

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

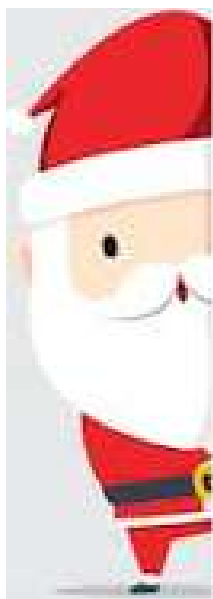
*A month of
remembrance*



INTERFAITH DAY 2019



Hi!
I have news!
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

A month of remembrance

Continuing with the theme of remembrance my parish priest shared this lovely Celtic reflection about grief last Sunday.

Walking with grief

Do not hurry as you walk with grief

It does not help the journey

Walk slowly, pausing often

Do not hurry as you walk with grief

Be not disturbed by memories that come unbidden

Swiftly forgive and let unspoken words, Unfinished conversations be resolved in your memories

Be not disturbed

Be gentle with the one who walks with grief

If it is you , be gentle with yourself, Swiftly forgive, walk slowly

Pause often, take time

Be gentle as you walk with grief

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to the Sixth Form Open Evening. We're very proud of our sixth form which is one of the best locally and across the diocese. In fact our results regularly put us in the top 10% of all sixth forms in the country. What I think makes the sixth form special is that our Catholic ethos continues to inspire the sixth form and our size means we are large enough to offer a good range of courses and other opportunities but small enough to know everyone as an individual - a great combination!

Interfaith Day

Each year our Yr 12 students take part in an interfaith day. During this day they had the chance to visit an Anglican church and also a local mosque. In school they were able to listen to and ask questions of a Jewish rabbi and a Sikh religious leader. It is really important to have an attitude of respect towards others and to develop an understanding of people of faith and, indeed, of people of no faith. Christianity has no monopoly on goodness and there are men and women of good will in all communities and all religions, and of course in none.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery takes place every Thursday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm on the Walthamstow site. If ever, I am not available one of my senior colleagues substitutes for me.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy StoneHeadteacher



Headteacher **COMMENDATIONS**

This week we have commendations for
the following students:

First for **Leah Webb** and **Leon Scott** in Yr
9 for their outstanding presentations in
the Step up to English speaking exam.

They were both nominated by Ms
Schmidt.

Second to **Thomas Ead-Mitchinson** in 7P
for the beautiful work in his art
sketchbook. Thomas was nominated by
his art teacher, Ms Javaid.



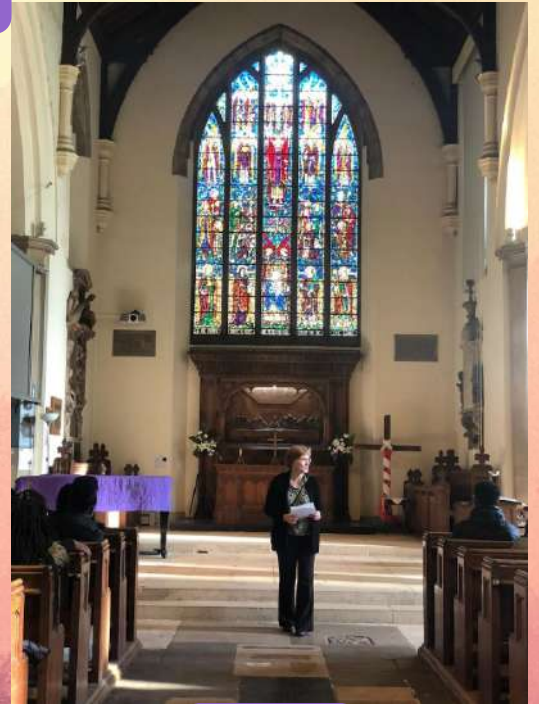
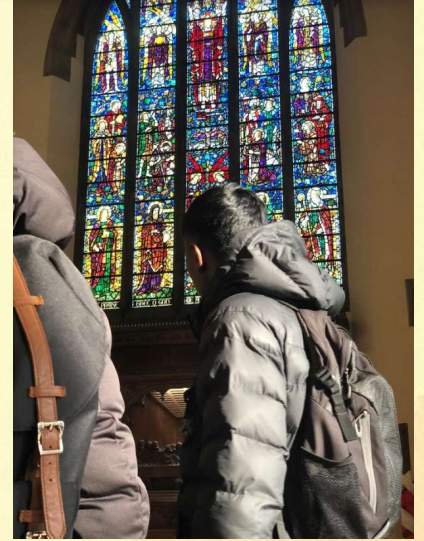
Headteacher **COMMENDATIONS**

Next for **Alexina Yevu** in Yr11 for outstanding effort with her speaking exam preparation. Alexia was nominated by Ms del Pravda.

