



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

19th March 2018

*Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet.
However difficult life may seem, there is always something you
can do and succeed at. What matters is that you never give up*
Stephen Hawking



Dear Parents/Carers

The children enjoyed being immersed in science activities last week and were treated to a Science assembly and workshop led by Mad Science. My thanks to Mrs Bolton for organising our Science week and to all staff for ensuring pupils not only completed assessments but had sufficient time to enjoy a range of scientific activities. Please do take time to look at the attached pages and read the children's comments.

This week children will return to a normal week of learning but the focus for our whole school assemblies will be ,‘What does it feel like to be a pupil at Good Shepherd’. Pupil voice is a strength of the school and our pupils know their voice matters and will be listened to. Our pupil committees will be leading some assemblies and once we have gathered information it will be shared with you.

Congratulations to Toni and Valerie from year 6 for their performance two weeks ago at a public speaking competition called ‘Loud and Proud’. In recognition for their efforts they were invited with their parents to visit the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday, 14th March. Both girls and their parents thoroughly enjoyed the trip, so please do read their account in this newsletter.

Year 6 participated in the Croydon Music Dance Festival last Wednesday at Trinity School in Croydon. My thanks to Mr Reid for working with them and producing wonderfully creative choreography around the theme of ‘Explorers’. The children clearly enjoyed performing and it was a pleasure to watch, I was a very proud Headteacher as many colleagues complimented the children on their performance. My thanks to Miss Milmoie, Mrs Leggatt and Mr Oke for giving up their time in the evening, particularly as it has been a very busy week with parents’ evening on Tuesday and Thursday.

Just a quick note to remind you to make an appointment to see your child’s class teacher if you haven’t had a chance to do so. Staff are happy to meet you either before or after school any day of the week.

Mr Coleman an advisor from the Diocese visited the school on Monday to carry out his annual monitoring visit. It is a chance for him to meet staff, pupils, observe lessons and look at work in books. He felt outcomes for pupils are strong and they show a deep understanding of Gospel values and understand what it means being part of a Catholic School. Once I have received his note of visit I will share the details with you. Mr Coleman’s visit tied in well with an Assembly led by a representative from CAFOD who came to thank the children for their generosity in fundraising. Mrs Towney commended the children on their excellent listening skills and insightful and mature comments. It is always a pleasure and a proud moment when visitors pass positive comments about our school and particularly about pupils’ excellent behaviour and positive attitudes to learning. We quite often take for granted the many strong elements of our school and it is always a pleasure to have them acknowledged by visitors. Well done Good Shepherd!

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE SCIENCE WEEK



Thank you to Mrs Bolton for organising our science week (12th—16th March) It gave children the opportunity to be immersed in science activities and engage in a range of opportunities to apply their thinking skills.



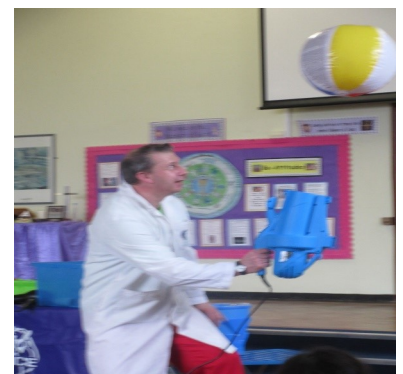
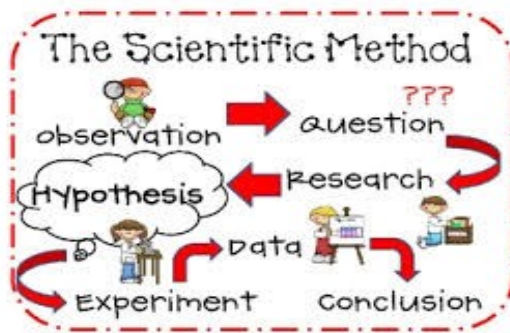
Websites to visit for experiment ideas:

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

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

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

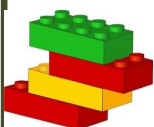
<http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>



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

ALL IN A WEEK'S WORK!

