



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Thursday 21st October 2021

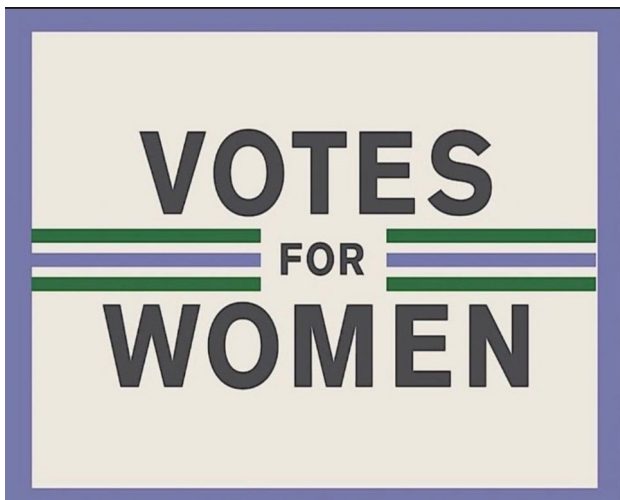
## Sporting Achievements

Well done to the tag rugby team who represented the school brilliantly last Friday and also to the table tennis team who took part in a competition yesterday. Both teams were playing against children from the other Croydon Catholic primary schools and were a credit to Good Shepherd.



## Protestors at Good Shepherd!

The Year 4 class learned what it was like to be a protestor today as part of their history topic on the Suffragettes. They marched around the school with banners, shouting 'Votes for Women'. They did so with such passion and vigour and so I look forward to seeing their writing work linked to this, I'm sure it will be very impressive as they really managed to get into the role of a Suffragette.



## Screen Time

With half term upon us, I know that children's screen time often increases when they are not at school. For this reason, please read carefully so you can keep your child safe from age-inappropriate materials.

Attached is the monthly Online Safety guide. This month the guide concerns Netflix and potential parental controls that can be accessed in order to keep your child safe whilst using the streaming site.

I also include a link to an article on the trending programme 'Squid Game' which a number of children appear to be accessing despite it being a '15' age rating and containing scenes of a graphic nature. 'Squid Game' has also made the transition across to Roblox. We would like to make you aware of this in case your child uses Roblox or has encountered references to The Squid Game on on-line platforms or social media and/or has asked to play or watch The Squid Game.

['Squid Game' Trending across Platforms: What Parents Need to Know | National Online Safety](#)

## Half Term Challenge

Can your child make a picture in the style of Andy Goldsworthy using autumn leaves? A search on the internet will give you lots of ideas once you have seen some of his art pieces. I look forward to seeing children's pictures after half term.



*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	Kindness
<b>Award:</b>	<b>Award:</b>
R: Anaiah-Jay, Vanessa	Nahla
Y1: Christable, Malaika	Princess
Y2: Chisom, Judah	Messie
Y3: Grigoriy, Raphael	Saviour
Y4: Chika, Leon-Jay	Daniel
Y5: Chibuikem, Christina	Alysha
Y6: Geoffrey, Otzara	Nevaeh



### Reading Challenge

Please make sure your children read lots over the holidays. I set the children the challenge in assembly this morning to read school books, home books, library books or e-books!

How many books can they read in 10 days?



### Fr Con's Reflection



Sixty years ago or so, the singer-songwriter Bob Dylan 'bellowed' out the words "The times they are a-changing". Such a song or tune could perhaps be the theme tune for the 20 months of the pandemic.

God, however, never changes. For each and all of us, He is forever loving, always giving and ever forgiving.

Let us take forward this undoubted realisation. We take it into the half-term break—may all who are managing to get away enjoy a safe, happy, blessed and hassle-free time. May all who are 'staying put' enjoy a good rest.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you for returning your parents' evening slips so quickly. The telephone calls and face-to-face appointments will be held on the first week back and you should have received a slip today with your appointment time. Please note that if you are coming for a face-to-face appointment then you are required to wear a face covering over the mouth and nose.

**Tuesday 2nd November**

**Wednesday 3rd November**

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### Staff Changes

Mrs Finch left today and we thank her for her contribution to Good Shepherd over the last two years and wish her well in her new role.

*Have a lovely half term break, I reminded the children in assembly this morning to be well-behaved and helpful so I hope they will remember this!*

*Mrs Day*