



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 19th May 2023

Wild Flowers

The DfE have joined forces with the Eden Project in Cornwall to give all state-funded primary schools some packets of wildflower seeds. This was to mark His Majesty's coronation. Our seed packets arrived this week and today, representatives from every class helped Mrs Saunders to plant these around the School Garden. This will encourage a greater variety of wildlife around our fruit and vegetables plants.

Faith Leader Day

Next week, we will be hosting a very special day again for the chaplaincy teams in the other Catholic Primary Schools in Croydon. Around 70 children will take part in a variety of Bible-themed activities.

Cafod World Gifts

We have received a thank you certificate for the money we raised during Lent. This has enabled 4 families access to clean water with a water pump, 2 refugee families will have food and shelter and 2 families have a chicken so they can produce eggs to sell. Well done Good Shepherd children for living out the Gospel and showing compassion to others.

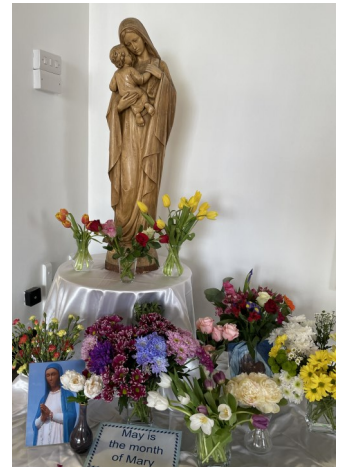


Good Shepherd Day

We will holding our school's feast day on Thursday where children will move from class to class completing activities which are linked to the Good Shepherd with different teachers.

Marion Procession

Thank you for sending flowers this week. The children processed from the playground to the church very prayerfully and the school hall and church look magnificent.



Sporting Success

Football—last Saturday both our football teams played in a league against the other Catholic primary schools. They all played brilliantly but a particular well done to Ezra and David for their goals. They all displayed an exceptionally good attitude throughout, shaking hands with their opposition and congratulating them where appropriate.

Swimming—On Thursday, our swimming team took part in a swimming gala, again with the other Catholic primary schools. Their recent training paid off and they behaved impeccably throughout. Well done to Declan, Akintayo, Emmanuel, Ollie, Mitchell and Azariah who all received bronze medals.

Water Bottles

Children must bring a reusable water bottle to school every day please. This must be made of plastic or metal but not glass.

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: Deniece, George,	Adepa
Y1: Jhenae, Mariyam,	Ademide
Y2: Chimdindu, Princess,	Abhid
Y3: Azariah, Uriel,	Imoleayo
Y4: Johan, Saviour,	Tiammii
Y5: Akshaya, Alimat,	D'asia
Y6: Chibuikem, Joel,	Amelia, Beulah



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

FROGS are inviting parents and carers to an online meeting to talk about the Father's Day Stall, Summer Fair and other FROGS activities on Monday 22nd May at 7pm.



Don't forget we are having a Father's Day Stall on Monday 5th June for your child/ren to buy something nice for their Dads.

We still need more unwanted men's items e.g. men's shower gel, men's fragrances, ties, socks, pens etc for the stall. Please check if you have some items at home or if male family members/friend have anything suitable. Please bring donations to the school office.

Parents and Carers, there is still time to pay for your entry to this year's International Summer Fair on Friday 16th June 3.15pm - 5.00pm using your child's parent pay account. If you have any problems with this, please speak to the office.

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

Mufti Day

Wednesday 7th June is non-uniform day for children. FROGS are kindly asking for children in each class to bring in the following items as their donation:

Nursery - Multipack of sweets

Reception - Multipack of sweets

Year 1 - Multipack of crisps

Year 2 - Multipack of crisps

Year 3 - 2 litre bottle of soft drink OR a multipack of soft drinks cans

Year 4 - Multipack of juice cartons OR 1 litre of juice

Year 5 - Plastic cups

Year 6 - Paper Plates

Fr Con's Reflection

Thursday of this week (18th May) was the great solemn Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.



This great event occurred 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead. He ascended to the right hand of God the Father.

The ascension is the 4th and final part of THE PASCHAL MYSTERY (the other 3 parts being respectively Jesus' PASSION, DEATH and RESSURECTION).

We can but imagine the sheer immense joy of Our Lady, the Apostles and disciples at having the Risen Jesus in their company daily for 40 days.

We encounter Him primarily at Mass. There, He is present, principally in the Holy Eucharist, but also in the Sacred Scripture Readings for He is the Word of God.

He is present in each and all of us, both when we are at Mass, and then through the Holy Spirit when Mass is over.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day

Learning together as part of God's family