



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

Good Shepherd Day

Next Friday we will be celebrating Good Shepherd Day at school. Most Catholic schools are named after saints and so have a particular date each year which is their feast day. As we don't have a feast day as such, I introduced Good Shepherd Day a couple of years ago as an opportunity to learn more about why Jesus is our Good Shepherd and take part in creative activities linked to the Bible.



Deaf Awareness

This week is Deaf Awareness Week and today at Good Shepherd we have been thinking about how we are all different and about some of the challenges deaf people may experience. In assembly, I posed the question 'How might our lives be different if we were unable to hear?'

Learning about differences is an important way of understanding the needs of others.

Poetry Performance

The Y4 and Y5 children performed some wonderful poems to the whole school this morning. They had practised hard beforehand and did a great job—well done to everyone who took part.

Bikeability

20 children from Y3 and Y4 took part in a Bikeability session this week. They learnt important skills such as how to steer around obstacles and brake safely.

Safe Space

All schools in the borough support a Croydon led campaign which provides parents experiencing domestic abuse a 'Safe Space' where any parents seeking help will be given access to a phone, where they can call for support and advice.

It is estimated that one in five children is being exposed to domestic abuse and we know this will be impacting both children and parents who are part of our school community. We hope this campaign will support victims to come forward and access help more easily.

This poster is also displayed on the school noticeboard.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

**This is a safe space
You can get help here
Please talk to a member of staff**

You can also contact Croydon FJC for support

Call 020 8688 0100

Or call the 24hr National Domestic Abuse Hotline

0808 2000 247

#YOUARENOTALONE



Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Headteacher and Kindness Awards

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

Headteacher	Kindness Award:
R: Jeremy, Mateo	Leylah
Y1: Chisom, Judah	Jevon
Y2: Eleana, Funmi	Joseph
Y3: D'asia, Mitchell	Kingsley
Y4: Christina, Kaiden	Josef
Y5: Daniel O, Faith	Stefan
Y6: Angel, Julia	Malvin



Gaming @ Home

It has come to the attention of staff that children have been given permission at home to play games that are targeted for an older audience. On the front cover of games are PEGI ratings that show the minimum age a gamer should be to play that game. On the back cover of the game are icons which explain why the game has been given its PEGI rating (see below). Playing games that are not for a child's age can negatively impact their behaviour in school, for example by imitating the signature moves of a character in a fighting game on their peers at school. Just as parents/carers are advised to monitor the websites that their children browse whilst using the internet, they should also be aware of the contents of games before purchasing them or allowing their children to play them. We all want to keep our children safe.



Hula Hooping

All classes had a special workshop on Wednesday learning hula hooping skills which they loved! I booked it in January so I am pleased it was still able to go ahead.

Lunch Payments

Please can all parents ensure that their child's ParentPay account remains in credit at all times. At the moment, Mrs Snow is making daily phone calls to parents whose accounts have gone into arrears. Please check your child's balance, remembering that lunches cost £2.30 each day.

Fr Con's Reflection

The month of May each year is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. (October is dedicated to her Rosary).



Pope Francis has asked that on each day of May 2021, the Rosary be prayed for an end to the pandemic.

This entails the standard saying of 5 Decades from one of the 4 sets of "MYSTERIES" – (these are the "Joyful"; the "Sorrowful"; the "Luminous"; the "Glorious") – the choice will depend upon the particular day of the week.

Meanwhile, our children could be encouraged to say a "mini – Rosary" each day – (one "Our Father"; 3 "Hail Mary's"; one "Glory be" – adjusted to one "Hail Mary" for very young children).

Praying the Rosary as a family would be the absolute ideal. We need to request Our Lady to intercede for us, before God's throne, for an absolute end to the pandemic.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**

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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day