



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021

International Day

We had a wonderful assembly on Tuesday to start our International Day and children in Years 1 to 6 had drumming workshops throughout the day. It was lovely to see such concentration as they copied different drumming rhythms—they all did so well!

Thank you to everyone for sending children in such lovely clothes for the day.



Parents Evening

Please remember to send your Parents Evening reply slip back to your child's class teacher.

Class Assembly

Well done to Year 5 for leading the school in a lovely Harvest Assembly yesterday. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support.

Our next class assembly will be led by Y4 on Thursday 4th November at 9:05 and parents are welcome to attend.

Harvest Collection

The New Addington Food Bank are very appreciative of any tins/jars/packets of food plus toiletries and cleaning products.

Please remember to send in your harvest donations as soon as possible.

We will be bringing all the donations to our Harvest Mass before they are brought to the Food Bank. Parents are very welcome to join the school for 9:15am Mass this coming Tuesday.

Reading for Pleasure

We would like to introduce you to Pickatale for schools and families.

Pickatale is a free reading platform offering hundreds of educational, fiction and non-fiction e-books.

All books are levelled to ensure that children are reading the appropriate books for their reading level. There are various books that have quizzes at the end and there is the option to turn on audio and narration to support reading practice, which is perfect for less confident readers.

The Pickatale School app can be downloaded from Google Play and the AppStore. Pupils will be given a unique access ID and form by their teacher to access their free account. Pupils can access the app on-demand, anytime and anywhere on the following devices: Android Phones, Android Tablets, Chromebooks, iPhones and iPads.

To find out more visit the Pickatale for schools website:



<https://pickatale.co.uk/for-schools/>

Poetry Performance

Well done to the children in Y4 and Y6 who performed poems to the school in assembly this morning. Again, it was lovely parents were able to join us for assembly.

Tag Rugby

The Y5/6 children represented Good Shepherd brilliantly at the competition this morning—very well done.

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Headteacher and Kindness Awards

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

Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
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R: Jhenae, Sienna	Natalio
Y1: Keziah-Rose, Otiwaah	Alde
Y2: Joy, Rukia	Jevon
Y3: Kadiann, Johan	Chinaza
Y4: Dave, Declan	Akshaya
Y5: Aaliyah, Sienna	Britney
Y6: Malachi, Jayden M	Kaitlyn



Design the Menu Competition

Congratulations to our 5 winners for sending in such delicious recipes:

Joseph, Mateo, Emmanuel,
Jaydin and Ethan

This week we thoroughly enjoyed fajitas and jollof rice—well done to Emmanuel and Joseph for these recipes.



On Thursday 4th November we will be tasting Mateo's chilaquiles, Jaydin's chicken noodles and Ethan's pasta bake.



Author Event

Our Year 5 and 6 classes attended an online poetry event on Wednesday to celebrate Black History Month.

Joseph Coelho talked about how he had become inspired by poetry when he was younger. He also talked to the children about the playscripts he has written.

Fire Brigade Visit

Year 2 and Year 5 had an interesting online visit from the Fire Brigade on Wednesday talking about how children can keep safe from fires by checking the batteries in smoke detectors at home at least every month.

Fr Con's Reflection

Wednesday was the feast of the great king/saint, Edward the Confessor. He became king in 1042 and died in early January 1066. To the historian(s) of his day, he was proclaimed as a true 'father' to the people of his kingdom. He was never happier than when giving active aid to the poor. His title 'Confessor' points to his confession (or professing) of his faith. He pioneered and funded the building of Westminster Abbey. His death came one week after its opening. He is buried behind its main altar.



What we can learn from him is that an active love of God impels one to active charitable works. God rewarded him with the completion of the great Westminster Abbey project, before He called him from this life to his Heavenly reward.

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

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**School closes next Thursday
at 3:15pm for half term.**

*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day*