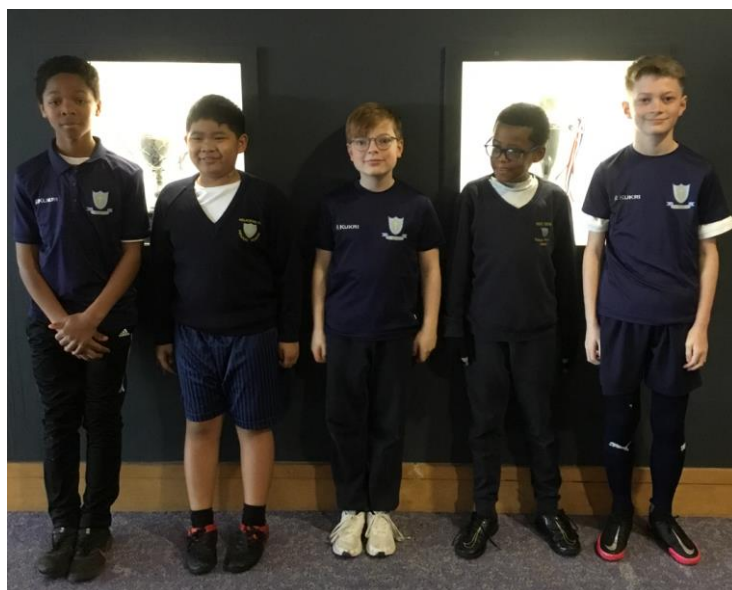
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Holy Cross Sport

5-side football

Wednesday 09th March 2022 – Saw 5 of our year 5 boys turn out for the termly PSSP Primary and Special Schools Football festival. 9 teams took part today, representing Montpelier, St. George's, Pennycross, Bickleigh Down, Holy Cross, Widey Court, Old Priory, Yealmpstone Farm and Cann Bridge. They play a round-robin style event, meaning all of the schools got to play each other.



5 points are awarded for a win, 3 points for a draw and 1 point for a loss. Although schools competed for points, the main focus for the day was to provide children with an opportunity to have some fun, be active and meet new people.

Well done to Charlie, Bobby, Eugene, Elijah and Alvin. I had lots of great feedback from Miss Chafer and the event organisers.

Position	Team	Points
01 st	Holy Cross	36
01 st	Montpelier	36
02 nd	Pennycross	32
03 rd	Widey Court	30
04 th	Bickleigh Down	24
05 th	Yealmpstone Farm	18
06 th	St. George's	14
06 th	Cann Bridge	14
07 th	Old Priory	12

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#NCW2022

7th – 12th March 2022

National Careers Week 2022

Career-related learning in our school is about helping children to understand who they could become and helping them to develop a healthy sense of self that will enable them to reach their full potential

Careers Fair

Another huge thank you to the parents and friends of Holy Cross who gave up their time to come in and talk to the children about their work.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and came away bubbling with enthusiasm about their future. The fair generated lots of excitement and helped to raise the aspirations of all.

We can't wait to do it all again next year!



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Competition Time!

There are so many occupations open to our children in the future. To help them think about their career options and to help raise aspirations, we challenged them to design and make a Profession Potato!

They were all fantastic. It was a difficult choice but in the end we managed to choose our winners!

