



LALEHAM LEA

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Dear Parents

Despite our inclement weather this week, we have started to build our 'By the Beach' scene. Thank you to everyone who had donated or loaned items thus far. We will be adding to the scene over the coming weeks with a beach hut, boat and sand to come!

In support of Well being, Crazy Hat day has brought smiles to all our faces today with some fantastic creations. You can see all the hats in this newsletter and in the gallery on the website. It has brought out our creative side.

We look forward to 'Whacky Wig' day next Friday which Parents as well as students and staff are invited to take part in.

Our school has also embraced 'Mental Health Awareness Week'; a lovely return to nature for our

Nursery and Reception students can be seen overleaf. This has enabled them to explore, enjoy and educate to take care of themselves. Some budding scientists and artists have also emerged too.

Next Friday would also have been our beloved Canon Frank's 100th birthday. We will remember him in our class assemblies and prayers next week.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Shah to the Laleham Lea family on Monday; please do join us in giving her our warm Laleham Lea welcome.

We are also looking forward to welcoming back our Year 3 Class on Monday.

I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend.

Ms Barry

Head teacher

Stars of the week





Laleham Lea Reception and Nursery Classes have been connecting with nature for **Mental Health Awareness Week**



This week we have enjoyed 'Connecting with Nature' in support of Mental Health Awareness Week. The Reception and Nursery Classes couldn't wait to share their impressive knowledge of bird species with Mrs Saville. "Robin, blackbird, woodpecker, goldfinch, chaffinch, eagle, pigeon..." to name but a few! We worked together to make a bird feeder out of a recycled plastic water bottle and used a funnel to carefully pour the seeds in. Mrs Saville and Ms Hodgden found a safe place to hang the bird feeder—away from our friendly furry garden visitor! (See right). We're so excited to see a variety of species flocking to our Early Years garden!



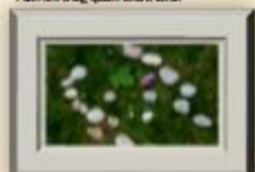
Nursery Class' Painted Lady butterflies emerged from their chrysalises and were ready to be released into the wild. With some gentle coaxing they soon flew away safely, high up into the trees. Well done Nursery Class for taking such great care of the butterflies!



Reception Class have been learning about plant life cycles and have grown their own sunflowers from seeds. If you look closely, you will see that the seedlings have just started to sprout! They also used mixed media to create their own beautiful sunflowers.



I wonder what's in the bag today?
"I can see a big spider and a web!"



Andy Goldsworthy

Reception Class viewed some of the magical land art of sculptor and photographer Andy Goldsworthy, and were deeply inspired to create their own art from nature.



Reception and Nursery pupils listen to nature and track the breathing using twigs on their tummies during a 'Breathe with Teddy' workshop.



Artist at work!









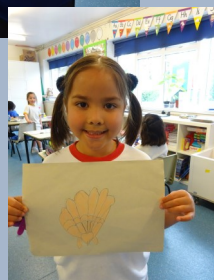
Year 2

In Art this week Year 2 drew nocturnal animals. They focussed on shading in light and dark tones and texture by making line markings. A super effort Year 2!



Year 1

Year One have been studying shells and produced some excellent detailed observational drawings!



Year 5



In PSHCE lessons this week students were learning about how to stay safe online by keeping their information private and considering what could put them at risk when they are online.

Year 5 also created a lovely Eid display. We hope all of our families who were celebrating this week had a lovely time.



Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about the coastal processes of transportation, erosion and deposition in Geography this week. They have made a 'swiggle jar' to demonstrate how the sea transports material such as sand, mud and shingle. They have also written and illustrated explanations of long shore drift.



Nursery News

This week Nursery have been looking at the topic recycling. The children enjoyed participating in a range of activities including:

- Listening to a story called 'The Messy Magpie' and discussing the structure of the story.
- Using different coloured paints to design our own recycling poster.
- Singing the recycling song whilst exploring a variety of musical instruments and attempting to change the way they sound.
- Looking at different ways that we can help our environment and how we recycle at home.
- Categorising different materials into the correct recycling groups.



Congratulations to Former Laleham Lea pupil Ben Waghorn who played his first game for Harlequins under 18s last weekend. Well done Ben!

Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at the Life of William Shakespeare known as the greatest English writer in History. They used ICT to create amazing PowerPoints on his life and achievements.

CHILDHOOD

• WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE WAS BORN IN APRIL 1564. HE LIVED WITH HIS WEALTHY FAMILY INCLUDING MOTHER, THE DAUGHTER OF A FARMER; HIS FATHER, A GLOVE MAKER (WHO ONCE GOT PAID TO DRINK BEER) AND HIS SIBLINGS IN STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.



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