Year 6 Dance



Visit to the Houses of Parliament



When I went to the Houses of Parliament it was so exciting. I learnt so many interesting facts. Before we did all of that we spoke to Sarah Jones, this gave us a chance to ask her some questions.

She took us to the top of the Houses of Parliament. We were able to see Big Ben, the London Eye and the Shard.

I had a fantastic time.

Toni

Before we entered there was an airport themed security . After going through the metal detector, Toni and I and our parents relaxed in the café for a bit. We entered through the gates of parliament and inside was truly magical.

Just before our tour we spoke to Sarah Jones, MP and she took us to the roof where we were able to see Big Ben, London Eye and the Shard.

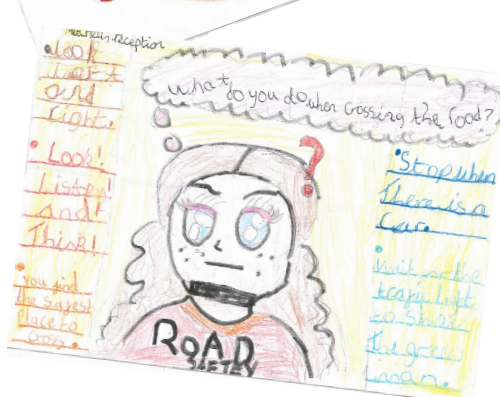
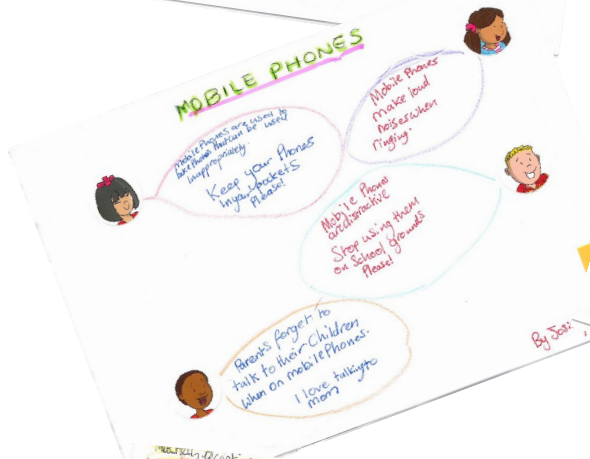
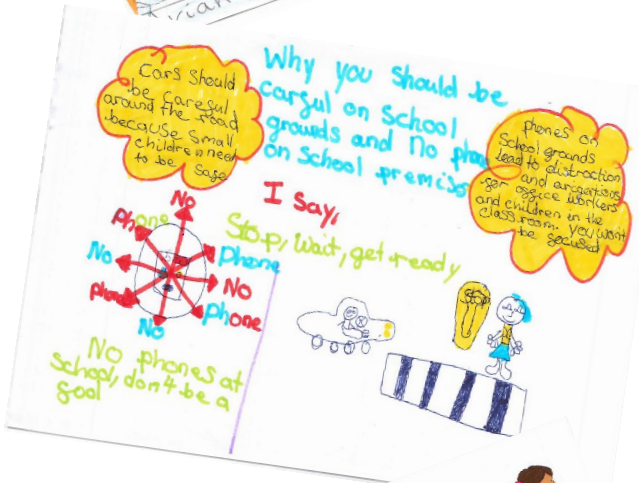
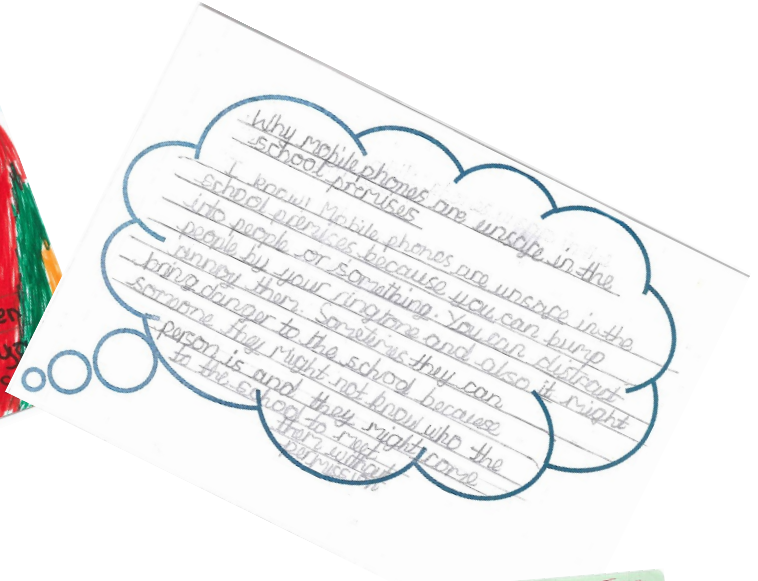
Then we had our tour of Parliament, a great experience which was tough to take it all in. The tour seemed to last forever but luckily it was time to visit The House of Lords to watch a real live debate about Brexit!

