

"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

Friday, 19 April 2024

The first fortnight of the summer term has flown by already and so I do hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday if you were able to get one.

Easter is, of course, more than just one long weekend and the liturgical season of Easter runs for 50 days until Pentecost Sunday, on 19th May, so it is never too late to wish someone a **Happy Easter**.

This term we are focussing on the virtue and value of being **eloquent** and **truthful**. Students are encouraged to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world. Schools help students grow by developing an eloquent language which they can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be truthful in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world

hopeful
attentive of curious
faith-filled generous of grateful
eloquent discerning
intentional compassionate

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and below is a reflection and prayer that seeks to remind us of the sacrifice that Jesus the Good Shepherd made for all humanity and how we too can make similar sacrifices in love for one another.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Reflect, today, upon these two images of Jesus the Good Shepherd. First, ponder the tender and gentle Lord Who welcomes you and cares for you in a holy, compassionate, and endearing way. But then turn your eyes to the Crucifixion. Our Good Shepherd did, indeed, give His life for us all. His shepherding love led Him to suffer greatly and to lay His life down so that we could be saved. Jesus was not afraid to die for us, because His love was perfect. We are the ones who matter to Him, and He was willing to do anything necessary to love us, including sacrificing His life out of love. Ponder this most holy and pure sacrificial love and strive to more fully offer this same love to all those whom you are called to love.

Jesus our Good Shepherd, we thank You profoundly for loving os to the point of sacrificing Your life on the Cross. You love us not only with the utmost tenderness and compassion but also in a sacrificial and selfless way. As we receive Your divine love, dear Lord, help us to also imitate Your love and to sacrifice our life for others.

Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

Amen

Dance Showcase

Next Wednesday (24th April 2024) from 6pm in the theatre Performing Arts students are showcasing their work so far this in an hour long show of the compositions they have been working on this year. Tickets are available through Arbor Pay for anyone who would like to come and see the talent on show.

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Sport Results



Last Wednesday our Year 7 netball team competed in a district netball tournament, which saw eleven schools from across the borough enter.

We got off to a slow start drawing the first game to Summerhill 2-2. Amelia Sargent putting in an outstanding performance as GD to keep us in the game. However, after the nerves settled Hagley went on to win the remaining 10 games comfortably.

The team performance was amazing, they worked hard in every game, and they were a credit on and off the court.

We met Summerhill again in the final and this time we were dominant, taking a quick lead and remaining in front for the game.

Congratulations go to all the girls crowned District Champions - Lucia lantosca, Nancy Hancox, Millie Horton, Hattie Gibbons, Amelia Sargent, Iris Thompson, Scarlet Molloy, Scarlet Reeves, Sofia Colligan, Isla Hamilton.

Lourdes Fundraising quiz

Please come and support students on their pilgrimage to Lourdes as Hospitalier. 8 students and 4 staff will be travelling to Lourdes by coach and plane to support elderly and sick pilgrims on the Diocesan pilgrimage during May half term.

Students are fundraising between £650 and £985 for this wonderful experience and the opportunity to live out the Gospel in service of those in greater need than us, so any way you can help would be gratefully appreciated.

On Friday 3rd May at 7pm they are hosting a quiz in the school hall at £5 per person and teams no greater than 6 people. Tickets are available via Arbor Pay or can be purchased on the night with cash.

Please bring your own refreshments.

School Uniform

A reminder of the key expectations around uniform this term. Please do reiterate the following expectations with your children:

- Skirts worn as designed with long socks, if worn, to the knee
- No false eyelashes
- No painted or acrylic nails
- No jewellery and only small (4mm diameter) plain studs in the ear, no other piercings including retainers.
- No trainer like shoes with any type of sports branding
- No sweatshirts or hoodies

London Marathon 2024



This weekend Mr Trickett is running the London Marathon and in doing so is raising money for the Asthma and Lung UK charity. If you are watching on the TV on Sunday morning do keep an eye out for him and if you wish to support Mr Trickett, and this great cause, you can donate at this link:

<u>Asthma + Lung UK: Andrew's page (enthuse.com)</u>

With every prayer and blessing for a lovely weekend.

J Hodgson **Principal**



Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

Summer 1:

22.04.24 - Y12 Geography Fieldtrip

24.04.24 - Dance Showcase

29.04.24 - KS3 Core Assessment week

06.05.24 - Bank Holiday

08.05.24 - Y8 HPV Vaccinations

09.05.24 - GCSE and A level exams begin

10.05.24 - Y13 Study Leave commences

16.05.24 - Y10 Parents Evening

24.05.24 - Year 11 Study Leave commences

24.05.24 - Break up for half term