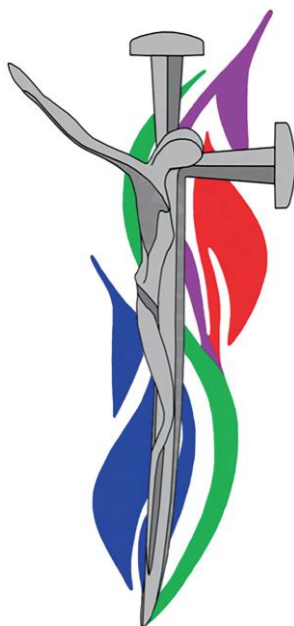


Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company

Easter Newsletter 2023



Achieving together in faith



**To all Pupils, Parents, Carers,
Staff, Governors and Directors
at Holy Cross Catholic Multi
Academy Company Schools**

Welcome to our Easter newsletter and it has been a busy and productive spring term in all our schools and the MAC. You can read more about our activities inside this newsletter where you will find updates on the current building works in our schools, ICON award at St John Vianney, our charity work and a Governance recruitment.

Thank you to all our staff, governors, directors, and volunteers, for all for all their incredible hard work and support and who play such a crucial role in the lives of our young people and our communities.

During the season of Easter, we are reminded that God loved us all so much that he sacrificed his only son on the cross to save us. This Easter we pray for all those who have sadness or difficulties in their lives.

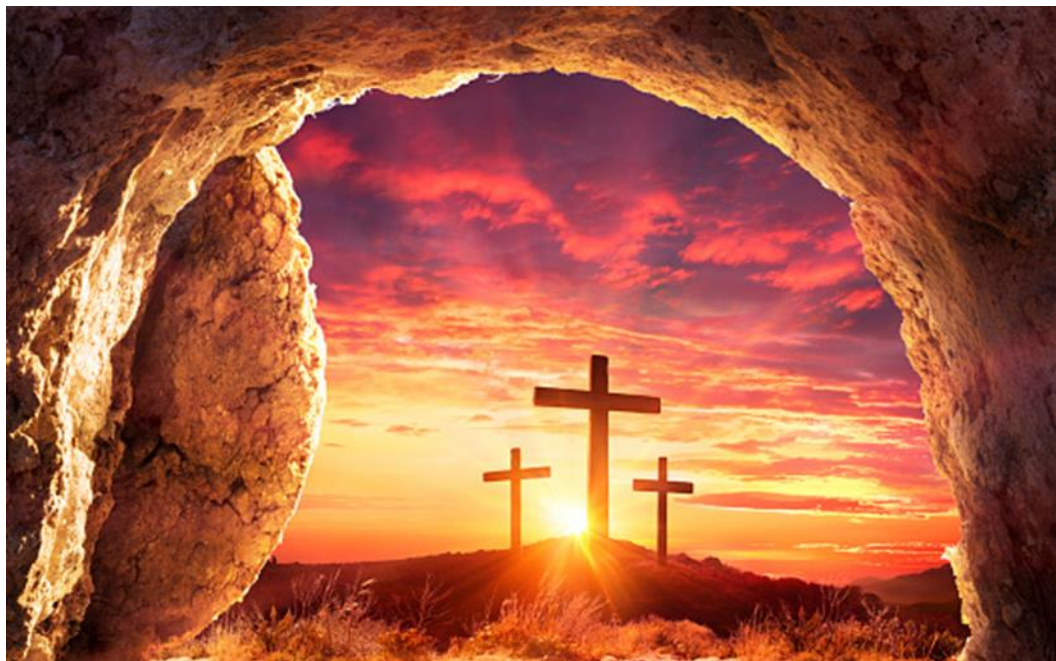
I hope that all of you have a very Happy and Holy Easter and take time to rest and we look forward to welcoming you back in the Summer Term.

Holy Cross of Jesus, Be Our Hope.

John Teahan

Chair of Board of Directors

Holy Cross Catholic MAC



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As we come to the end of the Spring Term 2023 there is once again much to celebrate across our school communities and our schools have been very busy places over the last term and pupils and staff have been working hard. In addition, during the season of Lent it has been wonderful to witness the response of our school communities to pray for others as well as donate to those in desperate need. People find themselves in desperate need of our support and every item donated and every penny given will be deeply appreciated.

We were deeply saddened by the tragedy and devastation caused by the earthquake in Turkey and Northern Syria and as a community we have been praying for everyone who has been affected as well as raising money to support the relief effort. Once again, we have been overwhelmed by the tremendous generosity and kindness of all our school communities. All our schools have been fundraising to raise money for Cafod and the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) and as a group of schools we have raised over £3,131.14 to donate to the relief effort. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and support.

Many of our pupils are very busy in preparation for the start of the external exam season after the Easter holidays.

