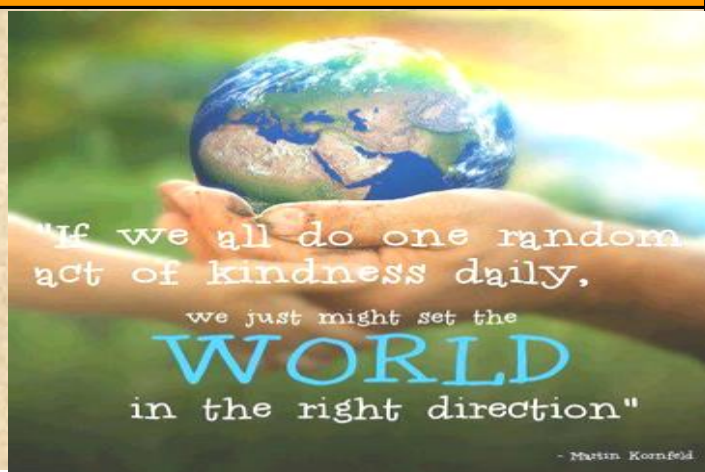




**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

20th November 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Anti-bullying week has been a great success and children have produced some excellent work related to it. Years 1 to 6 participated in drama workshops. Their comments and writing show a good understanding of what bullying is and how they can be proactive in preventing it. A special thank you to all those children who went home and produced additional work independently. Every year group from Nursery to Year 6 participated fully producing work ranging from making 'Buddie Biscuits, friendship posters, to reports and poems on bullying.'

We continually encourage our children to be confident to express their ideas and know that they have the right to be heard. It is also important that they know that with that right comes the responsibility to be respectful, so as role models it is important that we always show respect to others even when people's views differ.

True to form it's been another busy week and Year 4 have spent the week at Whitgift school in Croydon. They had the opportunity to experience new subjects like Japanese and develop their computing skills. I would like to congratulate all the children on their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes to learning. Staff at Whitgift school complimented our children on their behaviour and enthusiasm. Well done Year 4 and thank you to Miss Corrigan, Mrs Macaskil and Mr Bashford for accompanying the children. Do read their comments and enjoy the pictures on the following pages.

YEAR 6 CLASS MASS - Year 6 will celebrate their first Class Mass in their classroom this Tuesday at 2.15 p.m. I hope many of you will be able to join us.

POETRY COMPETITION - YEARS 4 & 6, FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER AT 9.15 A.M.

Finalists from Years 4 & 6 will perform to the school this Friday and all parents and friends are warmly invited to attend. It is always an enjoyable event and the children love presenting their poems to an audience so I hope many of you will join us.

INSET DAY - MONDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER 2017

Please remember that next Monday is an Inset day so children will return to school on Tuesday, 28th November.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH FETE



Tuesday 21st November is a Mufti day to raise donations for the Church fete. A letter went out on Friday asking for each year group to donate different items. This is always a great event so I would encourage you to attend and support our Parish. There are lots of stalls and items for sale and children from Good Shepherd School will be singing. So please do try and attend. If you haven't seen the letter the items requested are:

Nursery & Reception - Sweets

Years 1 & 2 - Biscuits or tins of biscuits

Years 3 & 4 - Cakes

Years 5 & 6 - Soft drinks



Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

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Parent Governors

We are pleased to announce our new Parent Governors as follows:



