



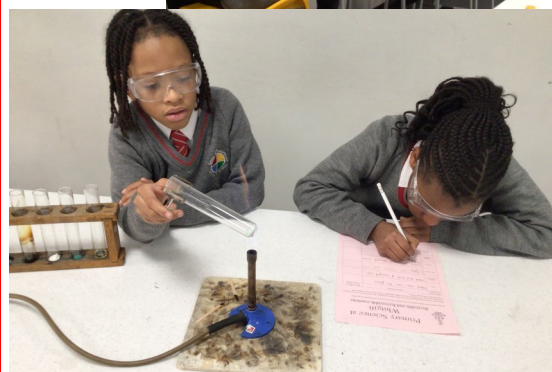
# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

## Whitgift Primary Project

The Year 5 children have had an amazing opportunity this week to visit Whitgift Independent Boys' School.

They have taken part in lessons on computer programming, coding and Mandarin, as well as conducting science experiments with Bunsen burners.



## Cafod

We had a speaker from Cafod at assembly on Monday and she also delivered workshops to some classes. I received the following email:

*'It was lovely to visit the school today; I was very impressed with the children's positive participation. Thank you for inviting me. Mary Carter'*

## Free SEN Sports Festival

Access Sport are hosting an inclusive multi sports festival on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

This free event is for deaf, disabled and neurodivergent children and young people and their families. We will have community clubs from Bromley delivering taster sessions including boxercise, tennis, Zumba, yoga, archery, football and much more. This is a great opportunity to try different sports and get involved in club sessions that take place locally during the week and weekends. Medals will be given out to all participants!

Please find more information below:

When: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Where: Bromley College (indoor sports hall), Rookery Lane, BR2 8HE

Time: 11 – 1 pm

Age: 5 - 25 years old

Cost: free

Register: <http://bit.ly/BromleyMulti-SportFestival24>

(Participants must be registered before attending)

**Parents/carers/guardians to stay with their children at all times during the event.**

*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: De Bruyne, Sukaina,	Elza
Y1: Freya, Vincenzo,	Israel
Y2: Kristina, Levi,	Zeah
Y3: Emerald, Naila,	Alde
Y4: Atanas, Sabrina,	Azariah, Messie
Y5: All of Y5	
Y6: Kayden, Leon-Jay	Elijah



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

### FROGS Coffee Morning

Wednesday 24th January at 8.40am  in the School Breakfast Hub, followed by an online meeting in the evening at 8pm.

### FROGS WhatsApp group reminder

A letter was sent out to parents about a recent Cyber Software Security breach which also had a request for parents/carers to join the group. If you are interested, please return the completed slip to the school office. If you have any questions, please speak to Eleesha.

### Mother's Day Stall Donations


In support of the Mother's Day stall on Wed 6th and Thurs 7th March, we are kindly asking for parents to donate any unwanted items in good condition for our stall. We will also be collecting items for our Father's day stall too. Gift Donations are welcome until Wed 21st February at the School Office.

## Be Kind and Respectful

We regularly refer to our school rule of 'Be kind and respectful' to the children in assemblies, in the playground and in class. I am pleased to say that they are a credit to you most of the time.

However, please ensure that you, as parents and carers, are role models to your children. Unfortunately, I received a complaint this morning from a resident of Leigh Crescent about one of our parents. I know that this is an isolated incident and not a regular occurrence.

## Fr Con's Reflection

Thursday of this school week (18<sup>th</sup> January) opened the annual WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. In effect, it is an OCTAVE, an 8 day period which always concludes on January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. 

John's Gospel (Chapter 17) presents what is termed 'THE PRIESTLY PRAYER OF CHRIST' to God the Father. Verse 21 of that chapter reads: "MAY THEY ALL BE ONE. FATHER, MAY THEY BE ONE IN US, AS YOU ARE IN ME AND I AM IN YOU, SO THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE IT WAS YOU WHO SENT ME."

From Jesus' words here, we can see that He means much more than merely unity among Christians. He means unity among all world faiths. He is the sole source of unity for the entire world, since He alone is, as He assured us, "THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**  
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*Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Day*

*Learning together as part of God's family*