As we prepare for Holy Week we reflect on Jesus' suffering and the pain of his crucifixion followed by the joy of the Resurrection and the hope of new life that it brings. This Easter we pray for everyone who face challenges and hardship that they may have some joy in their lives over Easter – particularly those who have been affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Northern Syria and other natural disasters and for those living in war torn parts of the world. We continue to pray for peace, reconciliation and healing across our troubled world.

Once again I would like to thank all the pupils, staff, governors, directors and parents and carers for all their support.

And finally we wish all our exam years good luck with their revision over the Easter holidays as they begin final preparations for their important end of key stage tests starting on 9th May and GCSE and A level exams that start on 15th May. Many thanks to all the staff who are giving up their own time and Easter holiday to provide additional lessons and support.

And I wish everyone a very holy, happy and peaceful Easter.

Mrs Marina Kelly

Catholic Senior Executive Leader

Holy Cross Catholic MAC

Buildings Update

Bishop Ullathorne Sports Hall

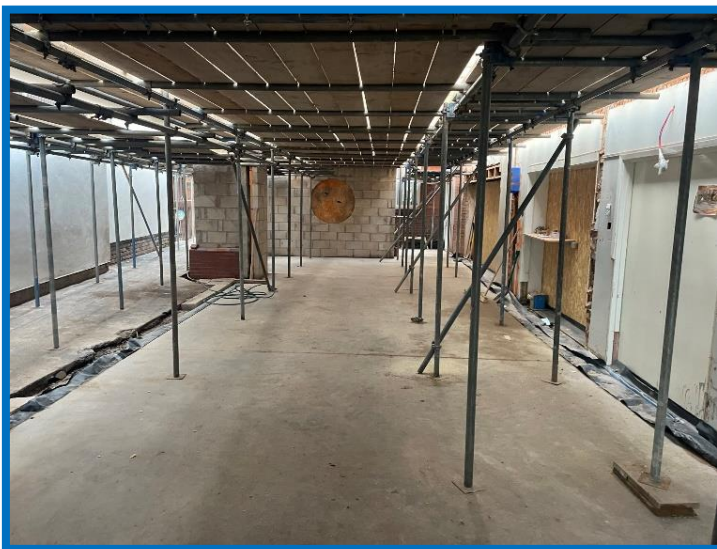
The Bishop Ullathorne Sports Hall is taking shape and on target for an August opening. The brand new facility will house 4 badminton courts, indoor football, crickets nets, basketball hoops, trampolining and mats for gymnastics.

The new changing areas will be complimented with accessible provision and an official's changing areas for tournaments.



St Elizabeths Hall Extension

The St Elizabeth's Hall extension project will be completed in May providing essential additional learning space within the school. The additional space will link directly to the main hall and house a new Learning Resource Centre area as well as office space and storage.



Lenten Charities Update

Turkey –Syria Earthquake Appeal

Throughout the season of lent all our schools have been very busy raising money for their chosen charities. We also held non uniform days within our schools to raise money for the Turkey – Syria Earthquake appeal. We raised £3,131.14.



Prayer for those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

God of mercy,
We pray for the people of Türkiye and Syria
following the recent earthquakes.
We mourn the death and destruction.
and pray for those who have died and
those who grieve.

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

We hold in our hearts those who are injured,
and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.
Grant those affected courage and resilience,
as they rebuild their lives and communities.

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Inspire us to unite in solidarity,
acting swiftly and generously,
so that help may reach all who need it.

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
Amen.



Lenten Charities Update

Lenten Charity Roadshow

The Cardinal Newman Catholic School Charity Roadshow has been out and about last week. Staff and students visited St. Augustine's and St. Thomas More Primary schools to play games with the children and raise money for our chosen charities. Thank you to both schools for welcoming us, it was wonderful to meet you all and have so much fun!



Happy St Patricks Day

Children at St Elizabeths celebrated St Patricks Feast Day with a wonderful liturgy assembly. The children enjoyed dressing in green to raised £138.00 for Cafod as part of their Lenten charity work. The school also had a visit from Cafod who shared with pupils in assembly how they can have a direct and positive impact upon the lives of those in need during Lent & beyond.

Fundraising Events

Throughout the spring term, many KS2 children at Christ the King have led their own fundraising events. The children choose a charity of their choice. The children then worked in small groups to plan, prepare, and led many successful charity events. So far, the pupils have raised over £1000 for many different charities such as Myton Hospice, Save the Whales, Zoe Place, Cancer Research, and the RSPCA



World Book Day

Our staff and children made a fabulous effort for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2023.



Our staff at Bishop Ullathorne looked brilliant! Their librarian provided a Treasure hunt list for students to enter a prize draw for identifying the most staff characters.



