



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2020

End of day procedures

Please can all parents remember to queue on the pavement when collecting children at the end of the day. If you know that a family member is collecting your child, please make sure you pass this message on to them as well. There are still some adults who are not forming a queue and this is unfair on the majority of parents and carers who have adapted to the new procedures and form a queue.



Please remember to follow the government directive and maintain social distancing at all times. As it is a busy time at the end of the day and London is moving into high alert, wearing face coverings is a way to keep both your family and everyone else's family safe.

Nursery and Reception places

If you know of any friends or family members whose children should be starting in either Nursery or Reception in September 2021, please remind them that they must apply for a place before Christmas. If they would like any information on how to apply or help with filling in forms, they should contact Mrs Snow in the school office.

Pencil cases

Just a reminder that as all children have their own individual pack of stationery in school, they should not be bringing in pencil cases from home.

Harvest

A group of children led the school in a virtual harvest assembly yesterday. We ended with the whole school joining in together with the following prayer from Cafod:

Loving God,

*We think of our neighbours, near and far,
who live in poverty. We pray we may share
generously all you have given us.*

*Help us to work together to build a brighter
world, where each of us can become the
best person we can be. Amen*

Thank you for your generous donations to the New Addington Food Bank. The photograph shows the donations from just two classes—the rest is sitting in bags and boxes underneath as there was too much to safely display on the table!



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 Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Amiyah & Daniel	Azariah
Y1: Daniel & Simon	Joy
Y2: Erin & Mi-Zani	Funmi
Y3: Daniel & Joanna	Leon-Jay
Y4: Aaliyah & Alysha	Jaydin
Y5: Angel & Isabella	Faith
Y6: Damaro & Riaz	Shai-Nefer

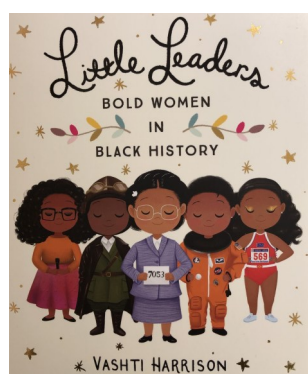
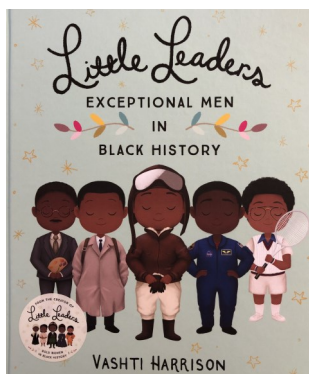


Our learning this week

We have been using these lovely books plus other resources to continue learning about inspirational people.

This week, we have been learning about:

Wilfried Zaha, Guion Bluford Junior, Marcus Rashford, Martin Luther King, Eniola Aluko, Learie Constantine, Harriet Tubman, Oprah Winfrey, Rosa Parks and Robert Smalls.



Half term

School closes next Friday at normal time for the half term break. School reopens on Monday 2nd November.

Parents' evening

Thank you for returning your slips regarding your date/time preference for the telephone conversation with your child's class teacher. This year, each child will receive their targets beforehand (next Friday for Rec-Y6 and next Wednesday for Nursery children) so you can have them in front of you during your telephone meeting.

Fr Con's Reflection

As we arrive at the midpoint of the month, we notice that the coming Sunday's Gospel Reading ends with the well-known words:



"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's".

The pharisees, the leading Jews, sought to trap Jesus on the subject of whether their religious faith and practice exempted them from the demand to pay taxes. Expecting a particular answer from Jesus, they would then use that answer to trap him before the state authorities.

Obviously we have a duty to pay our taxes. (Even diocesan priests are bracketed with the self-employed!)

In the current pandemic we have a duty to pay in a different sense – to pay attention to government instructions, and to pay respect to others by wearing face coverings, keeping a respectful distance etc.

At the same time, in a pandemic and always, we need to be people who not only pay, but people who pray – who render unto God the things that are God's – to praise Him and pray for protection for one and all.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone
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*Have a good weekend,
Mrs Day*