



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 1st November 2024

Learning together as part of God's family

Natasha Irons MP

We were privileged to have a visit from Natasha Irons this afternoon. For those of you who don't know, she is the MP for Croydon East and so is our local MP.



We held a whole school assembly so everyone will get to meet her. The children were interested to know a little about everyday life as an MP and what it involves. The School Council came up with some great questions which they asked her during the assembly:

1. How stressful is your job?
2. What challenges do you face as an MP?
3. How do you feel when you speak in public or on the news?
4. Have you ever been called by the Prime Minister and how did you feel?
5. How do you feel when people do not agree with your ideas?
6. How do you offer suggestions to help run the country?
7. What do you do when others disagree with you?

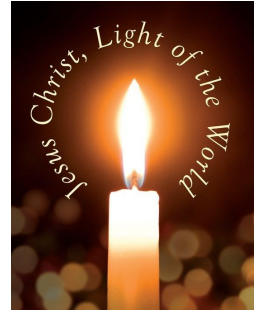
Mrs Irons was extremely impressed with the behaviour of the whole school and said that it was the best behaviour she had seen so far on her school visits—well done everyone!

Be kind and respectful

Light Party

Yesterday's Light Party was a great success and it was lovely to see the children wearing their light and bright clothes to signify that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Thank you to FROGS for organising the refreshments.



Starfish Malawi

Do you remember donating books last May for our link school in Malawi?



We received information this week that the container has arrived and the children are very appreciative of the books we collected and donated—they have passed on their thanks.



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: Kamai, Lily-Kay,	Isaiah
Y1: Elza, Sofia,	Oliver
Y2: Faustina, Sarah,	Jahleel
Y3: Benedict, Nahla,	Ari'ah
Y4: Chimdindu, Mary,	Abhid
Y5: Aiden, Azariah,	David
Y6: Isaiah, Kacee,	Temi



Important Reminder—Nuts

Children must not bring nuts or nut products (such as Nutella, certain cereal bars and chocolate bars etc) to school. We have a number of children and staff at Good Shepherd with a life-threatening allergy to nuts and the airborne dust released by nuts.



School Workshops

Thank you to Miss Butler for leading a phonics workshop this week and to Mrs Vijapura for leading the online safety workshops. A lot of useful content was delivered which was very well received by those parents who attended.

Parents Evening

Please ensure that you book an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

All Saints Day & All Souls Day

The school celebrated All Saints Day Mass together this morning to remember all those who have lived their lives really well and have died and gone to Heaven.

Children were reminded that today is also a day when we remember that we are all called to be saints. What can we do to follow Jesus, live our lives well and be saints ourselves?

Tomorrow we remember all those members of our school community, staff and parents, as well as our own family members who have died.

May they rest in peace, Amen

Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends on the Solemn Feast of ALL SAINTS, when school and parish meet together for the celebration of Holy Mass.



'ALL SAINTS' (Friday) is followed by 'ALL SOULS', when we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, who are undergoing purification before their one-by-one entry into Heaven.

These 2 days are the greatest CONSECUTIVE pair of days in the Church's Calendar or year. They form 2 of the 3 parts of the Communion of Saints which is the full Church. Souls in Heaven are the "CHURCH TRIUMPHANT"; souls in Purgatory are the "CHURCH SUFFERING"; we, and all believers in Jesus, are the "CHURCH MILITANT", so called because we are fighting the good fight of the Faith. There is such a close connection between these 3 categories.

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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day