

Friday October 14th 2022



# Laleham Lea

A Catholic Independent Primary School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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We have enjoyed a fabulous first half term of the academic year with a busy week and much to look forward to when we return at the end of the month.

On Wednesday students were inspired and amazed by Adrian from Big Foot Arts who hosted a series of assemblies and workshops celebrating Black History Month. We have also enjoyed Kenyan music on entry and exit from school and students across the school have learned about and celebrated Black History across the curriculum.

On Wednesday evening we welcomed Parents and our Chair of Governors Mrs Mary Ryan for our Secondary Transfer Evening. We hope that you found the information useful in planning

the next steps of your child's education.

Our Eco Committee is now elected and ready to help our school gain 'Eco School' status. Their first meeting this week was a great success and their first task, an Eco audit, is well underway.

A reminder that we return on October 31st in winter uniform with our School Disco, Nativity Plays, Christmas Carols and much more to look forward to.

Wishing you all a relaxing and peaceful half term break.

Ms Barry

Head teacher



## Eco School

Our Eco School Committee have been elected and met this week to discuss the seven-step process to becoming an Eco-School. Step 1 is now complete with the formation of our Committee. They have now moved on to Step 2 — An Environmental Review of the School. We look forward to hearing their results soon!

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH





## Reception Class

What a busy last week of half term in Reception Class! We have been learning all about the Harvest Festival and enjoyed joining in with some very catchy Harvest songs!

A very big thank you to our lovely parents who kindly brought in food for the Purley Food Hub.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and Reception Class have enjoyed celebrating and learning all about this.

We learned all about oral health and the importance of brushing our teeth twice per day – we also listened to an educational story and enjoyed joining in with the tooth brushing song!

In Literacy, we have been reading the story of 'Leaf Man', and learning about the seasons of the year. We did some fantastic observational drawings of Harvest fruits (a very big thank you to one of our parents who kindly provided some of the pumpkins for us) We also made beautiful autumn cards, wreaths and leaf rubbings.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back in two weeks' time.



## Purley Food Hub



Thank you to everyone for the very generous donations for The Purley Food Hub. These were dropped off on Wednesday to help local families in need.

## Nursery

This week Nursery have been looking at 2D Shapes. To extend our learning further will be challenging ourselves with 3D Shapes after half term. Activities this week included:

- Naming 2D Shapes and discussing their properties.
- Listening to a story called 'Shapes are Everywhere'.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity, focusing on repeated patterns.
- Reinforcing our fine motor skills by using the pegboards to create a 2D shape.
- Using a variety of materials to create our own Shape collage.



## Year 1



Year 1 finished off the half term with a 'Taste Test' in Science to explore different food groups and establish what categories they belong to. There was a surprising amount of children that enjoyed bitter lemons!



## Year 2



Year 2 have continued their 'Pirate' topic with great enthusiasm, adding these amazing Pirate Ships to their collection of Pirate themed art works.

## Year 3



Year 3 have loved learning all about Black History over the last few weeks. They created some beautiful designs this week and shared items from home with their friends.

## Year 4



Year 4 researched the life of Harriet Tubman and wrote some brilliant descriptive pieces all about the story of her escape.

## Year 5



Year 5 have been learning all about the African American Artist Alma Thomas as part of Black History Month and created these amazing pictures inspired by her work.

## Year 6



Year 6 have been using the Drama technique 'tableau' to depict various stages along the timeline of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition.



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**Stars of the week**

Seven portraits of Year 6 students in school uniforms are displayed against a background of yellow stars. The students are arranged in two rows: three in the top row and four in the bottom row.

## The Month of the Rosary

*Prayers of The Rosary*

*The Apostles' Creed*

*The Our Father*

*The Hail Mary*

*The Glory Be (The Doxology)*

*The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)*



