

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

*"Never be limited by other
people's limited
imagination"*
- Dr. Mae Jemison,
first African-American
female astronaut.



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Black History Month

October is Black History Month and the history department is leading the way with thought-provoking resources and materials to generate discussion and reflection. Assemblies are being held on Black History and we are also hosting discussion groups and opportunities to reflect on the contribution of black people to the history of the UK and of the world.

The Pupil Leadership Team

Our pupil leaders met as a group this week to hear about the Year of Sustainability initiative which we are marking at Holy Family for 2019-2020. The students have many ideas about how the school can improve its recycling, use of energy, litter and food waste among other things. This summer we have had low energy lighting installed, we have better insulation and thermostatic control of our heating systems and we are actively seeking to reduce the amount of paper we use. It is the students who will lead this work and we are confident they will help us to make a positive difference.

Growing our own

Some of our students, Jakub and Hubert in Yr 10, in particular, have been working with Mr Mansell to develop raised beds in which we can begin to grow our own vegetables. They have been constructing the raised beds and filling them with soil and compost before they will plant seeds. Last week at Mass we heard that 'the harvest is rich, but the labourers are few'. We have our own labourers in our student gardeners at Holy Family and we look forward to them creating a rich harvest in the work they are doing in our Holy Family vegetable patch.

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery is every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm on the Walthamstow site. For those new to the school, parents' surgery presents an opportunity to see me, as the headteacher, without an appointment about any concerns that you may have. If ever I am unavailable, a member of the senior team substitutes for me.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone - Headteacher





Headteacher **COMMENDATIONS**

We have commendations this week for,
Miriam Moloney-Elkasmi 7S
for outstanding behaviour and effort. Miriam was
nominated by Miss Barry.

We also have commendations for a large number of
Yr 7 students for their outstanding effort and
presentation in their summer homework shoe box
projects. The shoe box project asks students to put
together a shoebox of items that mean something to
them about their life. It is a great way of getting
students to think about their transition to secondary
school and about their aspirations, ambitions and
goals in life. They are always a pleasure to see as
they offer an insight into each student's world.



Headteacher COMMENDATIONS

So, we have commendations from the Yr 7 Year
Leader, Ms Carrick, for:

Milanne Fernando
Jack Cutmore
Crystal Meloni
Kaniha Pavanatharajah
Eva Piotrowska
Molly Mushtag
Kaylah-Lee Taylor
Lewis Benjamin
Aaliyah Hill
Terryana Agyim
Alisha Ibiabuo
Sharon Menka
Naomi Marquis

Claudia Misiewicz
Sean Cabigting
Arturo Boakye Lawrence
Luna Cabral
Laura Karo
Paul Gonzales Punzalan
Giselle Jonathan
Kajus Petronis
Luke Pemberton
Jah'Kye Burton-Khan
Kamai Albert
Alani Balmer Crossdale

Jonathan Mendez
Raya Hutcheons
John Villarico
Elie Kazumba
Sinead Keegan
Nicholas Niemczyk
Aleksandra Ostynowicz
Moniel Nyame
James Alozie
Vanessa Lynn Pallen
Filip Tomczyk
Debbie Kwartang



SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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⚽ Score Update: Big win for the year 11 boys team, beating Leytonstone School 8-1 ⚽

02/10/2019, 18:09 from [Walthamstow, London](#)