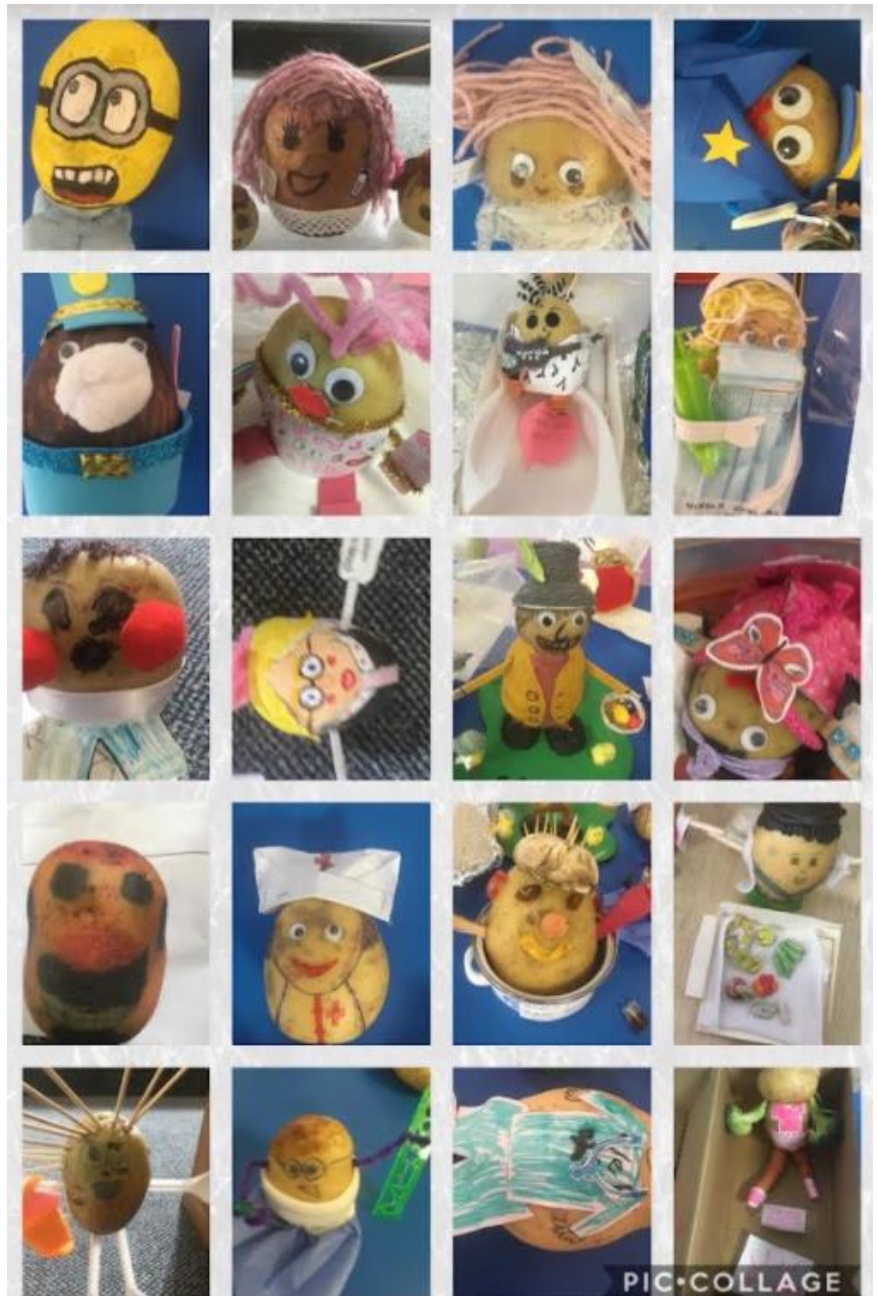
Well done to:

EYFS: Katie

KS1: Seb

LKS2: Nikola

USK2: Katie



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Sport Relief 2020



A date for everyone's diary - Thursday 17th March.

Not only is it St. Patrick's day, but it is the day that everyone within the school will be undertaking Sports Relief Challenges. We have set up a just giving page for those who would like to make donations.

As you'll see from the poster, there are a variety of challenges taking place...but the emphasis is upon having **fun** whilst knowing that they are all working together to make a **positive difference** to the life of others.

The Just Giving page is now Live. Thank you in advance for your donations.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holy-cross-catholic-primary-school2>

We'll keep you posted throughout the day with DOJO postings

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Thank you!

Sarah Wallis gratefully accepted the donations you made to St Luke's at the Christmas Production. The money will go towards supporting local families in their time of need.

Parents Evenings

Monday 14th March - Julia Donaldson

Tuesday 15th March and Thursday 17th March

Parents of Malorie Blackman will have an opportunity to meet with Miss McCalley when she returns to school.

Please make bookings via E-Schools and contact the school office if you experience any issues.

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COVID19 Information

Update 21st February: 'Living with Covid-19'.

At school we can now

- hold whole school assemblies, Masses and other events.
- no longer wear face coverings in school or in the playground at drop off/pick up times.
- cease routine asymptomatic testing of staff (LFTs).

We will however continue with our hand/respiratory hygiene, ventilation and cleaning regimes as a first line of defence as in the case of all infectious diseases.

We will continue to follow PHE advice whereby staff and pupils who are symptomatic or have a positive C-19 test result should stay off school for a minimum of 5 days, returning after two consecutive negative results on Day 5 and 6. Please let the office know if your child tests positive or is symptomatic. They should have a PCR test if they have a fever, a new, persistent cough or experience a loss of taste/smell.

In the event of an outbreak, we will implement measures in line with DFE/PHE advice which may include the re-introduction of face coverings/daily LFTs or the temporary suspension of whole school gatherings.

Should we need to re-introduce these measures, I will inform you. We will no longer inform you of positive cases.

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.

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.

Drop off and collection to Breakfast Club/After School Club is at the main red doors to the church.

Have a lovely weekend.