*Mrs Damilola Akinwumi
(mother of Akin Akinwumi)*



*Mrs Fungisai Parerenyatwa
(mother of Lifejoy, Maryjoy and Realjoy)*

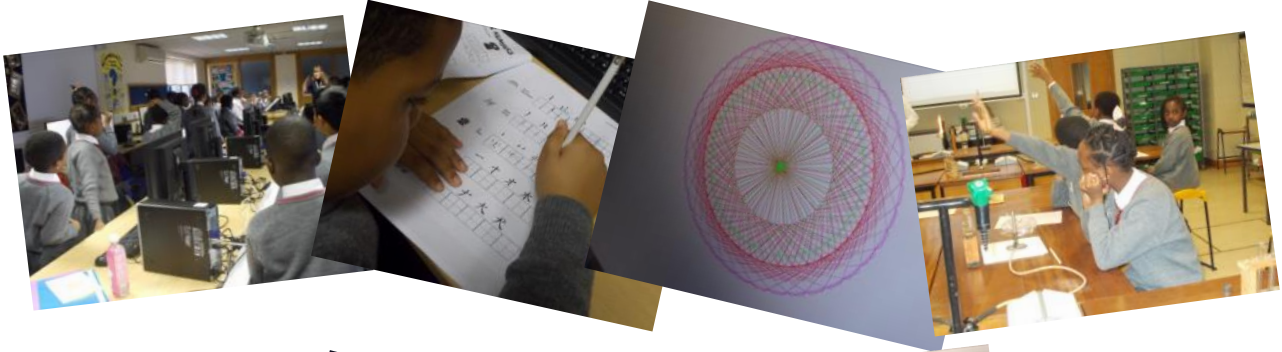
CLASS MASSES

Thank you to Mrs Saunders and Ms Anderson for organising the Year 5 Class Mass and to Fr. Con for celebrating Mass with us. Thank you to the parents and friends who joined us. The children were wonderful and it was a lovely way to bless the children and their classroom.



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YEAR 4 AT WHITGIFT SCHOOL



Bea

Whitgift was the best week ever!

Dylan

I liked the Whitgift school because we got to work on computers and make cool shapes

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YEAR 3 MEET ANIMALS OF THE RAINFOREST



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Anti Bullying Workshop & Anti Bullying Assembly



Year 2 Trip to the Cinema



Trinity A

It was so much fun—I loved it a lot! Oh you would too.

Isabella

I have learnt that happiness comes from one's heart and not by eating a troll

Head Teacher Award

NURSERY: Leonie & Delwin

RECEPTION: Chijindu & Esther

YEAR 1: Aviah & Joseph

YEAR 2: Nevaeh, Carlo & Sebastian

YEAR 3: Desika, Monique & Julia

YEAR 4: Children who participated in the Whitgift Project with enthusiasm and commitment. Their behaviour and attitude to learning was exemplary

YEAR 5: Taelor, Adrian & David

YEAR 6: Jerome and Savio

Additional award for Zachariah in Year 1 for excellent manners – letting adults pass the door first

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality.

Remember classroom doors are open at 8.40 a.m

WEEK ENDING: 17th November 2017:

WINNING CLASS FOR ATTENDANCE – YEAR 4

WINNING CLASS FOR PUNCTUALITY: Nursery, Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 97%

Father Con's reflection

This month, classroom Masses have been celebrated in our school. On 7th November Mass took place for Year 4. On 14th November, it was the turn of Year 5. On Tuesday of this week, Year 6's classroom will be the setting for Mass.

If Mass is ever celebrated outside its normal church context, it sanctifies the immediate venue. It is the greatest prayer of the Church. It incorporates the only prayer Jesus ever taught—the "Our Father," which signals the arrival of the Communion part of the Mass.

Therefore we should treasure God's greatest gift to us of the Mass. At Mass we are in communion with Jesus, being literally intermingled with him.

Diary Dates

2nd Half of Autumn Term

21st November	Year 6 Class Mass
23rd November	Gym Competition 10-12 All Starz Gym Club
24th November	Poetry Competition Yr4 & Yr6
25th November	GS Church Bazaar
27th November	Inset Day
5th December	Nasal Flu Immunisation R to Yr 4
8th December	Choir Singing at Whitgift 1-2pm
12th December	Nursery Nativity 9.15am
14th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity 9.15am
15th December	Reception to Bromley Theatre KS2 Advent Service 1.45 pm
20th December	Christmas Lunch and Panto
21st December	School Closes at 1.15pm for the Christmas Holiday

Parents and Carers of pupils in the Early Years and Years 1 and 2 are encouraged to come into class daily to work with your child from 8.45 to 9.00 a.m.

Please do support your child but I ask that you leave the classroom by 8.55 am, at the latest before the school gate is closed.