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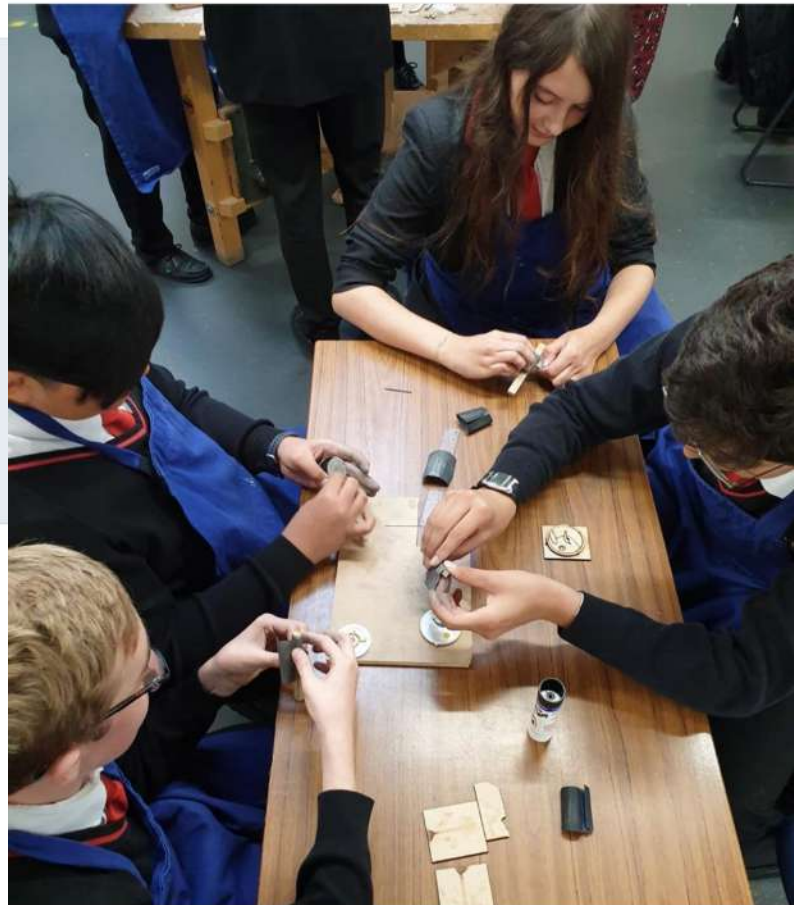
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Open Mornings

Did you miss our Open Evening?

We will be holding Open Mornings for Parents/Carers to take a look around Holy Family Catholic School for applications September 2020 on:



~~Friday 4th October 2019 – 10am~~



Friday 11th October 2019 – 11.30am

Friday 18th October 2019 – 10am

To book your place please email Ms L. Gaynor – l.gaynor@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting you.

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Chaplaincy Corner

October, Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. It was lovely to welcome some Year 7 students to Peace Club on the Walthamstow site this week. We began Wednesday's session listening quietly to a song called "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" sung by Gretchen Harris.

The Year 8 Peace Club have decorated the window at the school entrance with a harvest theme. Peace Club has also been marking CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. They have put together a jar of brightly coloured sweets and asking for a donation of 20p to guess the number. The closest wins! They are working hard each break to raise as much money as they can. If you have a child in Year 7 or 8, perhaps you could give them 20p for this goodcause.



Holy Family Year of Sustainability – Live Simply Tip No.2

As the nights draw in, close curtains and doors to keep warmth in your rooms. Saving energy and money.

Pope Francis writes in his encyclical Laudato Si

23 The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.

Friday 4th October is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

The following is his prayer “Canticle of the Sun”

Most high, all-powerful, all good, Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honour and all blessing.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong. No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through all that you have made, And first my lord Brother Sun, Who brings the day; and light you give to us through him.

How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendour! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

All praise be yours my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and fair and stormy, all the weather's moods, by which you cherish all that you have made.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water, so useful, lowly, precious and pure.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten up the night. How beautiful is he, how gay! Full of power and strength.

All praise be yours my Lord, through Sister Earth, our mother who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces Various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through those who grant pardon. For love of you; through those who endure Sickness and trial.

Happy those who endure in peace, by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Happy those She finds doing your will! The second death can do no harm to them.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks, and serve him with great humility.



PROJECT POLAND

On Friday, 25th October our Year 8 students will be participating in an event called Project Poland. This is a very exciting event and forms part of the Polish centenary celebrations. The project exists so that school children in the UK can get to know more about Poland, Polish people in the UK and our shared stories. Students discover diversity in Polish history and learn about the concept of migration and understand more about causation. The project promotes the importance of social cohesion and tolerance and the students will acquire an appreciation of a different culture. Students will be actively engaged and there is the possibility of being invited to the reception at the Polish embassy on 5th February 2020.

