



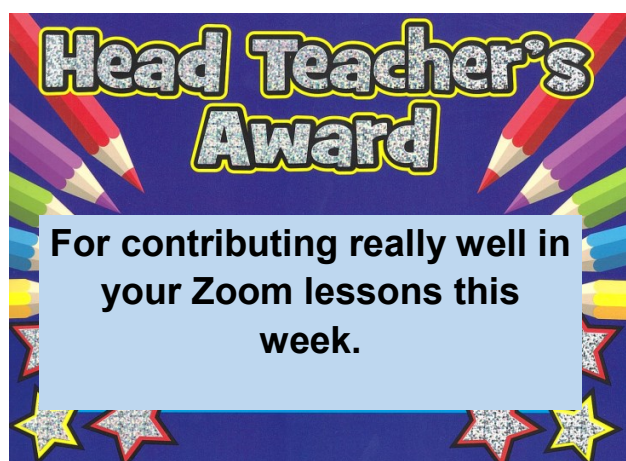
Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 5th February 2021

Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children for their virtual certificates:

Rec Amiyah and Alde
Y1 Judah and Lauryl
Y2 Amelia and Reon
Y3 Declan and Kaiden
Y4 Ella-Jaide and Chevaro
Y5 Danilia and Akin
Y6 Ifrah and Ethan



The children will get their certificate as soon as school reopens.

Next week, I will be looking for those children who have tried really hard with their handwriting.

Laptop waiting list

We have been able to loan out 44 laptops and tablets so far which is a real achievement. Do you need to borrow a laptop? If so, please email the school office or send a text.

Again, if you need additional data because you don't have broadband, please let us know.

Mental Health Week

We have been doing lots of different activities this week for home learning including watching special videos, completing activities for home learning and having a get together in small groups so children could chat to their friends. It's been lovely to get such positive feedback about how much your children have enjoyed these special sessions so after half term, we will do them again.

A lovely activity for the whole family to do together is to create a 'Positivi-tree'. Every member of the family comes up with some positive statements about themselves. This might be things they are good at or things they are thankful for.



Indoor games

Trinity School have put together a short video of fun games to play inside:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-MAKLjqpAY&feature=youtu.be>

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Safer Internet Day 9th February

Fake news is where false information is presented as genuine news. Disinformation and conspiracy theories, for example about coronavirus, are often widely shared on social media. These stories could be worrying for your child. Help your child spot fake news by asking themselves:

What is the source? Is it a reputable news source, and are mainstream news outlets, such as the BBC, reporting it too?

When was it published? Check the date an article was published, as sometimes old stories are shared on social media. This could be an accident, or it might be to make it look like something happened recently.

Have you seen anything similar elsewhere? What happens if you search for it on Google or check it using a fact-checking website like Full Fact?

Do the pictures look real? Images might have been edited. They might also be unrelated images that have been used with the story.

Why might this have been created? Could someone be trying to provoke a specific reaction or get you to click a link?

Encourage them to **read beyond the headline** too. Many people share stories having just read the headline, then discover the actual story is quite different.

Point them to the government's SHARE checklist (<https://sharechecklist.gov.uk/>) and advice from Childline (<https://bit.ly/3oYfsqd>) too.

Nursery Places

If your child is due to start Nursery in September and you haven't applied for a place yet, please contact the office and complete a form before half term.

Reminder

Please note that next Friday (12th Feb) is a staff training day and there will not be any Zoom lessons, Google Classroom work or provision for key workers.

Home Learning

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

To help us make sure we're providing the right support for you and your child, we'd like to know your thoughts on our approach to home learning.

A link was texted to all parents and carers yesterday with a short survey about our home learning provision. Please take a few minutes to complete this on your phone as your feedback is really important to us.

Thank you so much for the 45 responses already received.

A Prayer for your Family

Dear God,

Thank you for being with me today.

Be with all my family near and far.

Watch over us this night, I pray.

Amen



If you need to contact the office, please email if possible rather than telephoning as this is easier when staff are working from home.

office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

*Have a good weekend
and stay safe,*

Mrs Day