At Cardinal Newman School, we celebrated World Book Day and it was fantastic to see so many pupils and staff involved! The English department turned gothic and Key Stage 3 classes took part in World Book Day themed lessons, and the Library hosted a number of quizzes and competitions. Years 7 and 8 tutor groups dressed their doors inspired by books and the winners of the competition were 7SJN and 8TGN!

Additionally, we had a number of staff dress up as various book characters which we invited all staff and students to vote for.

Our Primary Schools were also busy celebrating world book day!



Governance Recruitment

We are recruiting for Governors across our 7 Schools.

We believe that great schools thrive because of the great people in them. We are passionate about using the power of education to help our pupils develop into individuals who are a credit to our community. This is an exciting time to be part of the Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company and we believe you could fulfil a vital role in this process by becoming a Local Governing Body member at one of our schools.

We are looking for people to be school governors in our MAC schools. This is a chance to get volunteering experience, learn new skills and make a real difference in your community.

If you are a practising Catholic and have the time, skills, energy and commitment for this rewarding and fulfilling role we would love to hear from you.

For further information about the role and responsibilities of school Governors and the support you will receive, please contact us at:

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WE LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD AND WE
SHARE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH SERVICE**



**KNOWLEDGE
THROUGH THE
LIGHT OF FAITH**

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**LEARNING, GROWING
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WITH CHRIST OUR KING**



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**ACHIEVING OUR BEST UNLOCKING OUR POTENTIAL
REVEALING WHO GOD WANTS US TO BE**

News from Our Schools



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Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School

Linguistical lunch

We had the budding linguists lunch earlier in the year and it was a great success. The students thoroughly enjoyed all of the food and selection of desserts.

Staff chose one student from each of their Key Stage 3 classes who had demonstrated our Ullathorne Way values in MFL lessons.



We prepared chilli con carne, rice, tortilla chips and dips (as you can see from the slow cooker photos). With freezing temperatures it was a very welcome treat!

Year 11 GCSE Spanish groups were also invited to celebrate. Students had a working lunch where they ate Mrs Cabrera-Mix's chilli con carne at their request. This was a reward for their efforts both in lessons and in regular attendance to after school sessions.

Diversity Conference

Bishop Ullathorne was happy to host a diversity conference with the help of visiting students from Cardinal Newman Catholic School. The conference was organised by Miss Hondo and was run with the help of some brilliant, insightful activists in Years 9 and 11. Year 7 and 8 students were invited to the library to



discuss how to conduct difficult conversations about race and racism while being eloquent in their words, compassionate to the experiences of others, and attentive to their needs. The students were truly faith filled and prophetic in their tolerance and willingness to engage with some difficult, thought-provoking issues. They were wise and curious in how they were willing to learn from the experiences of others. After good discussion, the

conference was concluded by a wonderful presentation about diversity in young adult literature by Miss Kerslake, our librarian. Her explanation of how books can serve as mirrors and windows really opened the minds and hearts of our students. We are grateful for her hard work as well as the hard work of all of our students in our Holy Cross family

Cardinal Newman Catholic School

Made for Greatness

This academic year, we have been very excited to launch our 'Passport to Greatness' which is a brand-new award linked to our Personal Development Curriculum and our school Intent statement, 'Made for Greatness'. The programme provides students with opportunities to demonstrate their personal development journey by participating in enrichment activities which develop their character and key skills. Well

done to all the Year 7, 8 and Year 9 students who have successfully achieved their bronze award by completing 15 activities such as participating in Student Council meetings, being sporting ambassadors, and tutor leaders etc. We are very proud of you all and look forward to you achieving your Silver Awards soon!



Community

On Wednesday 15th February students were invited to the launch of Child Friendly Cov by Coventry City Council at St Mary's Guildhall. As part of the event, students got to work with John Bernard who is a poet and spoken word author, to create a piece of writing that represented their thoughts on key issues for children in the city. Students then confidently



performed their pieces to the councillors and representatives in the room. We are very proud of our students' achievements and were privileged to see them at the event.



Christ the King Catholic Primary School

Alton Castle

In March, Year 5 pupils attended a residential retreat at Alton castle – the theme was discipleship.

The children had a fantastic time participating in a range of activities such as trekking, Forest skills, archery, an assault course, climbing and much more.

The children also thrived when carrying out many duties and loved having different responsibilities.

Many thanks also to Mrs Johnson who led the trip, Mrs Horrocks, Miss Walker and Mrs Hagyard for attending and for supporting the children. The trip couldn't have happened without staff support. Football



Football Crazy

On Tuesday 7 March some children in Year 5 & 6 represented Coventry City in the EFL kids cup regional finals. The children played brilliantly. We are so proud of their achievement.



On Wednesday 8 March the girls football team had an amazing opportunity to represent Coventry City in the PLCommunities. The girls played brilliantly and will now go on to the national finals at Elland Road in June.