And finally this week to **Victoria Szlachta** and **Liliana Gardzielewska** who are both producing outstanding work and have a fantastic attitude to learning, always going beyond to achieve their best. They were nominated by Ms del Prada.

Well done to all our students receiving commendations this week!

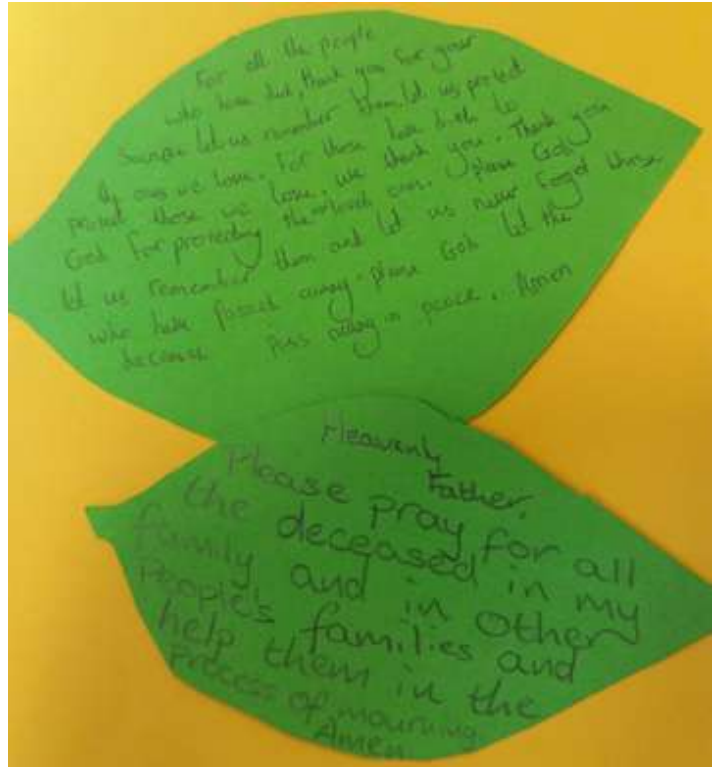
INTERFAITH DAY



Chaplaincy Corner



November is the month of All Souls. During RE lessons, students are offered the opportunity to write prayers for deceased members of their families and display them on our prayer tree in the hall.



A big thank you to all the students who volunteered in any way during our Whole School Mass, reported in last week's Family Matter - the altar servers, offertory, readers, banner and icon bearers and of course the choir. It is a wonderful occasion and we were delighted to be joined by three Priests of the Diocese, Fr Niall and Fr John from Our Lady & St George, and Fr Gerry from St Joseph's Leyton.

During the Mass, we remembered students, staff and governors who have died

This week is Interfaith Week and the theme is "growing inter faith understanding and co-operation". Year 12 students visited the Faizim-e-Islam Mosque and St Mary's church and heard speakers from the Jewish and Sikh faiths. Thank you to Saira, Jacqueline, David, Rev Stewart and Birbahadur for their informative input.



*Holy Family Year of Sustainability – Live Simply Tip No.8
Boil only the amount of water you need in the kettle*

