



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 5th November 2021

## School History

A relative of Mr Duffy, the first headteacher of Good Shepherd, sent in a wonderful box of school photographs to us this week from the 1950s and 1960s.

Amongst the school history box was this newspaper article from the Croydon Advertiser on 3rd February 1956 after the official opening of the school, although the school had opened in the September of 1955.

There was also a staff photograph taken in the carpark with Fr Con's house in the background and no fences or gates to be seen. Interesting how school security has changed over the last 66 years!



Pictured here after the opening of the Good Shepherd Roman Catholic School, New Addington, on Saturday, are (left to right) Canon Joseph Crowley, Father T. Howley (parish priest), Mr. J. J. Duffy (head master) and Canon McLaughlin.



## R.C. school opened

New Addington's Roman Catholic school—the Good Shepherd School in Dunley Drive—was officially opened on Saturday afternoon. It has been in use for several months.

Canon Joseph Crowley, chairman of the Southwark Diocesan Schools Commission, who performed the ceremony, said he hoped the school would help "to mould young boys and girls into God-fearing citizens." He appealed to the parents to give the school, which also serves as a church, their full support.

Mr. J. J. Duffy, head master, thanked his staff and the Croydon Education Committee for their co-operation and support.

Others present included the chairman of the Education Committee (Ald. G. J. Cole) and Father T. P. Howley, R.C. priest of Selston and Addington, who conducted a service of dedication.

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:
R: Zennia Zofia	Adam
Y1: Daniel Leo	Weronika
Y2: Makamona Jevon	Aiden
Y3: Daniel Nia	Isaiah
Y4: Joanna Eden	Dajonne
Y5: Lisa-Marie Joseph	Amelia

Moturayo Sienna

Y6: Jayden N Edwin

David



### Congratulations

Well done to the Y6 children who were awarded the following roles:

Head Boy: Akin

Head Girl: Isabelle

Deputy Head Boy: Alvin

Deputy Head Girl: Emma

Green House Captain: Joshua

Blue House Captain: Benjamin

Red House Captain: Faith

Yellow House Captain: Sebastian

### Fr Con's Reflection

Tuesday was All Souls' Day. It is the day for prayerful remembrance of the deceased—in the month that is especially dedicated to all the departed—it follows directly upon the opening day of November (All Saints' Day).



All Souls' Day points us straightaway to the doctrine of Purgatory. Souls there are eternally saved but need to take into themselves more light. Each soul there will leave for Heaven, once God the Father sees that each is ready to look upon the wonder of His Face—for it is that which lights up the whole of eternity.

It is very important that we pray always for departed souls, for the souls in Purgatory can do nothing to help themselves. When they have left Purgatory for Heaven, they will then pray for souls who have entered Purgatory after them.

November is a special month, reminding us that we should be praying for the dead, all year round.

### Parents' Evenings

I hope you found the meetings this week helpful in knowing how your children were doing in class this term.

The hybrid model of a mixture of face-to-face meetings and telephone appointments seemed to work well and I know that this increased flexibility seemed to suit many parents.

If you missed your appointment for whatever reason, please contact the school to rearrange a convenient time.

### Clubs

Clubs restart next week and will run for 3 weeks (week beginning 8th, 15th and 22nd November).

### Holiday Challenge

Well done to Daniel in Y3 for completing the holiday challenge of creating a picture in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.



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*Have a lovely weekend*

*Mrs Day*