



**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

12th March 2018

For God so loved the world that
He gave His one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall
not perish but have eternal life.

- John 3:16

Dear Parents/Carers

SAFETY HOMEWORK

Thank you for supporting your child with their homework on 'keeping safe' and I was delighted with the response to the task. We have displayed some of the work around the school particularly the posters and statements reminding you all not to use your mobile phones on school premises and the importance of driving and parking with due care and attention to others.

Our children have been very persuasive in reminding everyone of the importance of NOT using mobile phones on school premises. Well done children on your excellent work and you have been extremely effective in conveying this message to everyone on site.

SNOW DAYS HOMEWORK

Well done to all the children who took time to complete homework emailed to all parents whilst the school was closed owing to heavy snow and treacherous weather conditions. I was delighted with the feedback from parents indicating they were pleased to have tasks to complete. If your child has not finished their homework, please do hand it to their class teacher and feedback will be given.

YEAR 2 SING AT TRINITY - 5th March 2018

Congratulations to our year 2 pupils who participated in a music performance on Monday, 5th March, together with a number of Croydon schools. They were truly amazing and sang with enthusiasm, energy and enjoyment. Well done to Isabelle and Carlo who were selected by the organisers to sing solos. It was a proud moment for all the children's families and for us as a school, and a pleasure for Miss Milmoe and I to attend the event. My thanks to Mrs Amusan, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Akogun for rehearsing with the children and accompanying them.



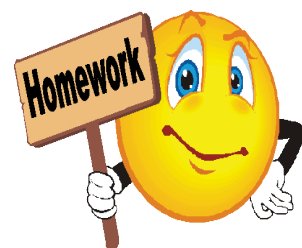
KS2 QUIZ - 8th March 2018

Children from KS2 were invited to try out for the Good Shepherd Quiz team and Ola, Realjoy, Jayheim and Efraim qualified. Miss Hall trained the children and accompanied them to the qualifying heat at St. Aidan's School in Coulsdon. I am delighted to announce that Good Shepherd won the competition and go through to the London regional finals. Standards were high and the children were brilliant. My thanks to Mr Conneely for driving the children there.

Congratulations to the children for their excellent achievements this week, you have done us proud!

I would like to welcome Mr McKeever to the Good Shepherd team. He will be working mainly in years 5 and 6 and supporting in other areas of school development.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE SCIENCE WEEK

Thank you to Mrs Bolton for organising our science week which will run from Monday, 12th March to Friday, 16th March. It is a chance for children to be immersed in science activities and engage in a range of opportunities to apply their thinking skills. Mrs Bolton has organised a Science assembly on Tuesday followed by practical experiments throughout the week.



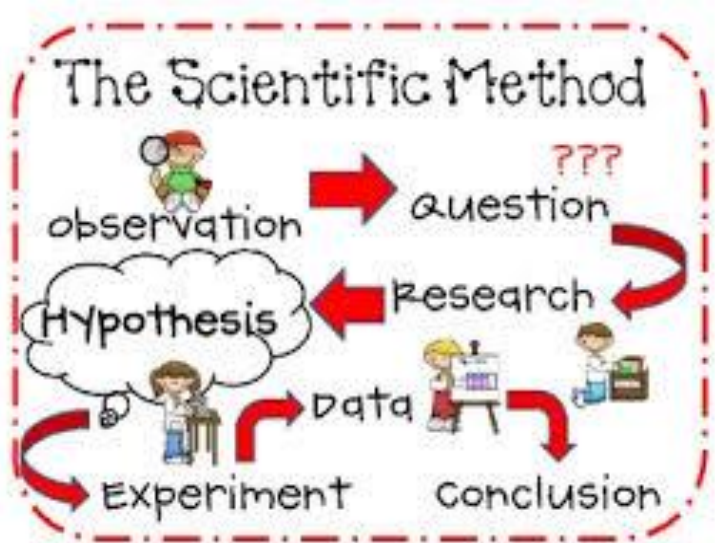
Websites to visit for experiment ideas:

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/collection/science-experiments>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html>

<https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/>

<http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>

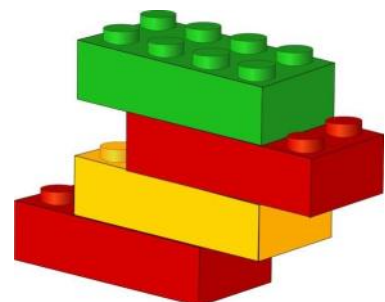


What is the tallest tower you can build from 6 sheets of newspaper. Can your tower support the weight of a small beanie toy?



