



FAMILY MATTERS

The Holy Family Technology College

A Catholic Secondary School & Specialist Technology College

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Friday 11th December 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

Citizenship Inspection

We have received the draft report from Ofsted and it is available on our Holy Family website. This will be officially published on Ofsted's website shortly. This is an encouraging report and reflects much hard work by staff and students. Who are involved in many positive aspects of 'good citizenship'. On Thursday afternoon, as we were going to press, our Sixth Formers were entertaining local senior citizens with a Christmas Party and my thanks to them for giving up time to do this and to the staff who worked with them.

International Schools Award

We live in an increasingly globalised world which communication links and digital technologies have shrunk. We want our students to be able to take their place as global citizens and to this end we are keen to develop international links. We have a number of these already and have therefore been awarded Foundation Status for the **International Schools Award**. We will be developing these links and establishing projects working with teachers and students in a range of locations across the world through the coming year so watch this space for further details.

Christmas Raffle

The non-uniform day on Wednesday was well supported and we have raised a significant amount of money for school funds from it.

Christmas card winner

This year we have produced a Christmas card to go out to Governors and other members of our school and local community. The winning card was designed by Aagin Roy in 7.6.

Last day of term arrangements

Please note that the last day of term is Friday 18th December. This will be a half-day for pupils with final end of term assemblies and then school ending at **12 noon**.

Parents' Surgery

The next Parents' Surgery of this academic year will be on Tuesday 5th January 2010 from 4.00pm to 5.00pm on the Walthamstow site.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone
Headteacher

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ZAK WINS GOLD!



Hello, if you aren't in Year 9 you probably don't know me, so to begin with my name is Zakir Massop (but everyone calls me Zak) and I am in 9.6. Now that you know me lets talk about why I am writing this article. As you can tell by the headline I have obviously won some sort of competition. The sport I compete in is called Tae Kwon Do. Tae Kwon Do is a martial art which involves 70% of kicking & 30% punching. I have been doing it for around 8 years with my Father, who owns a club in Stoke Newington (please come down some time). Last Sunday I entered an international competition for Tae Kwon Do which involved countries from all over the world. I am a Red belt so I was entered in the A class Section. In the finals I fought a boy from the United Kingdom like myself. There are three one & a half minute rounds. It was a long & exhilarating fight. I can't really remember the details as the adrenaline was pulling me through most of the fight! I can happily say that I came out to win with the points at 13 – 9.



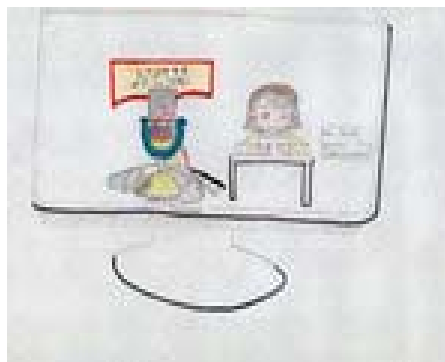
International Art

Do you enjoy drawing and want to enter your work in a competition with the chance to win prizes? <http://lookandlearn.com/refer/U8458> is the internet link to use to enter the competitions. Each student gets a unique link to their own space on the online gallery. The theme for December 2009 is 'Meeting an alien'. The closing date is 7th January 2010. Alternatively students can give their entry artwork to Mrs.Perera, who will post it off for you by 4th January 2009 (the first day back after the Christmas holidays).

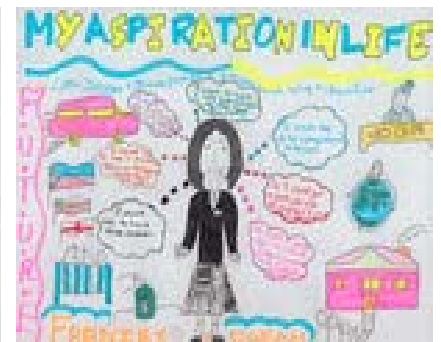
Here are last month's entries from our students for the theme 'My Ambition'. All entries can be viewed online at <http://art.lookandlearn.com>



Daniel Niewerf



Aby Jacob



Frenie Hilado

Sports Coach Spotlight

This week is the turn of Year 13 student Gregory Omeonga, a keen footballer, who coaches the Year 8 and Year 9 boys football team.

What made you get involved in coaching?

My passion for football and my keen eye to improve.

How has your season been going?

Both teams have been great. Year 9s are playing confidently and the Year 8s have started to evolve into an unbeatable team.

Who are the players on your team to watch out for in the future and why?

I think the Year 9 players are great but the one player it would have to be is Bryan in Year 8. He has inspired the Year 8 to winning ways in one year.

Who from the world of sport inspires you?

There are too many but classic football players such as Pele, Maradona, Zidane and Brazilian Ronaldo.

If you could coach one team in single sporting competition anywhere in the world who would it be, and who would they oppose?

Barcelona as their team is full of professional stars. We would play Real Madrid to show money doesn't always win you things.

What is the best advice you could give someone wanting to take up coaching?

Patience is the key to success.

Holy Family Sixth Form vs. Leyton Sixth Form

Holy family went into this game knowing they would be in a fight with Leyton Sixth Form. But a fabulous display from the boys helped dispel those worries. Dominating all over the park, the boys quickly took the lead through Gregory Omeonga, with his lightning pace and quick feet. Another brace from Gregory opened the flood gates and a hat trick from Head boy Kingsley Ukandu set them in a commanding lead. There were two goals from Hayden Edwards- Watson who dictated the centre midfield. Another from Connor Thompson who set the tone with a superb display at centre back. Overall the team performance was excellent and the **9-3 victory** is encouraging for matches in the future.

Well done boys
Mr Thomas



Year 9 Basketball

On Thursday last, Year 9 Girls' Basketball team played Lammas in a contest which ebbed and flowed until the girls finally lost by one point 19-18. At one stage the girls were 8 points down but came back to take the lead with three minutes to go. Unhappily, Lammas scored the winning basket with only seconds to go.



9.2 Assembly

The first nativity play of the Christmas season was performed by 9.2 at their Wednesday Year assembly.

Those involved were: Ruby Kushie, Ryan Carvalho, Nicole Moses, Ben Babatunde, Charlee Vaz, Kasey Okai, Taiwo Adeogun, Simon Tawfic, Devan Edwards, Roberta Livingstone-McDonald and Chante Polin.



Thank You from the Friends of Holy Family

To everyone who helped and supported our "Biggest Ever Indoor Advent Boot Sale" on Saturday 28th November on our Walthamstow site. We would just like to say thank you for everyone's support whether by donating goods and advertising the event before hand, by creating awareness for the event, for taking tables on the day or simply by coming along on the day and buying! The tables were fully booked a fortnight before the event, and we had a long list of reserves who we had to disappoint. We had the most wonderful turn out of sellers as well as a steady stream of buyers with the bonus of a visit from Father Christmas! This would not have been possible without the support of so many members of our community, who attended either to buy or sell and so wish to just say thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

Mike Eames (Chair)
Joanne Westerby (Secretary)
Friends of the Holy Family Technology College



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Carol Service

Wednesday 16th December 2009

*Parish of Our Lady and St.
George*

7PM

*Seasonal refreshments
afterwards*