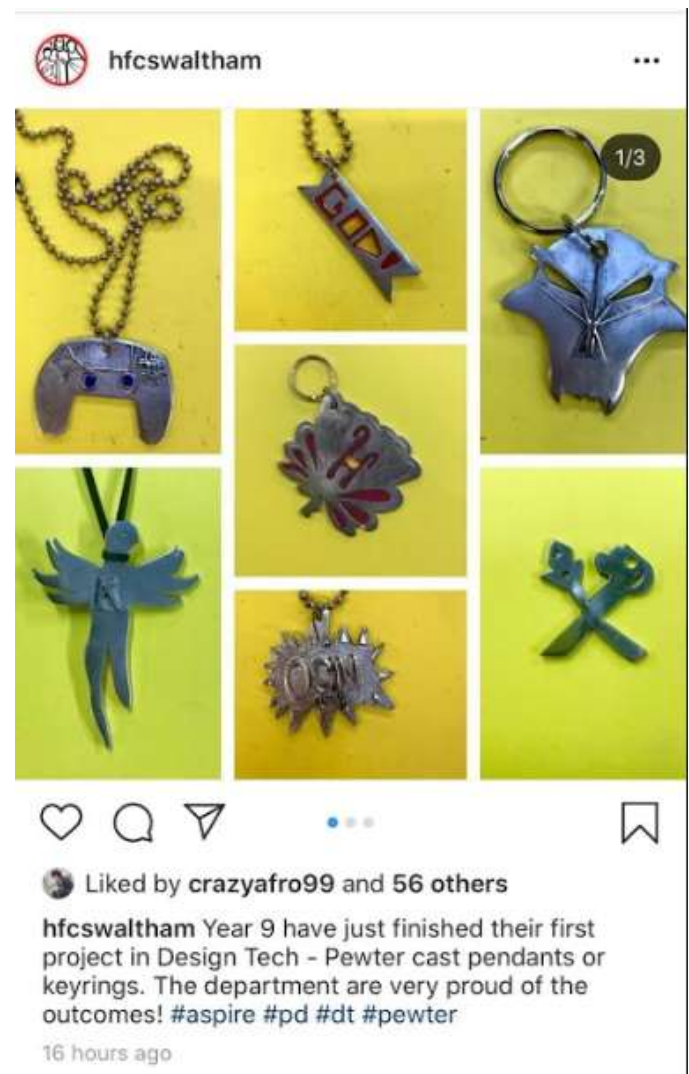
*Pope Francis writes in his encyclical Laudato Si #202
Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all
who need to change.*

Mrs Grierson, Chaplain

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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Family Fundraising

WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER TO SUPPORT OTHERS

Mr Mansell and former Holy Family teacher Mr Bristow ran the Poppy Half Marathon in Bexhill at the weekend. It was a brilliant event, with many current and ex-servicemen running (including those carrying 20 kilo bergens!) to raise money for good causes.



They decided to run in aid of Cancer Research UK, and are delighted to say they're nearly up to £500. If anyone in the Holy Family community would like to contribute, you can do via this link:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ollie-mansell-runs.
Many thanks in advance!



Holy Family does the **PANATHLON CHALLENGE**

A GROUP OF OUR STUDENTS WERE SPECIALLY
CHOSEN FOR THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO
TAKE PART IN COMPETITIVE SPORTS.



Sponsored by the Jack Petchey
Foundation, the event was
attended by a number of schools
from the local area and was
greatly enjoyed all!

SPORTS UPDATE

We've had a great start to Holy Family Basketball season...

Yr 11 boys beat Lammars 65-35

Yr 10 boys beat F Bremer 29-20
(pictured below)

Yr 8 girls beat Chingford 41 - 8

Yr 9 girls beat George Mitchell 26-14



YEAR 8 SUPERSTARS



Omari
Paul-Jones 8E



Erin
Gallagher 8I



Gerrund
Canlas 8R



Alex
Masterson 8Ri



Jake
Bowden 8S

**For being an exceptional student and contributing
to the Holy Family Way**

YEAR 11 ART MOCK EXAM

Absolutely fantastic work was seen this week during year 11's art mock exam which was sat in 10 hours over 2 days



YEARS 7 & 8
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Design and make a 3D Santa

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place

Well Done!
You found me!
I wanted to tell you we've
already had our first
competition entry!
Don't worry, there's still time.
Happy Crafting!

REQUIREMENTS:
Can be any size.
Must be 3D.
Use **ANY** materials:
rethink, reuse, reduce, recycle
Be creative!
Be imaginative!

Submit to any member of staff in the D&T department
Make sure your name & form are on it!

Submission by
Friday 29th november 2019

Remembrance Day

As it was Remembrance Day on Monday, students and teachers all over the school paid their respects by participating in a 2 minute silence in acknowledgement of the great men and women who died doing something brave and selfless by serving their country.

Many of our students also showed a sign of respect by wearing poppies they purchased from school or outside school. We know that we have many students who are cadets who took part in Remembrance Sunday parades too.

Remembrance day is also known as Armistice day and is honored on 11th November every year across the world. On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 101 years ago, World War One officially ended.

The reason we wear poppies is because they are the flowers that grew in the battle fields after the war ended.

