



Good Shepherd Newsletter

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Keeping our streets clean and tidy

There is a 'Don't Mess with Croydon' free app which supports Croydon Council's campaign to crack down on fly-tipping and other environmental crimes. This is the fastest way to report fly-tipping and graffiti and other issues on Croydon's streets. The app picks up your exact location, allows you to take a photo and report it straight away so the Council is aware of it.



Welcome

The children and staff welcomed Mrs Ugwu and Miss Maynard to the Good Shepherd Staff this week. Mrs Ugwu is the new class teacher in Year 5 now that Miss Corrigan has left. Miss Maynard is working throughout the school supporting in a number of classes. We hope they will both be very happy and soon feel part of the school community.

Some of the new words we been learning this week

Year 1: Palaeontologist

Year 2: Huddle, Vertebrate & Invertebrate

Year 3: Precisely & Pollution

Year 4: Crags & Vengeance

Year 5: Ricochet

Year 6: Cataclysmic

Please name your child's uniform and personal belongings—a lot seems to end up in the lost property box!

Headteacher Awards

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



Reception: Emike & Saviour

Year 1: Angela & Allan

Year 2: Aaliyah & Veronica

Year 3: Carlo & Percy

Year 4: Caleb & Saphir

Year 5: Amariah & Dylan

Year 6: Taelor & Amrutha

Attendance and Punctuality

Week commencing 14th January

100% attendance: Y6

100% punctuality: N, Y2, Y3, Y6

Overall attendance: 95.5 %

Well done and keep it up!



What does hard work look like?

The pupils at Good Shepherd are hard-working with very good behaviour.

We talk about pupils having good 'Behaviour for Learning' meaning that they listen well, follow instructions, concentrate on their work and cooperate well with their peers.

However, it can be difficult for children to fully understand what hard work looks like so the poster on the right gives some tips for you, as parents, to help you encourage your children and ensure they get into good habits early on.

WHAT DOES HARD WORK LOOK LIKE

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1. **CHOOSE THE HARDER TASK** The only way we learn is to stretch ourselves a little out of our comfort zones.
2. **FOCUS YOUR EFFORT** Commit yourself fully to the task at hand and put away distractions.
3. **DO THE HARD OR BORING STUFF EARLY** You'll always find the time and energy to do the fun and easy stuff.
4. **MAXIMUM EFFORT** Even if you don't like the subject or topic, can you still do it to the best of your abilities?
5. **REPEAT, REPEAT, REPEAT** There are no shortcuts. Anything worth achieving is worth working for.
6. **MANAGE YOUR TIME** By planning what you are going to do and when, you can ensure you don't rush at the end which will help you avoid sloppy mistakes.
7. **IT'S THE DOING THAT MATTERS** Less talk, more action. You don't have to tell people how hard you are going to work, you just have to do it.
8. **IT'S ON YOU** How hard you work when no-one is watching will often determine how successful you will be when everyone is.
9. **QUANTITY AND QUALITY** Find out from your teachers the number of hours of independent study required, then make sure you fill them with efficient and effective work.

Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends with the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25th).

We are all familiar with his dramatic experience on the Damascus Road. Named Saul, he had been rounding up Christians for persecution. Jesus appeared to him in blinding light from heaven, asking why he had been persecuting him, by persecuting God's people.

Saul underwent a dramatic conversion. His name became Paul and he became the great missionary to the non-Jews, the Gentiles.

Conversion is a very important theme in our lives. For us, it should not be seen as a one-off. Rather it is something we undergo repeatedly.

We have been told that to live is to change, and to become perfect is to have changed often.



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day