



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020

Black History Month 2020

October marks the start of Black History Month. At Good Shepherd, children will be learning about some famous people and the role they played in the world.



Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest a little differently this year. We will start our celebrations on Thursday 8th October with an online Harvest assembly for all Catholic primary schools and on the following Thursday (15th October) we will have our own school-based virtual Harvest assembly.

We will be collecting items of food for the New Addington Food Bank.

They are in particular need of:

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| Jam | Tinned meat |
| Pasta | Tinned vegetables |
| Oil | Tinned potatoes |
| Rice | Long-life milk |

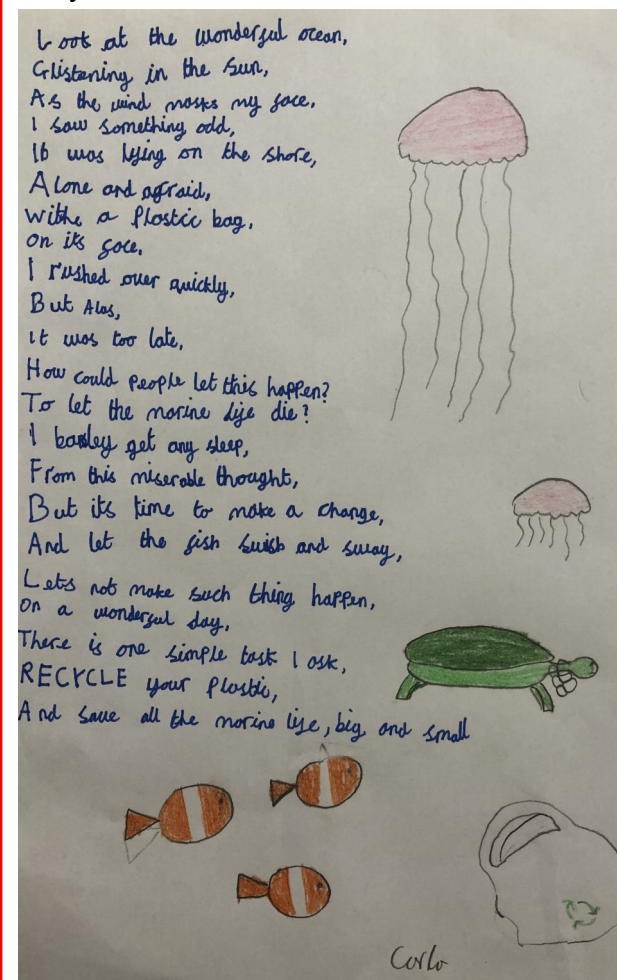
However, they are always very grateful of any toiletries or food as long as it is not fresh/chilled.

Children should bring in any donations into their class between now and 15th October and each class will create their own harvest display before handing them to the Food Bank.



Recycling

Last Friday, the children discussed the importance of recycling and in their classes and they also talked about how we can all be better stewards of the earth, by reusing plastic bottles rather than throwing them away.



Parents evening

Parents evening will have to be conducted differently this year and so each teacher will telephone you to discuss how your child has settled back and about your child's learning. More information will be coming out about this shortly.

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 Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Jayden & Marie	Esmerelda
Y1: Ivanna & Uriel	Naomi
Y2: Emike & Isaiah	Frankie-Joe
Y3: Alimat & Allan	Eden
Y4: Akintayo & Aviah	Azreal
Y5: Isabelle & Nana	Emilie-Anne
Y6: Elsie & Kosi	Leona



Start of the year Mass

We celebrated a start of the year Mass yesterday as a school which was very special. Whilst we are not permitted to all go to church or for Fr Con to come and celebrate Mass in school, we had to think a little creatively about how we could have a school Mass, so we all joined Fr Malachi's streaming of his parish Mass from Holy Family Church.

Fr Malachi made this very special for our school by saying a big welcome to all the children at Good Shepherd at the beginning and explaining different parts of the Mass to the children.

Although, each class was in their own separate classroom for this Mass as we can't mix the bubbles, there was a real sense of joining the school community together.



Fruit

Children in Nursery to Year 2 continue to receive a piece of fruit or vegetable each day. If your child is in Y3-6, they are welcome to bring in fruit from home to eat at break time. This can either be fresh fruit/vegetables or dried fruit such as raisins, but no other snacks please.



Fr Con's Reflection

When we think of October opening, we scarcely think of flowers and their opening.



Yet this reflection is compiled on the memorial of St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1st October), known as the Little Flower, one of the most loved saints.

October also points us to the rose as it is Rosary month. Each of the Rosary's "Hail, Mary's" is understood as a "rose" to Our Blessed Lady, beseeching her intercession.

This school week ends on the memorial of the Guardian Angels. In the current trying times let us all, young and not-so-young, daily appeal to our very own Guardian Angel as follows:

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day (or night) be at my side
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen

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Have a good weekend,

Mrs Day