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Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy week in school with lots of different activities for the children. Despite wet weather we managed to achieve everything and the children had a great time.

Holy Mass

Class 5C attended Mass at St Mary's on Monday, and were interested to hear about St Jerome, whose Feast Day it was, and his contribution to the translation and the transmission of the Bible. Thanks to Joel and Jessita for serving on the altar.

Faith Leaders' Day

On Wednesday, six of our Faith Leaders represented us at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School in New Addington. They joined Faith Leaders from our other Catholic Primary Schools in Croydon to share ideas, pray and meditate together. You may have seen a photo on Instagram.

Our Faith Leaders have an important job in sharing ideas with all the children in school and leading us in prayer and celebration.

Many thanks to Mrs Day and her team at Good Shepherd for being such good hosts.

Quidditch

Also on Wednesday, the whole school took part in some exciting sporting competition when we had a Quidditch Tournament in school. This was a great idea and the extra element of storytelling involved mean that everyone was enthusiastic and took part.

Croydon School Cross Country

Yesterday our children took part in the Croydon Borough Cross Country event. It was split into two age categories. A team from Years 3&4 ran in the morning and Years 5&6 in the afternoon. There were some excellent results and it is clear that we have some very talented runners. Particularly impressive was Beatriz in Year 4 who was placed second overall. This is an outstanding achievement. Well done to all who represented the school so well and thank-you to Mrs Ottlyk who planned our participation.

Transfer to High School for September 2025

A reminder for Year 6 parents: all applications for Secondary School places need to be finalised by the end of October, and better by the end of this half term so that the school can offer support if needed.

Individual School Photographs

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Next week all children will be having their individual photos taken by Tempest. Please remember that all children must wear full school uniform on Wednesday 9th October. This is most important for the children in Year 4, who have PE each Wednesday, who will need to arrive in school uniform and change into PE kits later.

Liturgy and Assembly time

Yesterday the children of Class 6G presented a fantastic assembly to celebrate Poetry Day. We were entertained and moved by haiku, blank verse, rhyme, narratives, and wonderful humour. There will be no assembly or liturgy next week by the children because it will be World Mental Health Day and we will be welcoming colleagues from Croydon MHST for assembly.

<https://www.talkofftherecord.org/croydon/mhst/>

Put a name on it!

We have an *avalanche* of unclaimed clothes like never before. It is such a shame because there are piles and piles of beautiful and expensive clothes that cannot be identified. Please take time to check all your child's clothes this weekend and make sure that every item – especially coats and jumpers – is clearly labelled.

Please remember also that our uniform list states black shoes, not boots or trainers.

Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Gabriel in 3A, Anthony in 3E, Josh in 4D, Firewamiri in 4T, David in 5B, Joshua in 5C, Hayden in 6G and Diwana in 6P. The swimmer of the week is Pugazh in 4D. The Head of School's award goes to Jessita and Joel in 5C. The kindness award goes to Govind in 6G.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald
Head of School

Health Advice for parents

Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.

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