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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

We started our week with our Secondary Transfer Evening for parents in Years 3-6. We welcomed Mr Beck, Registrar from Whitgift, Mrs Isaac, Head of Biology at Wallington Girls and Miss Cottam, Assistant Head teacher from St Philomena's Catholic High School, who, alongside our Chair of Governors Ms Mary Ryan, offered valuable insight, hints and tips for the Secondary School application process. We hope all parents who attended enjoyed this evening and found it useful in planning next steps for your child's education.

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of escorting four of our Year 6 students to 'The Beginning of a New School Year' Mass at St George's Cathedral. The Mass was attended by all of the schools in the Diocese and was a beautiful way to start the school year.

Our Year 6 Students have also been busy writing their letters of application for their 'Promotion' roles and I was very impressed with all of them when we met for interviews this week. Roles will be announced and badges awarded in assembly next week.

Our School Council and Eco-Council have also been elected this week. We wish them all the very best of luck in their new roles.

This evening our Year 5 and 6 Footballers are taking on Cumnor House School away at Cumnor; we are wishing them the very best of luck. There will be a full match report in next week's newsletter.

Next Wednesday is our annual Curriculum Evening for all parents with doors opening at 5.45pm for tea and coffee in the Long Room. Presentations will start at 6pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Next week is also our Open Week. We know many of you do and have recommended us to your family and friends already and we are in the fantastic position of being at waiting list in many classes. Please do let anyone who might be interested know to come and visit us and see the Laleham Lea journey for themselves.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mrs M Reece—Acting Head Teacher

The Beginning of a New School Year Mass



Eco School



Introducing your newly elected Eco-Council fro 2023/4.

School Council



Introducing your newly elected School Council for 2023/4.

SAVE THE DATE!



LALEHAM LEA - PTA

Christmas
FAIR

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

- AFTER SCHOOL -

Reception

This week in Reception Class, we have been busy thinking about what makes us special and unique. We made some beautiful collages depicting the Creation Story in RE, and attended our first lower school Liturgy in the Long Room.

During Literacy, we have been enjoying the story *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy, and in Mathematics, we have been playing games and singing songs to help us to write and order our numbers to 20.

To round off the week, we all enjoyed a surprise visit to the classroom from an eight-legged friend!



Nursery

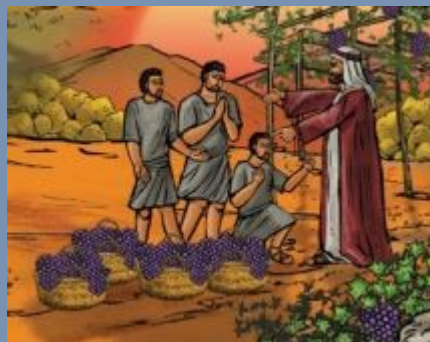
This week Nursery have continued learning about autumn and extended their learning further by participating in a range of activities including:



- Extending our use of mathematical language and placing autumn pictures in order of size, from the smallest to the biggest.
- Reinforcing our turn taking skills, playing the 'Autumn Pairs' game.
- Exploring our autumn themed zoo in the sensory tray.
- Using autumn themed materials with playdough.

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Then at various times throughout the day, even right up to the eleventh hour, the landowner hired and sent more workers into his vineyard. In the evening, he said to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay everyone one denarius each.' The ones who had worked all day grumbled at the landowner, complaining that he paid the men who came last the same amount as them. The landowner said, 'My friends, I am not being unjust to you. Did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."



Cricket Star

Well done to our amazing Year 2 student who was Purley Cricket Clubs U7's 'Most Improved Player' in their awards last weekend.



Year 1



Year 1 identified and labelled parts of the body on a giant human mat. They took a vote and named him 'Tom Buddy' and have enjoyed learning new vocabulary for their topic. They finished the lesson with a dance to the song 'Dem Bones' .

Year 2



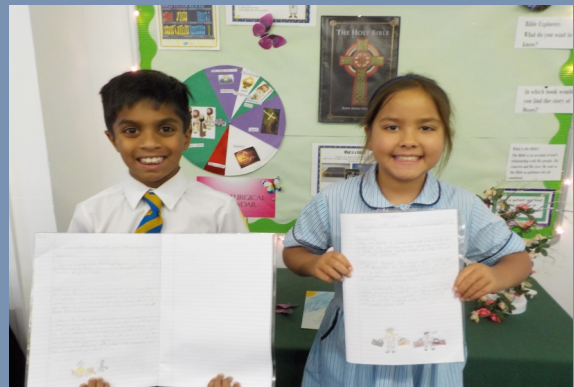
Continuing with their topic on 'Pirates' Year 2 made these amazing pirate swords in Art this week.

Year 3



Year 3 are really enjoying their 'Stone Age' topic making some amazing models and completing detailed comprehension exercises to demonstrate their understanding of life in that time.

Year 4



This week Year 4 Studied an extract from Nina Bawden's Carrie's War. We discussed what it meant to be an evacuee and the children then wrote emotive diary entries from the perspective of Carrie and her brother Nick fleeing London, for the safety of the countryside.

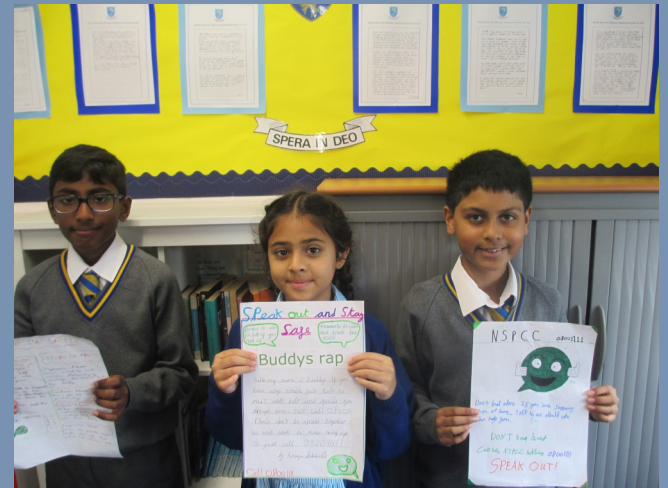
Year 5



After sketching out William Morris inspired tile designs in Art last week, Year 5 painted their colourful tiles this week to complete the project.

Year 6

Following their visit by the NSPCC this week Year 6 made these colourful and informative 'Speak Out; Stay Safe' posters in PSHE this week.



Dates for your Diary this Term

This Half Term:

W/C 25 th Sept	Open Week 9.30am – 11.30am
Wednesday 27 th Sep	Curriculum Eve. Nurs-Yr.6, 6pm
Mon 2 nd – Thurs 5 ^h Oct	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thurs Oct 5 th	Black History Month Talks
Friday 6 th Oct	PTA Film Night

Swimming this Term – Years 5 & 6

Sept 18 th	October 2 nd	Nov 6 th
Nov 20 th	Dec 4 th	

Looking ahead –

Fri Nov 10 th	PTA Disco
Thurs Nov 16 th	Nasal Flu
Fri Dec 1 st	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday Dec 5 th	Junior Christmas Carol Concert
Friday Dec 8 th	EYFS/Y1&2 Nativity Plays
Weds Dec 13 th	End of Term 3.30pm

Stars of the week

