

'Give me five...'

St Mary's CofE Primary School welcomed Archbishop Desmond Tutu at a special assembly at the Lewisham High St school on 21 May .

A welcome speech was delivered by Jada Francis-Ferrell, a Year 6 pupil, who praised the Archbishop for helping end apartheid and

being an inspiration for future generations to fight injustice and poverty.

Archbishop Tutu praised the talents of the school singers and speakers at the assembly, prayed with children and then visited classrooms to see the pupils at work. A Freeman of Lewisham Borough, he has long-standing connections with the Anglican community since his time as a curate in Grove Park.



Archbishop Tutu meets Shakila Woods from Yr 4 at St Mary's CofE Primary School.

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And for next month's Bridge we need to know what summer events for children and young people are being planned in your parish, for inclusion in a guide to 'Summer for Youngsters'.

We'd also like to know about your Summer fetes etc. so we can list them too.

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By Friday 15 June

The 'Big Stand' against bullying



PRIME MINISTER designate, Gordon Brown, double Olympic gold medal winner Dame Kelly Holmes and Hazel Blears MP joined the pupils of St John's CofE Primary School, Shirley, in 'The Big Stand' on 25 May.

It was the main event in a nationwide demonstration of defiance and solidarity against bullying, promoted by the organisation 'Beatbullying'.

In a short address Hazel Blears described the children as 'real heroes, because you are taking a stand against bullying. Bullying blights people's lives'.

Later, Year 6 pupils described to Mr Brown some of the initiatives used to combat bullying in the school such as the 'playground buddy' scheme and 'reading mates' where older pupils act as mentors to younger ones.

He was told by one youngster "We don't have any bullying because it's a kind school".

At the end of the event pupils lay on the grass of the playing field to form the words BEAT BULLYING with Gordon Brown and Hazel Blears in their midst as a visual gesture of their support. Dame Kelly then led the children in a fun race round the field.