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# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Memorial Celebration for Immanuel Olugbode – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, we will be celebrating the life of Immanuel Olugbode with a Memorial Day Service. Immanuel is an ex-pupil of Holy Cross and was an absolute joy to have as part of our school community, and he touched all of our lives in a profound way. We will remember him with love forever. This will be an opportunity for us to come together as a community to remember Immanuel and to reflect on the positive impact he had on our school.

As part of this event, we will be fundraising for Little Havens Children's Hospice. This organisation provides vital care and support to families and children who have been diagnosed with complex or incurable conditions. Their work ensures that these families can make the most of every day and get the support they need during difficult times.

### **Little Havens Fundraising**

I would like to invite you all to join with us in this celebration of Immanuel's life and in supporting the important work of Little Haven Children's Hospice by donating to this deserving charity. The dedicated Little Havens Children's Hospice supported Immanuel and his family and continues to support children and families in their times of need. Your participation and contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please use the link below to make a donation:

[Little Havens Just Giving Page - Immanuel Olugbode](#)

**The Memorial Day Celebration will include:**

### **Non-Uniform Day – Wear Red and Wear a Hat**

Immanuel was a dedicated Arsenal supporter and he is also fondly remembered for his wonderful hats, which he wore with a smile. So everyone is invited to wear red and to wear a hat for the day.

### **Memorial Service**

In the morning the children will join us in a memorial service with past pupils and staff to share prayers and the special memories of Immanuel. Unfortunately, due to Health and Safety, we are unable to invite all parents in to this service.

### **Friendship Bench**

A friendship bench will be presented in the key stage 2 playground which will be a place for children to sit, make friends and make memories in his name.



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### **Planting Seeds**

Each class will be planting seeds around our school field that will grow throughout the year.

### **Memory Book**

This week, we will be starting a memory book for students, staff and families to contribute and share special memories of Immanuel and prayers for his family. If you would like to contribute to this, please come to the school office to collect the memory message papers to make your contribution.

### **Penalty Shoot Out**

All children will have the opportunity to take part in one of Immanuel's favourite activities... playing football! All classes can participate in a penalty shoot out challenge throughout the day led by past pupils of our school.

### **Immanuel Olugbode Sports Award**

In memory of Immanuel, we will be introducing a new annual Immanuel Olugbode Sports Award. This will be given to the child who demonstrates resilience, determination and teamwork, all qualities Immanuel demonstrated at Holy Cross.

Thank you for your contributions and your participation in the event.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Power

