



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 12th October 2023

## Harvest

Please remember to send in donations for the harvest table at school. These donations will all be sent to the New Addington Food Bank. Year 5 will be leading us in our harvest Mass on Tuesday at 9:15am.

## International Day

We will be celebrating International Day on Friday 20th October. Children are invited to come to school in clothes representing their heritage. Parents are welcome to come at 2:10pm for a wonderful celebration assembly

## Starfish Malawi

A little while ago, we sent water bottles to a school in Malawi. They were delighted to receive them and have sent us a picture of themselves with their new water bottles.



## Black History Month

The children in Year 1 have been learning about US astronaut, doctor and engineer, Mae Jemison who was the first African-American woman to go into space in 1992 aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

## Good Shepherd

We have been gifted a stunning painting of the Good Shepherd (painted by Ethiopian artist, Yared T) by the Minaye family. This is now hanging in the prayer area next to the library.



## Visiting the Farm

A group of children with additional needs went to Christmas Tree Farm. They got to meet lots of animals and spent time enjoying 'farm life'. Each child had their own bucket so they could feed the animals. They all had a fantastic time. The children will now be spending lots of learning time speaking and writing about the great experience that they encountered. Mr Connelly had a great time too!



## R.E Day

Good Shepherd hosted an RE day for the Croydon Catholic primary schools. The schools work very closely together and have a full programme of sports competitions, quizzes and religious events each year. This particular event is a lovely way for the children to share their faith with each other through a day of prayer, reflection and craft activities. We had over 50 pupils from other schools visiting and the 8 Good Shepherd children impressed me enormously with their friendly and welcoming approach to the visiting children.



## Measles

Measles cases are rising across the country and children are at risk of catching the disease if they haven't been vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and the NHS is encouraging parents to get their children vaccinated. [NHS Vaccine Poster](#)

*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: Joella, Junior,	Emeda
Y1: Adepa, Nyah-Rae,	Nana
Y2: Sienna, Zofia,	Marcan
Y3: Ariella, Keziah-Rose,	Mateo
Y4: Ronelle, Uriel,	Sefaah
Y5: Jaden, Kacee,	Tiammii
Y6: Extra, Jeremiah,	Alimat



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



**Light Party Thursday 19th October 3.15pm - 4.30pm (Reception-Y6).** Entry is **£2.50** per child and should be paid using your child's ParentPay account. All payments should be made by **Monday 16th October**. Children can wear white or bright coloured clothes on this day as it is a non-uniform Day.

**FROGS Coffee Morning Monday 16th October at 8.40am** in the School Breakfast Hub. All parents are invited to come along.

If you are unable to make it, parents are welcome to join us via Zoom on **Monday 16th October at 8pm** to have the opportunity to catch up on what was discussed in the Coffee Morning Meeting.

Meeting ID: 5348733122 Passcode: 3agzK3

**Talent Show Auditions** Good Shepherd has **Talent** is back, Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS) will be holding Talent Show Auditions on **Monday 13th November**. Further information about this to follow.

## FROGS Christmas Dinner

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS) invite you to their Christmas Dinner on **Saturday 9th December** at Aqua Bar and Grill Restaurant, Croydon.

If you are interested in attending or any questions, please speak to Eleesha Gordon or Christy Lawal for further information.

## Tag Rugby

A group of 10 children from Years 5 and 6 represented the school brilliantly at a tag rugby competition yesterday. They demonstrated fair play throughout, remembered all the techniques they had learnt in their training. Well done for such excellent sportsmanship.



## Fr Con's Reflection

The political situation in Israel-Palestine is the worst it has ever been.



In this Rosary month, let us endeavour to undertake to pray for a lasting peace there. It is the land walked by Jesus Himself, His Mother Mary, foster-father Joseph and so many others 2000 years ago. The Rosary is the ideal prayer to ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, Queen of Peace.

Particularly we remember people living there, who have any connection with any member of our school family.

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*