



Holy Trinity C. of E. Primary School Northwood

Celebrating our Successes *March / April 2008*

An inclusive school with a Christian foundation for the 21st Century

The second half of this term has been extremely busy but also very successful for all at Holy Trinity. Being at school for Holy Week has been really special. We hope you enjoy reading about the many successes of the school.

The children reflect on celebrating Holy Week

"During the week starting 17th March, the whole school took part in Holy Week, a week dedicated to reflect upon the last days of Jesus' life before he was crucified. Each Year participated in activities to help us understand the meaning of Holy Week."

Ishali Parmar (Y6)



"The Labyrinth was one of the many activities that we had. It was calm and sedate so people could worship and connect with God. There were some activities that were really fun to do."

Megan Smales (Y6)



"The Last Supper: For this occasion, Mrs. Kentfield had set out a white cloth with baskets of pitta bread and succulent grapes. We passed these around and each of us took one piece out of each basket. Just like Jesus did at the Last Supper before he was crucified."

Jordan Soiza Y5



"One of the activities was to write down things that you had done wrong and throw it away. This was to represent the sins that you had committed and then ask God for forgiveness...I thought that the labyrinth was a good idea to reflect on God and I think most children enjoyed and learnt from this experience."

Joseph O'Neill (Y6)



"I'd never imagined that the nails used to hang him on the cross were that thick"

Adelle Hall (Y6)

"Mr. Draper came in and did Godly Play, which is a small drama. Sadly it was about the crucifixion of Jesus, when he died for us. It was outstanding and felt very real as in the box Mr. Draper had there was a crown that was spiky and large nails attached together in a cross for the nails dug into Jesus' hands and feet. As depressing as it was, the class discussed how the story ends happily as Jesus rises!"

Elena Gregori (Y6)



"I have really learned a lot about Easter and how Jesus died for our sin. The activities I have taken part in have helped me to reflect on the important events in the last days of Jesus' life."

Sharon Lanre-Orepo Y6



All the staff and children would like to thank all at Holy Trinity Church for their support in making our Holy Week so special.

**Year 6 triumph and win
Healthy Hillingdon Young
Chef Competition**

Year 6 triumphed and won the winner's cup and £50 from Healthy Hillingdon. Josh Pearce, Henry Macknay, Aaron Philips, Lucy Lawrence, Marianna Melo and Elena Gregori represented Year 6 in the final where they had to present their healthy lunch option. The judges commented that they were impressed with the preparation, work rate, discipline, results and preparation of our team. Many thanks to Mrs Clarke, Mrs Hamwijk, Mrs Smith and our parents for all their hard work in helping to prepare the children and supporting them on the evening.



Proms Praise 4 Schools 2008

We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all of the children, families and friends who attended the excellent concert on 26th March at the Royal Albert Hall. The singing was wonderful, and the audience were treated to a marvellous show by the 80 piece All Souls Orchestra, whose performance was enhanced with some clever lighting effects which included fireworks! All the children involved (and the adults too) will treasure the memory of this exciting and spectacular event – we can't wait for the next one in two years' time!

Mrs. Henton and Mrs. Hornal

Science week

A hugely successful Science week was enjoyed by all in March. All classes took part in a variety of activities and carried out research into the work of a famous scientist.



Many thanks to Mrs Clarke and all the teachers for making sure Science week was a huge success.

Year 4 Tudor Day

At Holy Trinity we seek to enhance children's learning with memorable and creative experiences. Year 4 have participated in an outstanding Tudor Day.



Well done to Mrs Mistry and Mrs Patel for making sure that everyone in Year 4 had an exciting day.

K'Nex Challenge

On Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th March each Key Stage 2 class took part in the K'Nex Challenge. This is a Borough competition based on designing and making a model. Year 3 made mousetraps, Year 4 made go-carts, Year 5 made windmills and Year 6 made motorbikes. The winners from each year will compete against other schools in the final next term.



Chicks in Maple class!

Parents and children from Maple class have loved having the baby chicks in class.

Here's what the parents said:

"I never had the chance to experience chicks at my school when I was little, so this was BRILLIANT! I had the warmest, fuzziest and fluffiest half hour ever!"

"It's lovely to see all the children so busy and happy. The buzz of activity was great - and the immediate silence when Miss Carter clapped was very impressive."

Healthy Eating

Would you like to have freshly harvested seasonal organic fruit and vegetables from British farms available for you to pick up every week from the playground at hometime?

