



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 1st July 2022

Small Schools' Athletics Champions!

On Thursday, 34 children from KS2 represented Good Shepherd at the Catholic Athletics Competition. As the competition has not been held for the past two years, some children had never had the chance to represent our school and all of them behaved impeccably. The day started off with many nerves but they were all overcome and every child gave 100%.

There was tough competition in the field events, and with very little time to practice the children performed incredibly well. In the sprints, many children made it through to the finals where we had great success.

Daniel (Yr 3), **Joshua** (Yr 6) and **Akin** (Yr 6) all came 3rd in their races.

Eden (Yr 4), **Maryjoy** (Yr 5) and **Jayda** (Yr 5) came 2nd place in their races.

Ranel (Yr 3) and **Emmanuel** (Yr 5) both won their races!

Joseph (Yr 5) took 3rd place in the long distance race.

We had further success in the relays.

Madison (Yr 3), **D'asia** (Yr 4), **Maryjoy** (Yr 5) and **Isabella** (Yr 6) made up the girls mixed team and **Daniel** (Yr 3), **Elijah** (Yr 4), **Emmanuel** (Yr 5) and **Joshua** (Yr 6) made up the boys mixed team.

Both teams gave everything they had and both teams came 1st!

All of the successes throughout the day meant that once all events were complete, team Good Shepherd were crowned **WINNERS** of the small schools trophy! The children worked so well as a team, supporting and cheering on their team mates and they were also incredibly gracious winners. Every child contributed to our success and showed what a credit they are to Good Shepherd. I am immensely proud of every one of them.

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM GS!

Times Tables Rock Stars

The children have been very competitive this week with the London Rocks competition and it has definitely paid off!

Out of the 355 schools across London who took part in London Rocks, Good Shepherd were ranked 17th. This is based on the number of correct answers given per pupil.

A special mention to our Year 3 class as they were the class ranked 4th out of 8,954 classes.

I think it's fair to say that the children at Good Shepherd love to try their best and are very good at recalling their times tables — I'm very proud of you all—well done!



Basketball

A group of Y4 children went to Coombe Wood last week to take part in a 3x3 basketball session. They were praised for their teamwork and how well they supported each other—well done for representing Good Shepherd so well.

Routine Vaccinations

Make sure your child is up to date on their routine vaccinations.

Many children have missed vital routine vaccinations over the past couple of years, putting them at risk of preventable diseases. If your child has missed one or both of their vaccinations, it's not too late – make an appointment with your GP as soon as you can.

Please see attachment for more information.

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: Mahmood, all of class,	Ari'ah
Y1: Esther, Malaika,	Avaeyah
Y2: Annette, Kayden,	Johnny
Y3: Chinaza, Kacee,	Raphael
Y4: Abigail, Declan,	Chazona
Y5: Nathanael, Zac,	Alysha
Y6: Alvin, Malachi,	Emma



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

I met with the friends of Good Shepherd earlier this week and after the success of the recent Summer Fair, we have got some dates in the diary for various event in the next academic year.



P.E Kits

Looking around at PE lessons over the past couple of weeks, there are a number of children without full P.E. kits. Children should have a red t-shirt with the school logo and navy shorts (the exception to this is Y5 and Y6 who may still have red shorts which were bought before the uniform changed). They should also have plimsolls or trainers. It is strongly recommended that children also have plan navy joggers and a plain navy sweatshirt as P.E. lessons take place outside all year round regardless of the weather.

Please ensure your child has the full P.E. kit in September.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Attached is information about a free holiday club for FSM children.

Transition Sessions

Children will move to their new class on Tuesday morning, and again the following Tuesday (12th).

COVID

There are a number of cases of covid, both at Good Shepherd and in the community, so I would like to ask all parents to remind their children to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze. Also, if you think they may have covid, please keep them off school for a few days.

Fr Con's Reflection

This school week ends at the exact midpoint of the calendar year.



The month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (JUNE) has given way to the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus (JULY)

These two themes are ever so closely linked – the human heart is surrounded by a water sac (known in Latin as the 'pericardium'). When Jesus' side was pierced on the Calvary Cross, blood and water flowed out accordingly.

For this wondrous self-sacrifice for our eternal salvation, we obviously must cultivate an ongoing loving thanksgiving to God.

From that foundation, we then can, and should, thank God for all His graces bestowed upon the school in these first six months of 2022.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day