

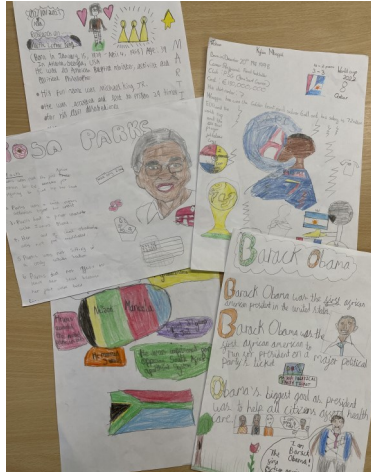


# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

## Black History Month

Here is some of this week's work from the Year 5 class. They have created fact files on Martin Luther King, Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and other inspirational people.



## Our School Garden

We harvested some potatoes, carrots and beetroot last week in our school garden. The Year 2 children were interested to look at these vegetables and look forward to making food with them.



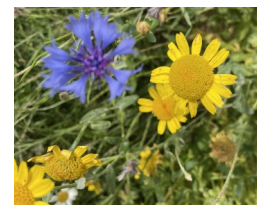
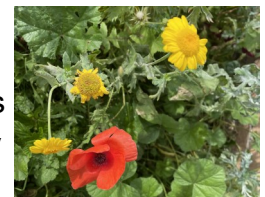
We have also had groups of children planting up pots with winter flowering violas this week to go around the school.

## Defibrillator News

Our brand new public access defibrillator was installed this week and officially opened by a group of Year 6 children.

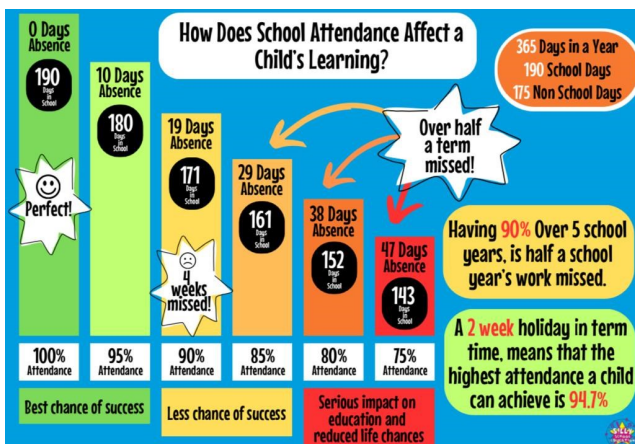


In the summer term the King sent all school a packet of wild flower seeds to increase the biodiversity in schools. Mrs Saunders planted these with all classes and it has been lovely seeing the flowers over the last few months.



## Attendance

Please ensure children are in school every day unless they are too ill to attend. We want every child to have the best chance of success at school. Here is a useful table showing the impact of poor attendance on a child's learning.



## Harvest

The Year 5 children led the school in a beautiful Mass yesterday. Each class brought up a hamper during the offertory procession.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the New Addington Food Bank.



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: Oliver, Peter,	Luis Levi
Y1: Emilia, Nana,	Petra
Y2: Annabel, Zeah,	Jaaziel
Y3: Keziah, Naila,	Marie
Y4: Aiden, Gregor,	Joy
Y5: Kadiann, Ranel,	Ibrahim
Y6: Alimatu, Elijah,	Angela



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



FROGS Coffee Morning Thank you to parents whom attended our coffee morning and online meeting on Monday, minutes regarding this are available on our WhatsApp group for those who were unable to come.

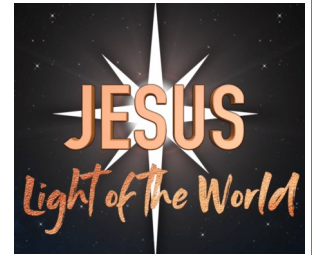
Light Party Thank you everyone for your support and efforts regarding the Light Party and the success of this fundraising event. Also a special thank you to Tesco's in Orpington for their kind donation of snacks and drinks.

Talent Show Auditions Good Shepherd has Talent is back, FROGS will be holding auditions on Monday 13th November. Further information about this to follow.

FROGS Christmas Dinner FROGS invite you to their Christmas Dinner on Sat 9th Dec at Aqua Bar and Grill Restaurant, Croydon. If you are interested, a deposit of £10 per person in cash or bank transfer will be required by Friday 17th November. Please speak to Eleesha Gordon or Christy Lawal for further information.

## Light Party

The Light Party was a great success on Thursday. The children understood the reason for dressing in light or bright clothing to represent Jesus is the Light of the World. Thank you to the FROGS team for providing the refreshments for this.



## Fr Con's Reflection



The Promised Land of Canaan was promised by God to His Chosen People, the Israelites. They were chosen so that God's love and His Commandments could be diffused from them to all other nations.

The land of Canaan would be "A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY."

God always cares for all nations with the produce of the land.

Land was created for people—people were not created for the land. Human life will always come ahead of supposed land entitlement.

May God grant a peaceful and restful break during half term to everyone associated with our school. In thanksgiving for His harvest, may we always say "Grace" before and after meals. At the same time, may we pray for lasting peace in the Holy Land of Israel-Palestine.

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

*Have a lovely half term.*  
**Remember that we have a two week holiday and don't return to school until Monday 6th November.**

*Mrs Day*

*Learning together as part of God's family*