There will be a choice of 3 bags – vegetable, fruit or a combination. 25% of the price goes directly to the PFA to fund daily fruit for the Juniors. 50 bags sold per week will raise approximately £3000 a year for school. To join, simply look out for posters in the playground next term. Orders and payment taken in advance on a weekly basis.

Help needed please ...

Parent and member of staff Mrs. Hopwood has most generously donated to our Nursery a "Little Tykes Playhouse". However, it is rather large and she does not have the facility to transport it from her home in Harefield to the school. Is anyone willing and able to help with transporting it? Please contact the school office if you can assist. Many thanks.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Monday 21st April is a staff training day and school reopens for the Spring Term on Tuesday 22nd April.

Our new website launches soon. Here are some more of the photographs...



The Headteacher writes...

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your welcome and support during my first term. It has been a pleasure to work with you and your children. The behaviour and attitudes to learning of pupils continue to be exemplary and are commented on by visitors to the school.

It has been an enormous privilege to lead the school at such an exciting time in its development. Much has been achieved already this term. We should all feel proud of our school and our many achievements

Holy Trinity has enormous strengths and much to offer to all the children who learn here. Our warm community ethos is attracting new families to the school and monitoring of standards indicates that standards are good and improving.

It has been a great pleasure also to work with such a dedicated and talented staff team who are so committed to making Holy Trinity an outstanding place to learn.

We are currently planning for a number of key developments that will enhance the experience of children at Holy Trinity. I am keen to involve all parents in this. I will be writing to you early next term inviting you to take part in a parental survey and also to hear about our plans. Again, we will be offering workshops and information evenings for parents next term.

I wish you all an extremely restful holiday and look forward to many further successes in the summer term.

Daniel Norris
Headteacher

Governor of the Month

I have been involved at Holy Trinity since 1986 when my children started at the school and a governor since 1999. Obviously I have seen many changes over the years but Holy Trinity School always remains a very special place!

The Governing Body exists to assist the Headteacher to manage the school's affairs by giving help and advice and ensuring that the school operates in accordance with current legislation and to the highest possible standards. The Governing Body is fully accountable for the actions and decisions they take although the Headteacher remains responsible for the day to day management of the school.

Holy Trinity Governing Body consists of 16 governors in total, made up of:

- a) 3 parent governors
- b) 1 LA governor
- c) 3 staff governors (Head, Deputy Head and non teaching)
- d) 9 foundation governors, of whom 2 shall, at the time of their appointment, be eligible for election or appointment as parent governors

Governors attend regular meetings of the full governing body and the committees (Admissions, Personnel, Curriculum, Finance and Premises). They also visit the school while it is in session; heads and staff are encouraged by such visits and governors will benefit from well planned visits so that they can

- Develop their strategic role
- Carry out their monitoring responsibilities
- Provide support to staff and pupils

Governors need opportunities to

- Understand better the work being done by pupils and staff
- Get to know pupils and staff
- Demonstrate their interest in the school and to encourage the head and staff in their work
- Have a wider understanding when making decisions affecting the school
- Be better informed advocates, able to speak up for the school from personal knowledge
- Share their skills and expertise as appropriate
- More efficiently carry out their responsibility for monitoring the quality of education being provided for the pupils in the school.

This does not involve making judgements of individual teachers and their work – they visit to learn and understand, not to inspect.

At Holy Trinity in the last year governors have:

- Spent a day in the school focusing on a particular area of the curriculum
- Joined assembly or worship
- Attended productions and concerts
- Shared lunch with pupils
- Attended staff training days
- Shared skills or expertise with pupils
- Carried out health and safety "walk rounds"
- Looked at the provision of ICT, special needs
- Accompanied pupils on trips out
- Supported pupils in outside activities including sports

In addition, we have had a Governor of the Month who is on duty for a month taking part in any activity where a governing body needs to be represented, eg a special assembly, welcoming a visitor, attending a parents' evening.

Currently those governors on the Premises committee are overseeing the Nursery Project and giving an enormous amount of their time to ensure that the building work runs smoothly.

I am proud to be a governor and would encourage anyone else to consider applying when a vacancy arises.

Sue Boulbee

As this very full and successful term draws to a close, we would like to thank all our families, the church, Governors, PFA, friends and helpers who have given their valuable time, expertise and good will to Holy Trinity School.

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These qualities bond us to make a close, caring community and we are truly indebted.

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We look forward to an equally happy, successful and rewarding Summer Term

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With grateful thanks from Daniel Norris and the Staff of Holy Trinity School.

