



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 8th June 2022

## Infant Sports

A group of children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 joined the other Catholic schools yesterday for an athletics competition at St Thomas Becket.

The children represented the school brilliantly and the quote of the day has to be "We won again!"

Esmerelda (Y1) came 1st in the sprint and Messie and Rashaard (Y2) came first in a relay—very well done.

Overall, Good Shepherd came second on their total number of points scored and were awarded certificates and medals.

**Well done Team Good Shepherd!**



## Whitgift School

Year 5 had an enjoyable day at Whitgift School on Monday. They had lessons in computer coding where they had to complete a few different challenges. They also learnt how to say 'hello' and 'how are you?' in Mandarin plus some interesting facts about the Chinese culture.

## School Street

The Council is planning on making part of Dunley Drive a 'School Street'.

I am so pleased that Good Shepherd has been chosen to join the growing number of schools who already benefit from this system—it is a great way of making Dunley Drive a much safer place for all our children.

This would mean that parents could not park on Dunley Drive from 8:00-9:30 or from 2-4pm on school days and would have to park further afield or choose a more sustainable means of travel to school such as walking or scooting.

The reason for this new initiative is to reduce problems with traffic, congestion and air pollution around the school.

There is a consultation period which runs for the whole of July. This survey plus more information about the scheme can be found on the link below:

[Have your say on Healthy School Streets | Get Involved Croydon](#)

It would be fantastic if all parents could respond to this. I have already asked all staff and governors to do so as well.

## Visitors

We have hosted three teachers from America this week who are visiting the UK to experience the English education system. It has been very interesting talking to them about their schools and finding out that they have no Teaching Assistants at all! Good Shepherd would certainly be a very different school without our wonderful support staff.

*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Determination*

*Positivity*

*Teamwork*

### Headteacher and Kindness Awards

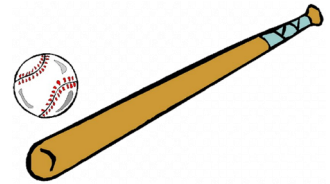
Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

Headteacher	Kindness
R: Benedict, Mika,	Aaron
Y1: Elise, Marie,	Otiwaah
Y2: Byron, Ivanna,	Aiden, Daniel
Y3: Saviour, Temi,	Isaiah
Y4: Akshaya, David,	Janelle
Y5: Amelia, David,	Akintayo
Y6: Jayden N, Percy,	Joshua



### Rounders Festival

A group of Year 3 children visited Greenvale Primary School this week for a rounders festival



where they were introduced to the game and had a chance to play some 'friendly' matches with children from other schools.

### Fr Con's Reflection

As we know, we have now entered the second half of the calendar year.



Even a very brief, momentary look back on the first half will quickly tell us that world news has been tumultuous – the war in Ukraine; ongoing effects of an Omicron variant in COVID-19; so many nations facing diverse sufferings; far too many violent atrocities etc, etc....

Through it all we have to seek to maintain a spiritual and religious sharpened focus and mindset.

July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus. It follows on naturally from June being the month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In that Precious Blood alone, lies our salvation. In this wondrous self-sacrifice on the Cross on Mt. Calvary, He fulfilled His assurance that He had overcome all evil. This was borne out by His glorious Resurrection within 3 days of death.

These truths are our primary source of hope, in such a troubled world, both near and far,

### Jumper Care

We have received some information from Hewitt's on how to keep the school jumpers looking nicer for longer:

- Do not use fabric conditioner
- Do not tumble dry
- Do not iron

If parents need any uniform for September, you are strongly advised to get it early on in the holidays as Hewitt's get very long queues and the supermarkets run out of sizes.

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Adele who took her next step in her faith journey last weekend when she made her First Holy Communion.



### Transition Session

All children visited their new classrooms on Tuesday morning and will do so again this coming Tuesday.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**  
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*Have a lovely weekend*  
*Mrs Day*