



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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Ofsted

As you will know, we were inspected this week by Ofsted and the children did us proud. The inspector commented on how well behaved the children were in class and about their enthusiasm for sharing their learning with her.

Thank you to all the families who completed ParentView and helped their children to complete their online survey too. We had 45 parents who completed the questionnaire and 100% of them would recommend the school. This is a great testament to the hard work of all the staff. Schools only get a few hours notice about an inspection and I know that it can be hard to find the time to complete the surveys so I really appreciate all of you who managed.

Having been Headteacher at Good Shepherd for such a short time, I really wanted to showcase all the wonderful things which have already taken place, thanks to Mrs Fernandes, and also my plans for the future.

We will have to wait around three weeks for the outcome of the inspection, but as soon as I have received this, I will share it with you.

Nursery

Welcome to all our Nursery children and their families who started at Good Shepherd this week. We hope you will quickly feel part of our wonderful school community.

I was very impressed with how quickly the children settled in and enjoyed taking part in all the lovely activities.



Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked so hard this week and had great behaviour:

Reception: Frankie & Jaden

Year 1: Jeremiah & Chijindu

Year 2: Joseph, Amelia & Sienna

Year 3: Isabelle & Percy

Year 4: Julia & Louisa

Year 5: Victor, Elaine, Hermoine & Amelia

Year 6: Wandile, Kemari, Jordan, Amrutha,
Adrian, Joy & Taelor

Attendance and Punctuality

4th-7th September

100% attendance—no class

100% punctuality: Rec, Y2, Y3, Y5, Y6

Overall attendance: 96.0%



Congratulations

Congratulations to Declan in Y1
on the birth of baby Ryan.



Family nature walk

A family nature walk is taking place tomorrow, Saturday 15th September 10.30 am - 1pm. This is free and promises to be a fun event which is led by an experienced guide from the London Wildlife Trust.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Families should meet at the wooden bear statue by the tram stop on Central Parade. Bring wet weather gear and picnic. Dogs on leads welcome.



Clubs

We are very fortunate at Good Shepherd to have so many after school clubs giving children opportunities to develop their skills and try new things. On Thursday 20th Sept from 8:15am there is the opportunity for parents to sign up for clubs in the hall (Clubs are for Y1-6 and start on 8th October). Full details will be sent out today.

Fr Con's Reflection

Last Friday, the opening week of the new school year was marked by school and parish joining together in church to celebrate Mass.



This Friday the church keeps the feast of the Exaltation (or Triumph) of the Holy Cross.

In Tuesday assemblies in September we look at the great importance of singing and making music during Mass—and, indeed, praising God in other gatherings, via singing and music.

The Cross, as we know, is the emblem of our faith. Most prayers will begin and end with a reverent making of the Sign of the Cross.

The Church, in its wisdom, always places the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on the day following the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Mary always points to Jesus her Son rather than to herself. She will show us how to worship God, both in song and in speech / silence.

School photographs

The school photographer will be coming to Good Shepherd on Tuesday 25th September to take individual photographs of all children.



If you would like a photograph taken with brothers, sisters or cousins, please come to the school hall between 8:30 and 8:45.

Please send your child into school in smart winter uniform on that day.

International Evening

Our International Evening will be on Thursday 18th October. Plans are starting to be made already and I will let you know more information about it nearer to the time.

Harvest Mass

Friday 5th October will be our Harvest Mass, you are all welcome.

Breaking News!

Y6 children have been putting themselves forward this week for a place on the Pupil Leadership Team and today a group of pupils went around to each class to explain to the rest of the school why they would be a good candidate. After every pupil in the school had an opportunity to vote, I am delighted to announce the outcome of the election:

Head Girl: Toyosi

Head Boy: Boadi

Deputy Head Girl: Charis

Deputy Head Boy: Ayush

Well done, this is a big responsibility and I will be expecting great things from you whilst you represent the school. I look forward to working with you this year.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Day