Here are some interesting facts:

- Bonds have been forged between the two countries since the 15th century
- Polish people fought alongside the British to defeat fascism in WW2
- Many Poles settled in the UK immediately after the War
- Since Poland joined the EU in 2004 thousands of Poles have emigrated to the UK
- Polish people are now the UK's largest foreign-born community.
- 2018 was the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence.



Format of the Day:

Lesson 1:

Introduction

(Context) - How have Polish people enriched my life?

Lessons 2-3:

Connection - What can I learn from interviewing a Polish person?

Lessons 4-5:

Community -
Community Cohesion
Project

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



PROJECT POLAND

Lessons 2 and 3 require the students to interview a Polish person about their experiences in coming to the UK.

We would be delighted if any parents who are Polish would like to join us on the day so that students have the experience of an authentic encounter with Polish people who have migrated to the UK.

It does not matter if you can only stay a short while or for the duration of the day. You are very welcome to share your experiences and stories with our children. You will be working alongside teachers delivering the sessions and helping students to understand and value the aims of the day. The students will be doing a short interview with you as part of their learning.

If you can help please email Mrs Heath:

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FUTURE MAKERS

Forbes

*Jenatie Ganesharajah and Stacy D'Souza
feature in Forbes*

Last summer, Mr Hussain took a group of our Computing students along to a programme called FutureMakers which teaches young people how they can use Artificial Intelligence (AI) and were tasked with the mission of how they can use AI to solve social problems that matter to them. Two of our year 8 students Jenatie Ganesharajah and Stacy D'Souza came up with an object recognition software seeking to catalogue marine life, to contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14. They designed a public catalogue of marine species using image recognition. This allows people to photograph fish and other underwater species, upload the images to a website, then label and store them in the catalogue. They can earn points to donate food to people who are most dependent on the ocean. If they don't know what a species it is, the smart image recognition system will suggest some options. They also wrote a poem about the journey of a plastic bag in the ocean which was beautifully articulated.

Click below to read the full article

≡ Forbes

4,210 views | Sep 19, 2019, 2:24 am

The Greta Thunberg Effect: The Rise of Girl Eco-Warriors



Budget Challenge

Year 9 Rimi and Burang visited Homebase as part of a special budgeting challenge.

Focusing on independent living, the boys have been set a task, more details of which will be released in the half term issue so you can try it yourself.



Next week they will be continuing their research by visiting Ikea.

The difference with these trips is that everything is organised by the boys themselves; travel, times, cost, risk assessments etc. Following our TFL Silver Stars Award they will also be assessing different modes of transport.



ECO-COUNCIL

Mr Mansell has created a new group called the Eco-Council group which meets every Monday after school in U18. The club has been developed for our Year of Sustainability and for us to help save the world from climate change and help our school be more eco-friendly because at the moment we are not. We would do this by:

- Raising awareness
- Creating a recycling program
- Constructing raised beds
- Creating competitions on both sites on who can stay the greenest
- Finding out the water usage of both sites b
- Fundraising
- Creating eco council posters
- Involving the community

Don't be mean go **GREEN**

What you can do to help and turn green

- Join the Eco-Council club - Monday after school, U18
- Recycle mor - reuse items to save them from going to landfill. For example, instead of throwing away a jar you can use it to create a vase for flowers or a storage container.
- Eat less meat -eating less meat would help to decrease the carbon footprint. Eating less red meat also helps you get healthier.

ECO-COUNCIL

This week the Eco-Council re-purposed an old bench and tabletops to create the raised beds planting frames. Each member of the council got involved in the construction! Other members of the group transported compost to the planting site located behind the Sports Hall on the Wiseman Site.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



**Akala | Full
Address and
Q&A | Oxford
Union**

*Lecture theatre -
Wednesday 16th
October 15:20*

*Snacks and drinks
available!*



The Story of Neil Kenlock

The 1960s and 70s were a turbulent time for black Britons, police brutality and government racism had created an uncomfortable living space for people who had seen Britain as their home and their hope for a better life.