Can you create a moving vehicle powered by nothing more than the air within a blown up balloon. Be as creative as you like and make it interesting. BUT remember it must only be powered to move by air.

Can you build a tower with Lego bricks that is at least 1 metre tall and will support a tennis ball? What have you discovered?



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE

GOOD SHEPHERD'S GLORY WEEK

NSPCC ASSEMBLY



QUIZ COMPETITION AT ST AIDANS

I really enjoyed it. It was fun.

Ifrah

At times we were falling behind but we were determined so we pulled a great performance off and came first.



Ola

YEAR 2 CHOIR AT TRINITY SCHOOL



It was brilliant , exciting and fabulous!

Malachi

My mum liked it and I really enjoyed it.

Isabella

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE SAFEGUARDING



Advice on Parental Controls

What are parental controls?

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see. Combined with privacy settings these can help you protect your children from the things they shouldn't see or experience online.

How to set up parental controls

Many parents are put off using controls and settings as they think they will be difficult to set up, or complicated to use. By following these step by steps guides, it can make it simple and straightforward.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

As a parent you have some decisions to make about how you want your child to engage online and on social media and what measures you want to put in place to help protect them:

Setting up their device

Whatever device you choose to buy your child, there are free controls you can use to stop your child from purchasing and using certain apps, seeing certain content, or limiting what they can share with others, like their location for example. The link below takes you to an interactive guide to setting parental controls which covers the most popular range of devices and services children use.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Other useful links on this topic

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/parental-controls><https://www.techadvisor.co.uk/how-to/google-android/how-use-android-parental-controls-3461359/>



Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: *Daniel N & Erin*

RECEPTION: *Chidiebube & Kaila*

YEAR 1: *Amelia, Jaydin & Emmanuel*

YEAR 2: *Aparna, Michael & Isabelle*

YEAR 3: *Caleb & David*

YEAR 4: *Amelia & Hermoine*

YEAR 5: *Amrutha, Alias, Toyosi*

YEAR 6: *Becky, Savio & Toni*

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality

THIS TERM

WEEK ENDING: 9th March 2018:

WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: Y2

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 97.4%

YEAR 2—100% Punctuality and Attendance

Father Con's reflection

Yesterday, Sunday, was Lecture Sunday (meaning Rejoicing Sunday)- the 4th Sunday of this holy season of Lent.

It always coincides with Mother's Day (Mothering Sunday).

Hopefully, all mothers linked to our school will have had a more than nice day.

Motherhood is quite a phenomenon in our Catholic Faith.

Mary, Mother of God, is the greatest of all mothers.

The Church itself is regularly referred to as Mother. (This is because, in both Latin and Greek, the word 'Church' is a feminine noun. Therefore it is referred to as 'She' and 'Her'.)

Motherhood goes even deeper. God is called 'Father', as per Jesus' precise instruction to his followers. God is way above mere gender.

Therefore He is as much Mother to us, as He is Father. It is He who gives us life, in the first place, and who then sustains us in life each day.

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

12th March	Science Week
13th March	Science Assembly with 'Mad Science'
13th March	Parents Eve
14th March	Year 6 Dancing at the Croydon Dance Festival
15th March	Parents Eve
15th March	Cafod Assembly (2.45pm to 3pm)
20th March	Year 4 trip to Pop Brixton
21st March	Year 3 trip to Pop Brixton
22nd March	Football Tournament Cedars School
23rd March	Yr3 & Yr5 Poetry Competition
26th March	Maths Week
29th March	Stations of the Cross
29th March	School Closes at 1.15 pm for the Easter Holiday

Change to Menu 19th March 2018



To celebrate St Patricks Day, on the 19th March 2018 the Cupcakes will be green.



Monday afterschool clubs finished last week on the 5th March

Tuesday to Friday afterschool clubs cancelled last week due to the snow will run this week 13th to 16th March

Guitar club finishes on the 22nd March

Friday clubs finish on the 23rd March

Gym squad (Wednesday afterschool) finishes on the 28th March

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHETHER A CLUB IS RUNNING, PLEASE CALL MRS REICHEL IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE