



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 19th November 2021

## Anti-Bullying

This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme One Kind Word.

Kindness is so important as little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

Children have been talking this week about how they can ask if someone's OK or remember to say sorry to someone.

One kind word can change someone's day into a more positive one and best of all, one kind word leads to another.

Each class has contributed to our Wall of Kindness in the hall as a reminder that it starts with just one kind word.



Well done to everyone who wore odd socks today to celebrate how everyone is different and unique.

## Reading Stars

Y5 are our reading stars this week for having read the most books on the Pickatale app—well done!



## Cross Country

Following on from our success at the Cross Country competition last Thursday, the Small Schools' Trophy was located and presented retrospectively to us. A very well done to the 22 children who took part, we're so proud of your achievements.



## Gymnastics Competition

Four children from Y1 and Y2 took part in a gymnastics competition yesterday. This was the first time they had represented Good Shepherd. They did brilliantly and remembered their long and complicated routine—well done.

## Listening to Reading

Here are a few questions to help parents with questions they could ask their child when they are reading together:

- ⇒ Do you know any other story which has a similar theme, e.g. good over evil, weak over strong, wise over foolish?
- ⇒ Can you think of another story which deals with the same issues, e.g. social, cultural, moral, issues?
- ⇒ How did ...?
- ⇒ Can you explain why?
- ⇒ Do you agree with ...'s opinion?
- ⇒ What can you tell about the viewpoint of the author?
- ⇒ What words give you the impression that ...?
- ⇒ What does the author think about ... and what evidence do you have to support your view?
- ⇒ What would this character think about...?
- ⇒ Which text is giving the writer's own opinion and how do you know?

It can be hard helping children with their reading, especially if they are a fluent reader but hopefully these questions will give some ideas.

*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: Dennis, Natalio,	Anaiah-Jay
Y1: Christable, Evelyn,	Otiwaah
Y2: Anaya, Kayden,	Annette
Y3: Emike, Joel,	Raphael
Y4: Allan, Mitchell,	Jeremiah
Y5: Joseph, Tasmin,	Christina
Y6: Edwin, Percival,	Stefan



## Malawi

Starfish Malawi is a Christian charity currently linking 30 primary schools in the UK with schools in Malawi. The aim of this is to develop global citizenship for children in both countries. Developing regular contact with the linked school will help the children of Good Shepherd to learn about life as a Malawian child as it can be easy to forget how different life can be in different parts of the world.

A representative from the charity visited our school on Monday to talk to the children about life in Malawi, the aims of the charity and more about our link school.

Kachere Primary School was established in 2019 and is a very similar size school to Good Shepherd as it has 240 children and seven teachers. We look forward to finding out more about their school and telling them about life in our school.

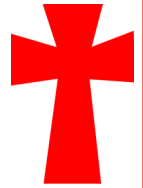
## Welcome

This week we welcomed Mrs Aranda to our team of Teaching Assistants. Mrs Aranda is working in the Reception class alongside Miss Butler.

Miss Thompson also started work in the school office this week with Mrs Snow. Her working days are Tuesdays to Fridays with Mrs Sharma continuing to work on Mondays.

## Fr Con's Reflection

This coming Sunday (21st November) is the final Sunday of the Church's Year, which always concludes about one month before the end of the calendar year.



On this final Sunday, the solemn feast celebrated is that of CHRIST THE KING.

He is universal King—not merely King of the Jews (to quote the title accorded to Him by Pontius Pilate, well nigh 2000 years ago).

His Kingdom is in no way exclusive—rather He is King of all who are on the side of truth, and who listen to his voice.

Exactly one year ago, we were in the second lockdown, lasting for the month of November.

This weekend, let us praise Jesus Christ, our King, for His ongoing protection throughout the pandemic.

## Reminder

Monday 29th November is an inset day and the school is not open to pupils.

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

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*Have a lovely weekend*

*Mrs Day*