



Friday March 1st 2019

## LALEHAM LEA

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Dear Parents

We have returned this half term with pace and gusto!

My letter, which was emailed on Monday outlined the changes to our Parent Consultation Meeting appointment bookings; I hope this has been easier for you all. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Grayson also circulated an email with regards to E-safety, especially to advise Parents on safety at home.

Year 2 led a lovely assembly today telling the story of the Ten lepers; they took great care with their planning, narration, role play,

prayers and singing. Well done to all of Year 2, Ms Byerley and Miss O'Brien.

Lent starts next Wednesday on March 6th. Canon Frank will celebrate Mass with us in the Long Room and is also looking forward to taking our Year 1 students across to visit the John Fisher Chapel at a later date.

As we start our Lenten Journey the chosen charity is once again 'WaterAid'. Mrs Devlin wrote to you all this week to set the ambitious target to raise £2,500 with the 'Jars of Change Challenge'. Staff and Governors are also encouraged to

take part to raise as much as we can.

World Book Day takes place Nationally next Thursday; a chance for each student to dress up as their favourite character from literature. It is not compulsory; any student wishing to dress up is very welcome to.

Rehearsals are underway for our Easter Concert and it promises, as always, to be a wonderful evening.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

*Ms Barry*

Head Teacher



### Stars of the Week



Reception—Olivia; Y1—Archie; Y2—Zayn;

Y3—Patrick; Y4—Inaaya; Y5—Logan;

Y6—Katie

**Well done to all our Stars!**



### Spiritual Reflection

*Luke 1:37*

**For with God  
nothing shall  
be impossible.**



## Year 6 had a great time on their PGL trip just before half term. Here are some of the Pupils' accounts of their trip:

By Rok—Y6

Our first PGL activity was Giant Swing. While we were going we sang the Coca-Cola song, it was super funny! First you were harnessed on to a metal pole, by Katie the instructor, people off the swing would then pull you up—it was super.

We played a Ninja squirrel game with 4 phases: Phase 1— make an animal noise, Phase 2— stick an arm or leg out for 5 seconds, Phase 3 - find a new hiding spot and Phase 4 - was to high five the Instructor Billie. It was so much fun.

Afterwards we headed out into the woods. We had two teams and my group leader was so funny. We each had a torch, one team was hiding and the other was seeking and vice versa. If you were seeking and you saw the hiding team you would shout 'Ambush'. If hiding, and the seeking team passed you, we would shout 'Ambush' it was great fun but it ended quickly. When we went back to the house, we were all dirty and tired. I took a shower and jumped right into my bed but then chatted a bit with Kwasi, Edward and Hasan. We said goodnight and drifted off to sleep.

At the crack of dawn, I was awake. I took a shower and changed. After, that we had breakfast— I had cornflakes with almond milk and baked beans and toast. It was delicious.

We went abseiling and we sang a song called 'Banana'. The sun was shining brightly. For abseiling you had to go up a huge tower by climbing a flight of stairs. Then you are harnessed to a pole and walk backwards down the wall. It was peaceful and great fun, but not everyone did it.

For lunch it was rice and curry; I had some vegetables with it. It was yummy.

Afterwards Billie told us that our afternoon activities— rock climbing and Sensory trail.

Rock climbing was with our instructor Michael. At rock climbing, two people hoisted the climber, it was hard work but also great fun. The best part of it was being hoisted down. The view up high was beautiful. Suddenly, the other group came out of nowhere and then we switched activities and instructors to do Sensory trail.

Friday was our final day, we had to do a lot of cleaning. First,

we took the sheet of the mattress, then took off the pillow cases. We left all of these things outside our room. Billie collected them all up and then told us to go to the Chapel. Our final activities were Survivor and Jacob's Ladder

Billie let us play Ninja Squirrels one more time—and it never gets old. Mrs Uberoi and Mr Grayson made us stay close together when we were in the woods. As soon as we were there we were met by a man named Joseph and a lady named Poppy.