Neil Kenlock (**pictured left**) was one of many children who had come over to live with his parents after they had arrived as part of the Windrush generation. He arrived from Jamaica thinking he had reached the promised land, what met him was very different.

Kenlock instantly noticed his difference, living in Brixton he was appalled when he saw the state of his housing. In his teenage years he was refused entry to a club in Streatham despite the fact he was wearing his suit. It was this callous racist incident that led him to the British Black Panthers.

The US movement was one that promoted violence and radical ideas, the British movement was slightly different. As Kenlock says it was about "education" and making the

link between capitalism and racism.

Kenlock felt if he could document the experiences of black people in Britain he would educate people about the lived experience of racism. His focus was demonstrating the strength and power in the community; often his images focused on the vibrancy of the Caribbean community celebrating the cultures of black British people.

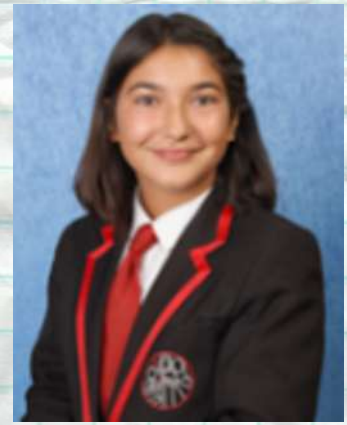
However he also documented the horrifying racism that plagued Britain in what was supposed to be the "swinging sixties". While the Beatles were taking over America, black Britons were in a struggle with the British government for recognition of their plight "One of the most shocking photographs I've taken was of George Berry, who was the first black pub owner in Brixton. He spent a fortune reinventing his pub and then he left and went home. The following morning, it was totally burned out."

Without Kenlock many stories both tragic but also uplifting would have been lost. Read more about Kenlock by clicking here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2018/aug/07/they-wanted-to-jail-us-all-black-panthers-photographer-neil-kenlock-looks-back>

TIPS

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



THIS WEEK WE HEAR
FROM GIULIA DISEFANO

- There are lots of clubs like: Trampoline, History, Drama, Cooking, Science, Football, Basketball, Netball - why don't you join at least one!
- Even if on the first day you're scared you will feel welcomed by teachers and find new friends.
- Secondary school is a chance to find new hobbies or new subjects that you like that will help you in the future.
- What Kind of person are you? Year7 is a fresh year where you begin to think about your behavior and your achievements for the year or goals.
- Resources: Use the library to finish homework, computing to print things out , books to read and two big playgrounds to enjoy.
- Over the year you will feel more confident and sure about where your going and you won't feel worried any more.
- Feel excited about projects that you will do like science experiments, art projects and activities through the lessons.

YEAR 9 PEWTER CASTING

Designs cut from mdf on laser cutter - students heat pewter themselves on the hearth the pour into their mdf moulds



SPORTS UPDATE

The netball season started with a vengeance this week for the yr 10/11 teams with 4 matches and a borough rally. A great win against Highams Park 10-3 saw Holy Family play some nice netball, unfortunately they then played a very good WSFG team losing 9-1. With Chingford to play on Thursday, let's hope we can get another couple of wins.



SPORTS UPDATE

Well done to U14 and U16 netball teams who competed in the borough rally on Wednesday. It was a cold but sunny afternoon and there was a fabulous display of netball. We did not leave with any medals but a respectable 4th place was achieved by both teams.



YEAR 11

ENGLISH MASTER- CLASSES

**LECTURE
THEATRE
3.20PM START
TIME**

**Thursday 3rd
October**

A Christmas Carol: Context

**Thursday 10th
October**

Reading Between the Lines (Literature & Language)

**Thursday 17th
October**

An Inspector Calls: Context

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WEAR IT PINK DAY

WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

YEARS 7 - 11 WEAR
PINK ITEMS FOR 50P
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Times: 9:00am - 5:30pm each day

Course Cost: £265.00 (£50 deposit required when booking)

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