



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2019

Anti-Bullying Week

Although anti-bullying week was officially this week, we are focussing on it at Good Shepherd next



week as we didn't want to distract from the importance of Remembrance Day on Monday and we also had a large number of children out of school during the week at three large sporting events.

The theme this year is: *Change Starts With Us*

We will focus on how a small change can make a big difference.

*Change starts here.
Change starts now.
Change starts with us.*

Sporting achievements

We recently had children attend a Croydon cross country event in Lloyd's Park. This was a strenuous course and our children showed great determination.



A particular well done to Madison who came 2nd out of all the Y1 girls in Croydon.

A group of pupils attended Riddlesdown Collegiate this week for a multi skills event and surpassed themselves with their good conduct and sportsmanlike behaviour.

The Year 5/6 football team braved the elements on Tuesday at a very wet football knockout tournament, getting all the way to the semi-finals—well done.

Finally, 35 pupils attended the Catholic cross country competition yesterday, and did extremely well to run on such a muddy course!

Author visit

The younger children had an exciting visit from Grant Koper this week who read "The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away".



Disco Tuesday 19th November 3:15-4:15

Remember to pay for your disco tickets (£2) if you haven't done so already, as only children who are on our ParentPay list will be able to attend.

Tuesday will also be a mufti day and children are encouraged to wear odd socks or odd hair bobbles on this day. Odd Socks Day is a national event all about celebrating what makes someone unique so fits in perfectly with our anti-bullying week.

Remembrance

We started the week off with a Remembrance assembly, explaining to the children who we are remembering and the significance of the poppy.



Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends at the exact midpoint of this month of November.

In the first half we have seen the great feast of ALL SAINTS, followed directly by ALL SOULS DAY (where we remembered all deceased souls, especially those in Purgatory).

We have also seen Remembrance Sunday on the 10th, followed next day by the commemoration of signing of the Peace Treaty at 11am on the 11th.

As we approach the month's midpoint, it is good for a moment to take stock. November has so much to say to us spiritually, both as individuals and as a community or church.

This month's theme is unsurprisingly given to us on its opening day – ALL SAINTS. They intercede for us on our journey of faith, our journey to God. Where they are, it is our destiny to be.

Our preparation for Heaven has to begin, or to have begun, in the here-and-now, on this earth. Time is God's gift to us. May we endeavour to use it wisely and spiritually.



Road safety

Please remember to give regular prompts to your children to be aware of road safety, particularly now that it is darker in the mornings and evenings.

When crossing roads, remind them:

To use a safe crossing wherever possible (e.g. pedestrian lights, zebra crossing or an island in the middle of the road).

Not to use ear-buds or headphones as these lessen children's awareness of traffic.

Not to use a mobile phone when crossing roads.

Not to run across a road or tram-line to catch a bus, tram without checking for traffic.

Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked so hard this week and had great behaviour:



Reception: Maybelle, Ameliah

Year 1: Isaiah, Mi-Zani

Year 2: Abigail, Esther

Year 3: Amelia, Joseph

Year 4: Emilie-Anne, Sebastian

Year 5: Leona, Elia

Year 6: Raymond, Andre

Timestables

We have purchased a subscription to Times Tables Rock Stars which children can practice both at school and at home. Individual logins for Y1-6 will be coming home next week.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to Parents' Evening last week, I hope you found it helpful.

Breakfast for parents/carers next week

Male carers Tuesday 19th 8:30am.

Female carers Thursday 21st 8:30am.

Attendance and Punctuality

99.7% attendance: Y4 & Y5

100% punctuality: Y4

Well done and keep it up!



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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day