



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 4th March 2022

Lent

Fr Con led the school in a very prayerful service on Ash Wednesday and we also held a Lenten Day of Reflection with every child writing their Lenten Promise.

The 'Travelling Stations of the Cross' started to go home this week too. Each class has a special bag with Stations of the Cross pictures, a cross and a prayer book so each child can write a prayer. This bag goes home with a different child every day so that families can pray together.



World Book Day

Thank you to all the parents and carers for helping your children to dress up as a book character. We had a wonderful variety of characters and every child came up to the front of the hall and told the rest of the school who they had dressed up as.

All classes also had a virtual author visit by Luke Temple. where they had the opportunity to listen to his experience as an author and write their own piece of work.

Free English Sessions

There is a new course for parents who have English as a second language. Although the course has already started, I have been assured that it is not too late to start as there are still places available. The sessions are held at the library in New Addington and there is a crèche available.

Thursdays 9.30-11.30

Start: Thursday 24th February 2022

Finish: Thursday 14th July 2022

(NOT: 14th and 21st April 2022)

Time: 9:30-11:30

*classes take place with all current school/government COVID regulations

- *Improve your English
- *practice speaking and listening
- *find out how to support your child
- *make fun activities for home
- *work towards a reading exam



Well done swimmers!

On Wednesday, the swimming instructor at New Addington Leisure Centre commented on how lovely the children of Good Shepherd always are—well done children!

Children in the juniors having been making great progress with their swimming as they have ten one hour lessons over a two week period every term. I recently heard that this is more than any of the other New Addington schools are able to offer their children.

Thank you to the parent helpers who have accompanied the children to the pool and back.



Road Safety

Please do not drive into the school carpark at any time, even if the gates are open.

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:

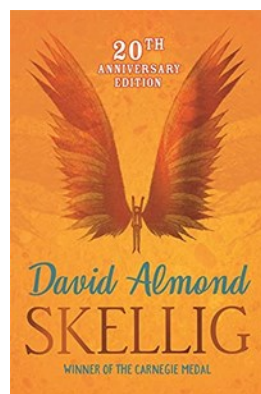
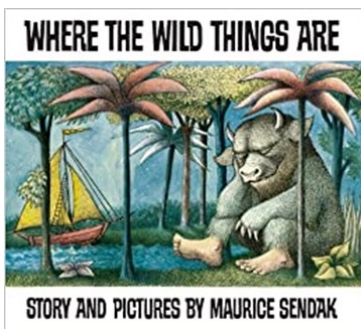
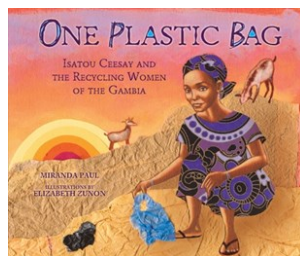
R: Brue, Vanessa,
Y1: Bishoy, Joseph,
Y2: Ivanna, Kayden,
Y3: Jaden, Raphael,
Y4: Dajonne, Janelle,
Y5: Alysha, Jaydin,
Y6: Akin, Stefan,

Kindness Award:

Annabel
Annaya
Gregor
Nia
Azariah
Jayda
Isabelle



Our Class Reading Books This Term



Birthdays

Please can I remind parents that they should not send in cakes, sweets or party bags for their child's birthday. The whole school sings Happy Birthday to all the birthday child in assembly and I know that staff always make a fuss of birthday children.

Clubs

A reminder that next week is the last week for afterschool clubs.

Fr Con's Reflection

Wednesday this week was the opening day of the Holy Season of Lent.



2022 will be the third anniversary of the covid-19 pandemic. Just as things appeared to be genuinely improving on this issue, the world now finds itself just one week into the horror of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The word 'Lent' means the season of Spring. March 1st was the opening day of meteorological Spring.

As we look towards, and look forward to, the full season of Spring we do so, in the presence of a huge twin intention for prayer: a true end to the pandemic, and a real end to the war in Ukraine.

At the same time, we must not despair or become despondent. The virtue of HOPE is so very vital and must not be squashed between the huge virtues of FAITH and CHARITY.

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Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Day