Joseph took us to Jacob's Ladder. We sang a song called a 'Hamster in the Engine' as we arrived at Jacob's Ladder I saw kids doing lots of different activities. Jacob's Ladder was like a ladder extended 10 times over. It was exactly the same as rock climbing, except the climbers were in teams. It was super fun, and I made it to the top alone. Everyone had a go and thought it was awesome.

In the distance the other group were coming; we took off, our harnesses and helmets and left with Polly to do 'Survivor'. Polly, asked us some questions on survival, she made us also make a den out of canvas and our surroundings.

Finally, it was lunchtime. We had burgers. I had the veggie burger with chips. After lunch we got all of our bags and kissed PGL goodbye.



By Mattheos—Y6

On Wednesday 13th February, Year 6 and I encountered the brilliantness of PGL. I took part in a variety of activities over the course of two days. I stayed in a small dormitory with Aayan and Joseph.

My favourite part was when I completed an activity called 'Jacob's Ladder'. This is because when I was one log away, I felt like stopping, however, with the help of my classmates I managed to complete it.

I also enjoyed the delicious food that was provided by PGL. Sadly, all the fun came to an end and we left on Friday 15th February.

I would definitely recommend PGL to anyone that loves adventures and people that love to work as a team.

Thank you for reading!



By Katie—Y6

The day of PGL came and I was soooooo excited and the others were as well! I got up from my bed and got changed into my OWN clothes!!!! I wore my leggings and my PGL hoodie. Everyone in the class gets one and they have all our names on them. We all had to bring suitcases and mine was jam-packed with clothes and shoes. When we arrived at school everyone was asking questions about PGL.

I was in room eight but we were a bit spellbound because there was not any bedding on my bunkbed or Isla's. There were two bunk beds in the room and because it was only me and Isla in the room, we both got to sleep at the top of each bunk bed. BRILLIANT!!!!!!

When we had unpacked, we all went outside and we were put into two groups. I was in group one and we had the ..... GIANT SWING first.

Isla and I went first and I wasn't nervous at all. I am a daredevil and love heights!! The boys had to pull us up and Isla and I went to the top! We were then told to pull a green rope that was then going to drop us! I was sooooo excited about this and all of a sudden, it dropped us. I was having the time of my life up there and yes, I screamed a bit but it felt so good to do that. However, on my second go I promised not to scream and guess what? I didn't even make a noise! The Giant Swing was so much fun and I would give it 100 out of 100!

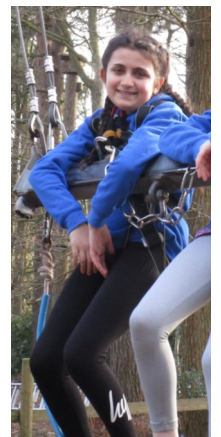
That night, we had AMBUSH. What is 'Ambush'? you may ask.

Well Ambush is when you go into the woods at night and try and find each other. It was EPIC AND AMAZING! There were two teams. I was on Billie's team and our team name was... NINJAMBUSH!! The other team's leader was Inga who is a staff member at PGL. We were all given torches and we then went into the woods. I was so excited about Ambush! We all had to wear dark clothes so that we could not be seen. My team were the first to hide in the woods.

We also did Abseiling. Abseiling was sooooo much fun. We had to go up a high building and then we had to abseil down. But first we had to put our safety harnesses on. To me, it didn't look that high from the ground but up there, it was so high!!!! I was so excited but a little nervous. What made me a little nervous was how we had to jump over a bar that had a tiny space between us and the ground!!!!!!

Jake and another Katie (fab name) were very reassuring and when I did it, I had so much fun. I didn't really focus on the techniques. I focused on having fun and enjoying myself and I did. I also had another go!!!!!! I really enjoyed abseiling and you would too!

I wish we could do it again. PGL helps you overcome your fears, achieve your goals and I think PGL is amazing and so much fun. I think that every school should do it.

