



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022

Nursery and Reception September 2022

This is the time of year to apply for places for next September. Please encourage your family and friends to come and visit.

As you know, Good Shepherd is a strong Christian school but we welcome families of all faiths. Please share this message as outside families often think that they have to be Catholic to get a place at Good Shepherd



"Every day is open day at Good Shepherd!"

Anti Bullying Week

Next Week is Anti bullying Week, the theme is 'Reach Out.' Please wear Odd Socks on **Monday 14th November**, to celebrate what makes us all unique.

LA Visit

Mrs Fox, our School Improvement Advisor visited Good Shepherd on Tuesday and was very pleased with the lessons she observed in each year group.

She picked up on how much more independent the children have become in their learning since her last visit and commented that the teaching of phonics and our emphasis on wellbeing are a particular strength of our school.

Tram Derailment Anniversary

Wednesday marked the 6th anniversary of the tram derailment and our Year 6 Chaplaincy group attended a memorial service in New Addington which was led by Croydon's Mayor.

A Police Inspector commented on how smart the children looked and how well-behaved they were. Well done to Prudent, Alysha, Aaliyah, Gabriella, Moturayo and Christina.

The children had the opportunity to speak to Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon.

The service was attended by members of the public and the emergency services. We are proud to be the only school who attended today and we were thanked for having attended the memorial every year. Our thoughts are with those who were injured and to the families who lost loved ones in this tragedy. May they rest in peace.



Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Juewel Kaira	Israel
Y1: Dennis Ademide	Jhenae
Y2: Otiwah Keziah	Chimdindu
Y3: Aniyah Jevon	Keziah
Y4: Kacee Grigoriy	Adele
Y5: Allan Jeremiah	Ela
Y6: Aviah Chibuikem	Britney
Prudent Moturayo	
Alysha Gabriella	
Christina	



Extra-Curricular Clubs

I have sent out a link regarding clubs and would be grateful if all families could respond to this.

There are two questions so it won't take long to complete on your phone:

- 1) What additional extra-curricular clubs would you like?
- 2) I would like to continue with clubs running for 6 weeks per term

or

I would prefer clubs to run all year round (costing approximately double)

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

Learning together as part of God's family

Remembrance

The children have been busy making poppies this week to display in the hall ready for our remembrance assembly.



Fr Con's Reflection

November is very much a month of remembrance.



(At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we have the 2-minute silence for the commemoration of Armistice Day- the signing of the peace, to bring to an end WORLD WAR I of the last century.

The 2nd Sunday of November is always Remembrance Sunday.

On the 9th November, this year we marked the 6th anniversary of the terrible tram tragedy near the Sandilands stop. 7 people lost their lives and more than 60 were injured - some undergoing amputations.

In addition to these specific remembrances, we have a general underlying sense of remembrance. November emphasises that the calendar year is slowly but surely nearing its end.

We pray especially for the departed souls in Purgatory, who are undergoing personal purification in advance of entering Heaven. For they can do nothing to help themselves.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day