



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 4th February 2022

General Knowledge Quiz

Well done to the eight children who represented Good Shepherd this week at a general knowledge quiz held at St Cyprian's with other Catholic schools. For many of the children, it was the first time they had represented the school at any competition and they all did brilliantly.

National Storytelling Week

This week, classes have been listening to Charlie Mackesy's *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse*. This is a beautiful book and I highly recommend that you click on the link to listen to the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw0B9nrhtXo>

Perhaps you could encourage your child to tell their own story based on the pictures – can they tell you about a time when they had to try again to succeed? When have they needed to remember to be kind?

This book provides a great springboard for Children's Mental Health Week.

Children and staff have been adding to a display this week about their favourite story.



Half-term Activity on Tuesday 15th at 2pm

Pupils are invited to join an award-winning writer and creator of the [Benlunar Podcast](#), Simon Maeder at Selsdon Library, for a creative writing workshop where children can learn how to build their very own worlds! This one hour workshop will touch on the basics of how to design a world from scratch and start telling stories that take place there. Writing is a wonderful hobby that allows children to stretch their creative muscles and spark their imaginations and this unique workshop will allow them to build new skills during the holidays.

The workshop is suitable for children aged 9+ and free tickets are available on

[Croydon Libraries Events | Eventbrite](#)

Friends of Good Shepherd

Thank you to all the parents who joined the Friends of Good Shepherd for tea and cake yesterday.

Poetry Performance

The Y3 and Y5 children performed some wonderful poems to the school this morning—very well done!

National Pizza Day

Wednesday 9th is National Pizza Day so we will be having pizza for school lunch that day.

Which is your favourite topping?



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: Jonathan, Lydiann.	Ademide
Y1: Alde, Esther,	Amiyah
Y2: Ameliah, Makamona,	Gregor
Y3: Chinaza, Ibrahim,	Amelia
Y4: Chazona, Azariah,	Joanna
Y5: Amelia, Christina,	Josef
Y6: Ben, Jonathan,	Alvin



Inset

A reminder that school closes next Thursday at 3:15pm for half term and school is closed to children on Friday 11th February. School reopens on Monday 21st February.

Introduction of Trauma-Informed Training

Funded by a TFL grant, Croydon Council have commissioned free training for 600 people to help them to support, empower and enable people in their communities who may have experienced trauma.

There are two ways you can get involved:

1. Take part in the online consultation to help to shape the content of this training by contacting: <mailto:ticroydon@j3msconsulting.co.uk>
2. Once the training has been finalised, sign up to attend and share information about it with people who might be interested in receiving the training too. Register your interest here now: <mailto:ticroydon@j3msconsulting.co.uk>

Fr Con's Reflection



Wednesday 2nd February was CANDLEMAS – the feast of LIGHT. It is 40 days after Christmas Day, counting inclusive of Christmas Day. It is the feast of the PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – Mary and Joseph having to bring the Baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem – to fulfil the requirements of the Jewish Law.

We are all very familiar with seeing candles lit at or near the scene of a tragedy, on the TV news.

A lighting candle is very evocative in itself and, not least, in a situation of the ongoing pandemic. We are very close now to the 2-year mark, and it has brought darkness on many levels, and to many lives and livelihoods.

Lighting a candle and holding it, albeit briefly, is itself a prayer, or certainly the beginnings of a prayer.

Jesus Christ is our Light-the-Light of the World.

At the Benediction, six mornings in our church, everyone in any way connected with our school is remembered, when this Real Presence in the monstrance moves round to face the school site.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is a special week focussing on children's mental health and each class will be carrying out some lovely activities to help develop positive mental health and wellbeing.

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

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Day