Jade Isaac 12P

TIPS

A YEAR IN TO HOLY FAMILY,
YEAR 8 PROVIDE SOME TIPS
AND ADVICE FOR THE NEW
YEAR 7S



THIS WEEK WE HEAR FROM
ARJUN TOLIBAS 8I

When i was in year 7, I remember being very terrified because all the new people I was going to meet and talk to. But somehow, I got through it because I kept telling myself that I am going to have a fun day because God is with me and my "family". What I mean by family is all the people around and the teachers because they make me feel safe. But now, I feel great because I've grown now and I know the school very well. It is because everyone is very welcoming and they will treat you like family. My advice for the Year 7's are don't be worried to ask people for help, ALWAYS complete your homework, listen in class, always join in class and respect others how you would want to be treated. MY TOP TIP is to not be afraid and show people who YOU really are.

History and Politics

Lifeskills for everyone

In the lead up to the elections this is what has been happening at Holy Family this week:

- Students have registered to vote
- Years 8 & 11 students have been canvassing the school to identify the top issues that are important to students in the election
- Year 12 Politics students have been chosen to represent the 5 major parties
- form tutors informed students about what an election is for and how voting works



ELECTION

Week Beginning **Activity**

Week Beginning	Activity
04 NOV	DEBATE: WHAT IS REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY?
11 NOV	REGISTER TO VOTE CANVASSING CREATE ELECTION TEAMS
18 NOV	ELECTION CAMPAIGN BEGINS DEBATE: THE MAIN ISSUES IN THE ELECTION
25 NOV	ELECTION HUSTINGS ASSEMBLIES START DEBATE: WHAT SHOULD THE VOTING AGE BE
02 DEC	DEBATE: HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD LESSON ON POLITICAL MANIFESTOS
09 DEC	DEC 12: HOLY FAMILY VOTES
16 DEC	THE RESULTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
ASK THE HISTORY OR
POLITICS TEACHERS

GERMANY CANAL

Holy Family Votes

What is an election for?

A total of 650 people will be chosen as **Members of Parliament (MPs)**, to decide laws and policies. **MPs** are elected by voters to represent the interests of their constituency (local area).

The party with the most amount of MPs usually forms the **government**. The government makes decisions on how the country is run day-to-day.

Holy Family will be running a **mock** election to encourage you to discuss issues that matter to you with your family – *maybe you can help them decide who to vote for!*



How does voting work?

In a general election, the UK's 46 million voters are invited to choose an MP for their area - one of 650 constituencies.

Anyone aged 18 or over can vote, as long as they are registered and a British citizen or qualifying citizen. **However, to vote you must register!**

To vote in the **Holy Family** mock election you must also register to vote. **Please fill in your forms and hand it in to your form tutor.**



YOUR VOTE MATTERS
Register to vote

To vote in elections in the UK, you must register. The same goes for the Holy Family election! Below is an extract of the actual registration form you need to fill in once you are over the age of 16.

- Your name and address**
First name(s): _____
Surname: _____
- Your nationality**
If you have more than one nationality, please include them all. (Don't know your nationality? Please see section 7) (more info P3)
- Moved house in the last 12 months?**
☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, please give any previous address where you have lived during the last year or your application may be delayed.
- Your date of birth**
If you don't know your date of birth please tick if you are:
Under 18 ☐ 18-75 ☐ Aged 76 or over ☐
(Don't know your date of birth? Please see section 7) (more info P3)
- Changed your name?**
Please give us your most recent previous name (optional): _____
Please tell us the date you changed your name (optional): D D M M Y Y Y Y (more info P3)
- The open register**
The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but is not used for elections. It can be bought by anyone and is often used to confirm name and address details.
Please tick if you do not want your name and address to be included in the open register ☐ (more info P3)
- Declaration**
I currently live at this address. To the best of my knowledge, the information in this form is true.
I understand that the information I have given on this form will be used on the electoral register.
I understand that if I do not make an application for registration when required to do so I could face a fine of £50. I understand that it is an offence knowingly to provide false information in this form and if convicted I may be imprisoned for up to six months and/or face an unlimited fine.
Signature: _____ Today's date: D D M M Y Y Y Y
If you need help filling in this form please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.
You can find their address at yourvotematters.co.uk

EXTRA: Apart from voting, why else register to vote?

It could help you get a bank loan. That's because banks and other lenders that check credit scores look through the electoral roll.

It could help you get a house or a flat. Landlords might check the open register to help verify who you are.

But it could mean you get annoying spam from businesses. Anyone can see the open register (for a fee) and so it's used for marketing purposes. You can opt out!



