

Friday January 6th 2023



Laleham Lea

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

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Dear Parents

We have enjoyed an energetic and enthusiastic start to 2023 and our new term this week.

Today we celebrate The Epiphany and our Class Liturgies and assembly focused on our understanding of this visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. Our Junior students enjoyed a Liturgy on the Mark 10 Mission and joined in with singing 'We three Kings'.

Our Spring term Club timetable starts next week. There are still some places remaining

in some clubs including Tennis and Art. Please do contact the school office if your child would like to join.

We are looking forward to welcoming the London Air Ambulance charity to school on January 16th to talk about the important work they do and inspire our students to work with people in the future.

On behalf of all of us at Laleham Lea, may we wish you a lovely weekend.

Ms K Barry - Head teacher

Matthew 2: 1-12 - The Visit of the Wise Men

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



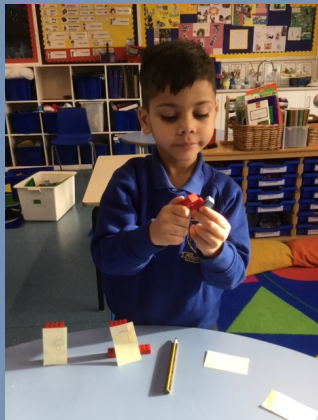
Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring winter. The children enjoyed participating in a variety of activities to reflect their understanding including:

- Listening to 'The Biggest Snowman Ever' story and discussing the characters and structure of the story. As an extension activity, the children used white paint and a variety of media and materials to create their own snowman on black paper.
- Using the number line for support, completing a winter counting sheet.
- Exploring and investigating the winter themed sensory tray with animals, flour and glitter.
- Creating our own penguins using materials and paint.



Reception



Reception Class had a great first week back and have really enjoyed seeing all their friends again.

Pupils were very excited about our new topic 'Space' and enthusiastically shared all their amazing home-learning facts about Space with the class.

In Maths we have been counting objects, actions and sounds, using various strategies to keep track.

Today we gathered for a very special class liturgy for Epiphany; we learned all about the wise men who followed a star to visit Jesus, bringing back fond memories of our Nativity Play. It was lovely to see some of our very young pupils confidently volunteering to lead prayers.



Year 1

Year 1 have created some fantastic acrostic poems about their families for this term's RE topic 'Families and Celebrations'.



Year 2



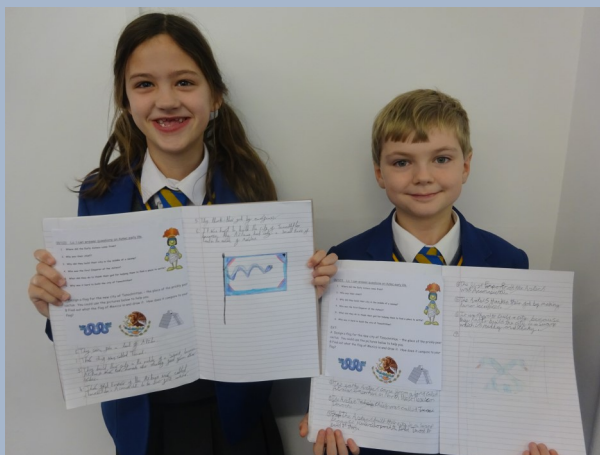
Year 2 are looking at the work of Florence Nightingale in History and made these lamps for their classroom display in Art this week.

Year 3



Year 3 made a great start to their new topic 'The Romans' making these fabulous mosaics, swords and shields over the Christmas break.

Year 4



This week Year 4 have studied early Aztec life and read the story of the creation of Tenochtitlan, after their Chieftain's vision of an eagle perched upon a cactus. They also used their artistic flair to design their own flags for the new city.

Year 5



Year 5 have been reading 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' and created their own Narnia inspired maps, posters and models for homework including this detailed wardrobe to Narnia, complete with lights and hanging rails!

Year 6



Year 6 have been learning how to be a 'Global Citizen' in PSHE this week and created posters to show all they have learned.

Flu Vaccination Clinics

The Croydon Immunisation Team is holding clinics offering the flu vaccination for all years from Reception to Year 11.

The children's flu vaccine is safe and effective. It is offered every year as a nasal spray or injectable vaccine to children to help protect them against flu. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

Children spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

Weekend clinics

January

Day	Time	Location	How to book
Sunday 8 th January	10:00- 15:00	12- 18 Lennard Road Croydon CR9 2RS	This is a drop in session. No need for an appointment
Sunday 22 nd January			
Saturday 28 th January			
Sunday 29 th January			

February

Day	Time	Location	How to book
Saturday 4 th February	10:00- 15:00	12- 18 Lennard Road Croydon CR9 2RS	This is a drop in session. No need for an appointment
Sunday 5 th February			
Saturday 11 th February			
Sunday 12 th February			
Saturday 18 th February			
Sunday 19 th February			
Sunday 26 th February			

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY

We the Governors, staff and pupils of Laleham Lea School are seeking to appoint a Deputy Head teacher for our school with effect from the 19th April 2023 / 1st September 2023.

Please visit <https://lalehamlea.co.uk/about-us/staff-vacancies/> or contact Mrs Strachan on 0208 660 3351 or sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk for an application pack.

Stars of the week—Who enjoyed the 'Star Tea Party' today.

