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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

It has been another action packed week at Laleham Lea with Parent Consultations running all week. By now you should have hopefully had the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. We hope these meetings have been helpful in planning how best to support your child this coming year.

Well done to all the students who have taken their LAMDA exams today, we cannot wait to hear their results.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 footballers took on Minster School on Wednesday returning with a 4-1 victory! Well done boys.

I know everyone is very excited about film night tonight. We have managed to raise almost £500 for the PTA so a big thank you to Mr Condon and the parents who have been involved in organising this.

October is Black History Month and this week we started our celebrations with our KS1 and KS2 assemblies on Tuesday which focused on historical figures who have influenced the course of black history over the years. Yesterday it was lovely to welcome Anuli from Big Foot Arts education for 'Africa My Story' workshops with KS1 and KS2 students. Students across the school have also been taking part in a series of classroom based activities and we have a lovely display in the Long Room dedicated to Black History Month with books, clothes and artefacts students have brought in to share with their friends.

October is also the Month of the Holy Rosary and students have been writing beautiful prayers for our Long Room Display.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in Harvest donations for Purley Food Hub, if you have not had the chance to do so yet, there is still time to bring in much needed donations as our collection will be dropped off on Monday.

Next Wednesday Father Peter Sebastian will be joining our Junior Students (Years 3-6) for our Beginning of Year Mass at The John Fisher School Chapel at 10am. All parents, carers and families are welcome to join us at the chapel even if your children are in Nursery/KS1.

Have a lovely sunny weekend.

Mrs M Reece—Acting Head Teacher



Beginning of Year Mass

Years 3 — Year 6

Wednesday 11th October

10:00 am

The John Fisher School Chapel

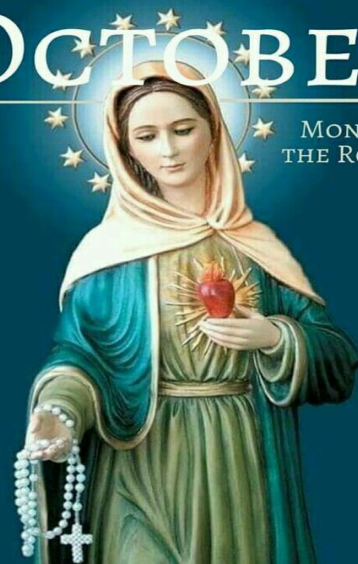


All welcome

Mass will be celebrated by
Fr. Peter Sebastian.

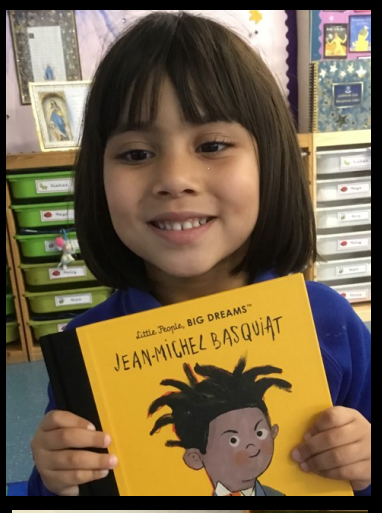
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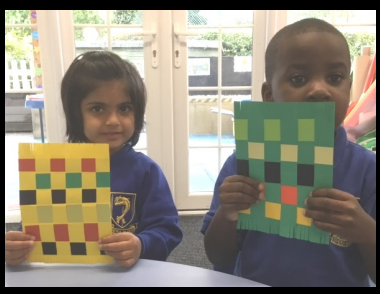




BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023



Reception Class have really enjoyed celebrating and finding out all about Black History Month. They learned about the origins of Black History Month as well as learned about many famous black people including, Politicians, Presidents, Doctors, Nurses and Scientists. The class enjoyed taking part in a variety of crafts such as weaving, basket making, and jewellery making - creating beautiful African necklaces and independently using symmetry and repeating patterns that they have been learning about in Maths. The class enjoyed African drumming and all joined in with the dancing. In Art, the children created some very impressive, colourful detailed drawings, depicting themselves as citizens of the world, inspired by the English-Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare. We also learned about the amazing art of Jean-Michel Basquiat. We enhanced our understanding of the world by exploring the amazing continent of Africa—it's scenic beauty, countries and cultures. In Literacy, the class were mesmerised by the magical story of The Spider Weaver, a legend all about the origins of Kente Cloth. After the story, we were excited to make our own colourful Kente cloth using mixed media. Reception Class are very much looking forward to further celebrating black history throughout the Month of October, and beyond.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring the topic of 'Hibernation'. Some of the activities that Nursery enjoyed participating in included:

- Viewing a clip about animals that hibernate and completing a short quiz to reinforce our understanding.
- Using a dice and counters to play a hibernation-themed board game.
- Listening to the story; 'Don't Hog the Hedge' and discussing the different characters.
- Categorising the animals into their correct location for hibernating.



Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said, "There was once a landowner who planted a vineyard, rented it to some tenant farmers and then went off far away. When the fruit-season came, he sent some of his servants to the farmers to collect his fruit. But the farmers seized his servants. He then sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. But the farmers said to one another, 'Look – here's the heir: come on, let's take over his inheritance.' So they seized the son, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?" "He'll bring those bad men to a bad end," was the reply. "Then he'll rent the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruit at harvest time."



Year 1



Year 1 have been writing their own prayers for the Holy Month of the Rosary.

Football



Laleham Lea beat Minster School 4-1 on Wednesday taking them to the top of the league!

Year 2



Year 2 made their own Rosary beads this week to celebrate the Holy Month of The Rosary.

Year 3



To celebrate Black History Month Year 3 have been researching important historical figures and made their own informative booklets about them.

Year 4



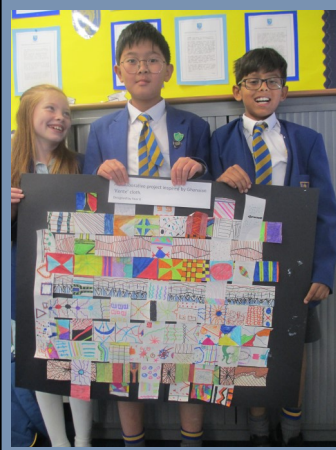
This week Year 4 studied the life of a brave hero, Harriet Tubman and how she established the Underground Railroad; helping others to taste freedom as they embarked on a perilous journey towards the border of Pennsylvania. There was also an outstanding pupil led presentation in celebration of the achievements and contributions of so many inspirational Black History heroes .

Year 5



Year 5 used oil pastels in Art this week to create their own 'Kente' cloth which they then used to create this amazing depiction of traditional African dress.

Year 6



Students in Year 6 have been enjoying the start to Black History Month and have written their own poems based on Benjamin Zephaniah's poem 'The British, serves 60 million'. They have read accounts of people arriving in Britain on the HMT Windrush and have researched the life and legacy of several black Scientists. They have also been creating a collaborative art project, decorating strips of paper to turn into a design inspired by West African 'Kente' cloth. What a busy and enjoyable week!

National Poetry Day

In assembly today our Year 6 Pupil Chaplains read out special prayers to commemorate National Poetry Day



Dear God,

We thank you for the gift of poetry and for our own imaginations. Help us to use our creative gifts to explore our own hearts and mind and share our own special view of the wonderful world around us.

Amen

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us the gift of language and the means of creative expression through writing and poetry. Please help us to remember the importance of words in our interactions with others. Please help us to use words for good and not for harm. Please help us to use words to uplift our friends, inspire others and to spread kindness.

Amen.

Stars of the week



Dates for your Diary this Term

This Half Term: - Mon 9th Harvest Collection deadline

Swimming this Term— Years 5 & 6— Nov 6th Nov 20th Dec 4th

Looking ahead—

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