12th December 2019

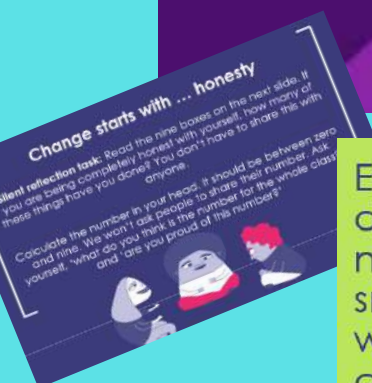
All year groups took part in Anti Bullying Week assemblies on Monday



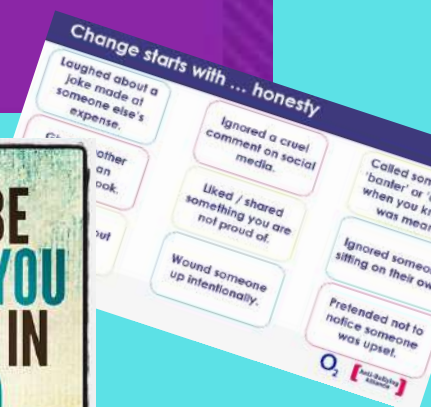
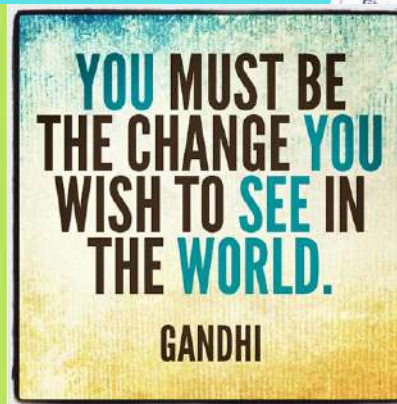
**CHANGE
STARTS
WITH**



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Everybody can make a difference to bullying, no matter how big or small. So what are we waiting for?! What change are you going to make today and every day to help challenge bullying?



To be the change, I am going to
#ChangeStartsWithUs #AntiBullyingWeek

Change starts with
#ChangeStartsWithUs #AntiBullyingWeek



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

ODD SOCKS DAY



MFL

Seneca Champions!

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Questions Answered

Damien C & Wiktoria R

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Questions Answered

Perry K & Cino J

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Time Studied

**Gabriel L., Lucy A.,
Bobby V., Ozge A.**

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Time Studied

James A.

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Sessions Completed

Juno V., Eva P.

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Sessions Completed

Shay L.



YEAR 11 ENGLISH MASTERCLASSES

○ **Thurs 7th Nov** - Approaching ○
○ Poetry (Power & Conflict and ○
○ Unseen) ○

○ **Thurs 14th Nov** - Sitting Literature ○
○ Exams ○

Thurs 21st Nov - Drop ins

Thurs 28th Nov - Drop ins

Thurs 5th Dec - Writing Workshop:
Language Paper 2

Thurs 12th Dec - Showing your
understanding of texts (AO1)

LECTURE THEATRE 3.20PM START

HCPT BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
7PM

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Leyton Urban Hub, E10 6RJ

Monday - 10am to 12pm, **age 16+**

Tuesday - 4pm to 5:15pm, **girls 10-15 only**

Tuesday - 5:15pm to 6:30pm, **age 16+**

Contact: claire.smith@essexcricket.org.uk, 07834829086



Wanstead Leisure Centre, E11 2JZ

Wednesday - 5:30pm to 6:30pm, **girls 10-18 only**

Contact: sabanasim@hotmail.com, 07738090948

UEL SportsDock, E16 2RD

Tuesdays - 5pm to 6pm, **age 16+**

Contact: eastlondcricket@essexcricket.org.uk

Volunteering Enquiries: zahra.khamisa@ecb.co.uk



GIRL'S CRICKET SESSIONS

**Wanstead Leisure
Centre, E11 2JZ**

Wednesdays
5:30pm to 6:30pm
Ages 10 to 18 years

Contact:

sabanasim@hotmail.com
07738 090948

**Leyton Urban Cricket
Hub, E10 6RJ**

Tuesday (from Nov 5th)
4pm to 5:15pm
Ages 10 to 15 years

Contact:

claire.smith@essexcricket.org.uk
07834 829086

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Fridays 5:10 - 6:00 (5 - 8 years old)

Fridays 6:00 - 7:00 (9 - 16 years old)

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