Once we were released from the tour guide all of us took a few photos and went home.

Someday I hope to do it all over again!

Valerie

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE PUPIL VOICE



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER AS ONE SAFEGUARDING



WHAT IS A DIGITAL TATTOO? - <http://parentinfo.org/article/what-is-a-digital-tattoo>

Five things to think about before you post:

1. What do I look like?

If you didn't know you, what would you think about this post? What impression would you have of the person who posted it? Things that we might share with friends as a joke can look very different to someone else, and that might be someone you're trying to impress – a girl, a boy, even an employer or a university recruiter.

2. Is this 'ink' permanent?

When you share something online, you can lose control of it. Even if you delete a photo or post you can't guarantee that it hasn't been copied or downloaded by someone else. Think about how many people you're sharing with and whether they'll be responsible with what you share. Don't forget it's easy for other people to copy what you share online, change it and share it without you knowing.

3. Am I giving away too much?

The more you share, the more people can learn about you. Could they use your posts to bully you or to trick you into sharing something you may not want the world to see?

4. Would I want this shared about me?

It's important to think about the impact what you post online might have on others. Do you have your friend's permission to share that funny picture of them? Could that jokey comment you posted hurt someone's feelings?

5. Does it pass the billboard test?

Before you post something online, think: would you be happy to see it on a billboard where the rest of your school, your parents, your grandparents and neighbours could see it? If not, do you really want to share it?

More information can be found at <http://parentinfo.org/article/what-is-a-digital-tattoo>



Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: Chiezimije & Leonie

RECEPTION: Chijindu & Kaila

YEAR 1: Aaliyah & Solliyah

YEAR 2: Aaliyah & Angel

YEAR 3: Hannah & Damario

YEAR 4: Christiana & Victor

YEAR 5: Tomi & Salem

YEAR 6: Bobby & Toni

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

**We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality
THIS TERM**

WEEK ENDING: 16th March 2018:

WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: Y2 & Y6

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 97.9%

Father Con's reflection

This school week opens with the feast of Saint Joseph. He was chosen by God to be the guardian of Mary and the foster-father of her son Jesus.

At some stage, almost certainly in Jesus' teenage years or when Jesus was in his twenties, Joseph would have died.

He did not live to see Jesus enduring his Passion, on his way to the summit of Mount Calvary.

The connection in this respect is that yesterday, Sunday, we entered Passiontide (the fortnight before Easter Sunday).

This means we now enter the final week of Lent 2018. Let us endeavour to make it a week of personal reflection, since it precedes Holy Week, the holiest week in the Church's year.

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

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

SUMMER TERM

16th April	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
17th April	School Opens to Pupils
18th April	Gym Competition at Harris Academy
20th April	Whole School Mass in Good Shepherd Church
30th April	Photographer taking class photos
21st May	Yr 6 Citizenship Day Yr 4 Fire Brigade talk
7th May	May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
12th May	Catholic Football/Netball Tournament Margaret Roper
23rd May	Sports Day (morning)
24th May	May Procession
25th May	School Closes (Half Term)
4th June	School opens to pupils
22nd June	EYFS & KS1 Poetry Competition
5th July	Goldcrest Centre Yr 6 Citizenship Day
12th July	Yr 6 Production 6 pm
20th July	School closes at 1.15pm for the summer holiday



Science club finishes 21st 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**