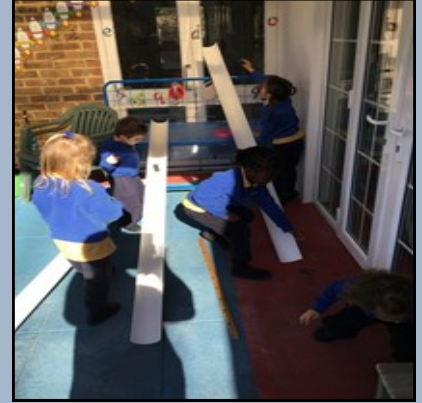






## Nursery

Continuing with our Topic from before half term, Nursery children have been discussing how they travel to Laleham Lea this week and enjoyed drawing pictures to show this. The children also took part in an activity pushing cars down a ramp and attempted to estimate how far the car would travel. Using a variety of different ingredients the children enjoyed creating their own transport biscuit which they took home to share with their families.



On Tuesday, we welcomed 'Freshwater Drama' who brought to life the traditional fairy tales of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" as well as "The Three Little Pigs".

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in this interactive language experience in Spanish, developing their listening and speaking skills and increasing their confidence.



I really enjoyed watching the children laugh, talk and act in the stories.

Many thanks to all the children for their enthusiasm!

Señora Higham



In Science Year 1 have been learning all about different materials. They have been looking at things in and around our school, naming the materials and beginning to explain why certain materials are used to make different items.

In the Half-Term the Year 1 children made their own boats using different materials they could find around the house. They each predicted whether their boats would float or sink. We then tested them and recorded our results.

All of them floated. Well done Year 1!

Miss Forrester



A reminder that World Book Day takes place next Thursday March 7th. Pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite literary character.



Orchestra will take place on Tuesday lunchtime next week with Mr Long.

Marie Curie  
**Cancer Care**



Daffodil pins to support Marie Curie Cancer Care are available from the School Office and will be on sale at the main door at drop off next week. Suggested donation is £1.

## **Mathletics Certificates**

Gold: Alby, Zachary

Silver: Annie,  
Rosie, Zachary,  
Emma, Alan, Alby,  
Jeremy, Alexander,  
Luca, Megumi,  
Max W

High Scores: Josh B

## School Calendar W/C March 4th 2019

<b>Monday March 4th</b>	Swimming	Yrs. 1&4	Kit needed
	A/Fitness	Yrs. 4&5	1-1.40pm
	Lego	Rec—Y2	3.20-4.00pm
	Tennis	Rec-Y6	3.20-4.20pm
	Save our Planet	Yrs.3-6	1.05-1.35pm
<b>Tuesday March 5th</b>	Homework	Yrs. 3-6	3.30-4pm
	French	Yrs. 3-6	3.30-4.30pm
	CPFC	Rec-Y2	3.30-4.30pm
	Computer Club	Yrs.3-6	3.30-4.30pm
<b>Wednesday March 6th</b>	Homework	Yrs. 3-6	3.30-4pm
	Art	Yrs. 1–3	3.30-4.30pm
<b>Thursday March 7th</b>	<b>World</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Day</b>
	Drama	LAMDA	12.30-1pm
	Reading	Yrs. 4-6	1-.1.30pm
	Homework	Yrs. 3-6	3.30-4pm
	Am Soccer	Yrs. 3-6	3.30-4.30pm
	Ballet—	Nurs/Rec	3.15-4.00pm
		Y1	4-4.30pm
<b>Friday March 8th</b>	Prayer Club	Al	12.30-1pm
	Art	Yrs. 4-6	3.30-4.30pm
	Fencing	Yrs. 1-6	3.30-4.30pm

## Staff Emails

Please feel free to contact your child's Teacher directly using the email addresses below if you have any questions or concerns. Please be assured that Teachers will respond as soon as they can, but teaching your children comes first, so responses may not be immediate.

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### Reception (Mrs Saville)

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## Nut Free School

We have children in school who have severe allergies to peanuts and all nuts. Please do not send your child to school with any nuts or peanuts for snack time or in their packed lunch, this also includes Nutella, peanut butter and any biscuits/ cereal bars or sauces (pesto) that may contain nuts or nut spreads.