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Dear Parents

Year 6 started their week with an informative visit from TFL who delivered a workshop on staying safe on public transport as they start to prepare for secondary school.

On Wednesday Mrs Morbin and Mrs Prashad accompanied a group of students to the Catholic Schools' Annual RE Day at The Good Shepherd School for a day of RE-themed art and craft activities.

Father Peter visited us again this week and spent time observing lessons and talking to students and staff.

On Thursday our Prayer Club met to pray the Rosary and will be doing so every Thursday during October—the month of the Holy Rosary. Parents are welcome to join us each week for this at 8.30am in the Long Room.

Our School Council met with me yesterday to discuss everything from clubs to school lunches and are keen to contribute to the school newsletter in further weeks—watch this space for their updates.

Our Little Disciples are coordinating our Harvest collection for Purley Food Hub this year. Further details have been emailed to parents; thank you in advance for your donations.

Next Monday our Year 6 students will be visiting the Natural History Museum and we are looking forward to special Black History Month workshops with Perform next Friday focused on Black History Icons.

On Monday we also have a PTA uniform sale offering the opportunity to stock up on winter uniform before the half term break. Thank you to all our volunteers who are helping with this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points Scores

Wulstan

This week—141

Total—362

Alban

This week - 96

Total—289

Mayne

This week—99

Total—279

Edmund

This week—91

Total—270

Dates for your diary

- Monday Oct 6th—Natural History Museum -Y6
PTA uniform sale 3.15-4.30pm
- Friday Oct 10th—Black History Month workshops
- Monday Oct 13th—Food Hub donations deadline
- Monday Oct 13th & Thurs 16th - Parent consultations
- Friday Oct 17th—Y5 Class Assembly 9am
- Monday Oct 20th-Friday Oct 31st—Half Term
- Tuesday Nov 4th—St George's Cathedral (Years 4-6)
- Monday Nov 10th—Individual & sibling photos
- Tuesday Nov 11th—Travelling Crib at Lambeth Palace (Reception—Year 3)
- Wednesday Nov 13th—Catholic Schools Quiz
- Thursday Nov 13th—Army Museum Trip—Y6



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Our Celebration of the Word assembly this week we explored the secret of true wealth: our faith in God and the gifts He gives us. Through the parable of the rich man and the poor man, we explored how God wants us to live life to the full now and for eternity.

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things” (Luke 16:25)

RE Day

A selection of our students attended the Croydon Catholic Schools' annual RE Day this week and had a lovely time taking part in a variety of arts and crafts activities along with children from other Croydon Catholic Schools.



Gospel Values

Well done to this week's Gospel Values award winner for showing our values of **Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness** and **Hope**.





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Prayer Bear



This term Reception Class have a brand new classmate—our very special 'Prayer Bear'. Each week a child will take him home and write their own very special prayer in the class book.

This week's Prayer Bear custodian, stood up in assembly to read his beautiful prayer to the whole school. Well done!

Month of the Holy Rosary

October is a month especially dear to the Catholic heart. Traditionally, it is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on October 7. October reminds us of the mystery of time and God's providence. Mary, through the Rosary, helps us to meditate on the life of Jesus—the mysteries of His joy, His suffering, and His glory—so that our lives may be conformed more fully to His. ***Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, intercede for us. Help us to meditate on the mysteries of your Son with love and fidelity. May our lives reflect His light, and may we become instruments of peace in the world.***

In assembly today one Reception student showed the whole school his special rosary.



How to pray the rosary

Follow each numbered step and hold the part of the rosary that corresponds with the color of the step.

- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
- 2 Say the Our Father
- 3 Say three Hail Marys
- 4 Say the Glory Be
- 5 Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
- 6 Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
- 7 Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
- 8 Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
- 9 Say the Hail, Holy Queen
- 10 Make the Sign of the Cross

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Nursery

This week Nursery have been learning all about hibernation. Activities included:

- Watching a video about animals that hibernate and completing a short quiz to reinforce our understanding.
- Listening to the story 'Don't Hog the Hedge' and discussing the different characters.
- Categorising the animals into their correct hibernation groups.
- Sponge painting own hedgehogs.
- Working as a team and using the large foam bricks, feathers and leaves to build our own hibernation pods.

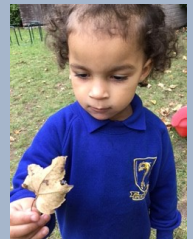


Reception

This week in Reception, we have been busy looking for the signs of autumn in our garden. The children noticed the changing colours of the leaves, the cold air, and other little clues that show us the new season is here.

We also gathered together for a lovely class Liturgy to mark the beginning of October, the month of the Holy Rosary. The children reflected beautifully and took part with great reverence. They helped bring the story of the Annunciation to life through role play and sang hymns with enthusiasm.

During this very special month in the liturgical calendar, Reception class are welcome to bring in their own rosary beads and bibles from home.



Year 1



In science this week Year 1 enjoyed taking part in an observational walk of the school using their five senses to investigate the environment.

Year 2



Year 2 have made a beautiful display showcasing a variety of different work for their RE topic 'The Chosen People'.

PTA Uniform Sale

Monday October 6th—3.15-4.30pm
outside school.

Please try to bring change if you can.

PRELOVED
Uniform Sale

Year 3



In RE children learnt about the rosary and it's meaning. Children identified links to our RE topic of 'The Christian Family' and our Catholic Social Teaching principle 'Solidarity'.

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been diving into the fascinating world of classification and discovery! The children have been learning all about Carl Linnaeus, the scientist who developed a clever system for naming and grouping living things. They were amazed to find out that his ideas from over 250 years ago are still used today to help scientists make sense of the natural world.

To bring this to life, the class explored identification keys – step-by-step guides that help us work out the names of plants and animals. Using real-life examples, the pupils practised asking “yes” or “no” questions to narrow down possibilities, just like scientists do. Year 4 have truly shown themselves to be budding naturalists – just like Linnaeus himself!

Year 5



Year 5 have been learning all about the British Empire and chose their own country to research.

Year 6

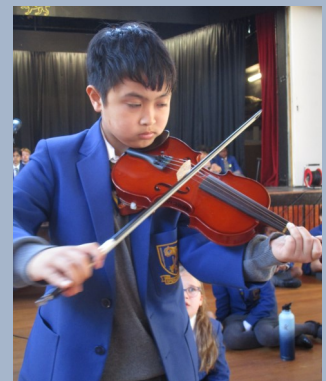


On Monday, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit from Transport for London. The children learned how to stay safe while using public transport, who to ask for help and using (and not

losing) a Zip card! These lessons will be very helpful for our school visit to the Natural History Museum next week.

Violin Virtuoso

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 violin star who recently passed his ABRSM Grade 4 Violin.



Stars of the week