Well done to everyone involved, we could not be more proud!



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Young Voices

Thank you to the staff and children who participated in the Young Voices Performance at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. The singing, dance moves, enthusiasm and behaviour was excellent. We truly had a great time!



Swimming Gala

A huge well done to our swimming competitors who took part in the Catholic Schools' Swimming Gala on Friday.

A huge well done to Yamoh for coming 3rd place in her heat for the girls 25m backstroke. Our Y5 boys, Reece, Ross & Daniel are our new dream team, coming 1st place in their relay and for placing so well in their heats - Ross came 1st in his 25m backstroke, Recce came 3rd in



his 25m front crawl and Daniel came 2nd in his 25m breaststroke AND 3rd in the 50m distance swim! Well done boys.

St Elizabeth's Primary School

Coventry Music

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of music with Coventry Music Service. They experienced a musical workshop of Mabel's Magical Garden.



Sports Catch Up

Well done to our Footballers who kept their positive string of results going with wins over Holy Family and St John Fisher in the league cup. Two fantastic games with superb attitudes and football on displayed from all players involved!



Botanical Gardens

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful day at Birmingham Botanical Gardens, learning about the plants and animals of the rain forest.



Thank you Ruth for showing us how to hold a snake!



St John Vianney Primary School

St Patricks Day Celebrations

Icon Status

This term we have celebrated receiving the Icon Status and the coveted Cross of Nails which represents our work on Peace and Reconciliation. The staff from Coventry Cathedral presented us with the award at a special Mass at St John Vianney Church. Receiving this award was an honour and a way of celebrating our hard



Alton Castle

We have been fortunate to visit Alton Castle this term and celebrate and learn more about our faith. Our Year 5 and 6 children were a pleasure to take and were excellent role models to all. Whilst being involved in a range of sporting activities it was a fabulous chance to reflect and learn more about our faith. We formed new friendships with All Souls school and prepared ourselves for Easter through the season of Lent.



work on peace and reconciliation. There are not many schools that have this award but it is an honour to be part of an international group promoting peace around the world.

Alton Castle



St Thomas More Primary School

Coventry Building Society Young Writer of the Year Competition

St Thomas More have been recognised as excellent writers for the second year in a row in the Coventry Building Society Young Writer of the Year competition. Henry in Y4, Thomas in Y5 and Meghani in Y6 submitted stories to the competition and were chosen as winners. They attended an award ceremony at Coventry Building Society Arena and enjoyed a tour of the stadium as well.

Year 5 welcome Coventry Cultural Star

As part of their work on the history of Coventry, Year 5 were excited to hold a two-tone day, where they dressed in black and white and listened to music from Coventry band, The Specials. Year 5 were delighted to welcome Horace from The Specials who talked to the children about what Coventry was like in the 80s, the inspiration for their hit single, 'Ghost Town', and gave many personal insights into the filming of the video for 'Ghost Town'.



Cuddling up with a book for World Book Day

At St Thomas More we all know that there is nothing better than cuddling up with a book after a day spent doing lots of learning! To celebrate World Book Day, children and staff came to school in their pyjamas and with their favourite book, so they could spend time together doing one of our favourite activities: reading! Children had time to curl up on cushions, rugs and blankets to read a book and the older children loved putting their character voices to good use by reading with younger children. The younger children then repaid the favour by reading their favourite books back to their older partners.



Socials Feed

@TheHolyCross MAC



Cardinal Newman Catholic School @newmancoventry · Mar 17

Pupils paid a visit to Ashfield Residential home yesterday. The residents love seeing the pupils and Newman pupils are absolutely amazing with them. It is great to see! The pupils even did some of the residents nails 🍷❤️



CTK Primary School @CTKPrimaryCov · 23h

WHR pupils really enjoyed posting their beautiful handmade Easter cards to the local community today 🙌



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... Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School
The first ever RAPPA Youth Group! The young people from Ullathorne and Newman who were part of the Andrew Robinson winter camp met up this evening at Bishop Ullathorne for fun, games, an Easter egg hunt and played The Holy Cross Catholic MAC #BishopUllathorne #RAPPA



Bishop Ullathorne @B.Ullathorne · Mar 6

Bishop Ullathorne students were Rising Up at the Flame conference at Wembley Stadium. Young Catholics are being asked by Pope Francis to get off their couches and put on their boots and Rise Up to the challenge of changing the world.

#ullathorneway #flame2023 #FaithInAction



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St Augustines School Retweeted



Holy Cross Catholic MAC @TheHolyCrossMAC · Oct 6, 2022

RT CTKPrimaryCov: Football team in action this afternoon in an enjoyable match against @StAugustinesCov. Well done both teams. 🙌⚽

#PEatCTK



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