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Dear Parents

Year 3 led our Tuesday liturgy on the importance of being humble, making the right choices and following the right path. They read some thoughtful prayers they had written themselves.

This week we also focused on Remembrance ahead of Remembrance Day this weekend and classes have produced some lovely artwork and prayers. On Sunday two of our Year 6 students will attend the Woodcote Remembrance Service to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Thank you to everyone who has bought poppies and other items in support of the British Legion this week.

Our Year 6 students spoke about Diwali today to the school in assembly as Diwali is on Sunday. Classes have also made Diya lamps and Rangoli artwork in celebration.

Well done to our footballers who beat a strong Regina Coeli side 2-1 last week coming from 1-0 down to retain their unbeaten record. Well done boys.

This week our Chair of Governor Ms Ryan visited us for a learning walk. We spoke to our Year 1 and Year 2 students about their English learning and we received lovely feedback.

Our Year 6 Students joined parishioners at St Mark's Church for their Christmas Fair on Thursday, singing carols to get everyone in a festive mood. They will also be visiting local care homes in the last week of term.

Today we welcomed the Hobgoblin Theatre Company for a performance of 'King Arthur' in the Long Room. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the humorous tales of Arthurian legend and a marriage proposal for Ms Byerley!

Tonight we are all looking forward to the PTA Discos. A reminder that Nursery and Reception will enjoy their disco from 3.15-4.30pm in the Long Room. All others students should be collected from school by 3.30pm at the latest and meet back at St Mark's Church Hall at 5.30pm where their party bags and Captain Fantastic will be waiting for a great night ahead!

Next week we will be dropping off all of our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to everyone who has brought in a box so far. Please bring any remaining boxes on Monday so we can try to reach our target!

Thank you also for all of your generous donations for the PTA Christmas Fair, please do keep them coming. We also need as many volunteers as possible on the day, so please do let Mr Condon or your Class Reps know if you are able to help at all.

A reminder that next Friday we will be raising money for Children in Need with a 'spotty' themed mufti day. I can't wait to see all the wonderful outfits in support of a great cause.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Reece—Acting Head Teacher



"In Flanders Fields"

by Col. John McCrae,

In Flanders Fields The poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

A Prayer by our Pupil Chaplains

Today we remember all the people who died defending Britain, and for those who still fight to protect us.

Please watch over them as war continues throughout this world. We pray for their souls and that they will be at peace.

We ask you to help those who are raising money for veterans.

For all who we remember this day, bring us all to your eternal joy.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord

Amen

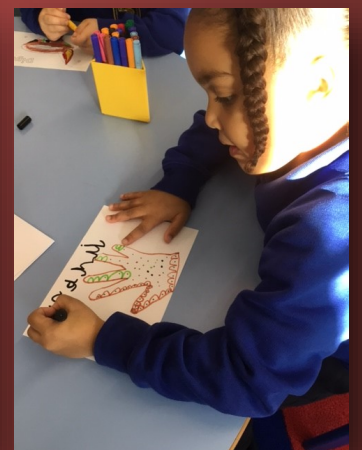
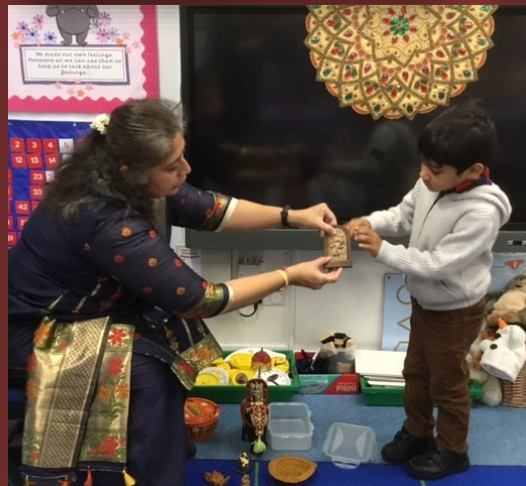


Happy Diwali

In school this week Reception Class really enjoyed celebrating the Hindu Festival of Diwali with their friends. We learned how Diwali is all about new beginnings, the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness. Thank you to Ms Harshavardhan, our Year 5 teacher, who kindly came to Reception to share some interesting facts and items from home. We joined in with discussions about Rangoli patterns, Diya Lamps, the spring-cleaning of houses, giving gifts, and inviting friends and family over to share delicious food!



Everyone joined in with making beautiful Rangoli patterns whether from blocks, beads, sequins or paints and stencils. We listened to the legendary story of Rama and Sita and were inspired to make puppets on craft sticks for re-enacting the story with friends. We also sculpted our own Diya Lamps out of clay, painted them in bright gold and added sequins and a candle to light the way home for Rama and Sita from the story!



Nursery

This week Nursery have been learning all about numbers with a focus on 1-10 and extension work to include 1-20 too. The children participated in a range of activities to reinforce their understanding and Mathematical vocabulary including:

- Counting the objects and colouring the correct amount.
- Introducing differentiated work, looking at the meaning of 'plus' and how to make short maths sentences.
- Listening to the story; 'Clive the Bear', discussing the story structure and completing a 'cut and paste' numbers activity to match number and quantity.



This week the children have also been learning about Diwali creating their own Rangoli decorations and Diyas.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children wrote some beautiful Acrostic Poems for Remembrance Day.



Year 2

Year 2 made beautiful poppies in Art for Remembrance Day.

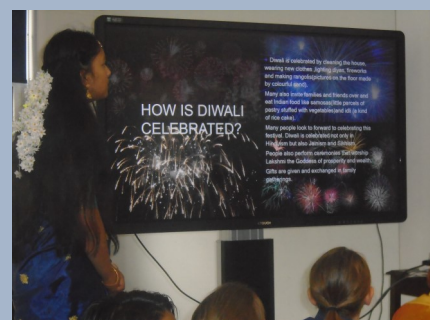


Year 3

Year 3 also made beautiful poppies for Remembrance Day in Art this week.



Diwali



Year 4

This week in Science during our topic 'Help the Habitats', Year 4 debated on some proposals which could have a detrimental impact upon the wildlife in our Nursery ponds. Mrs Khan was greatly impressed by the level of intellectual and passionate arguments calling for preservation of plant and animal life!



Year 5

Year 5 have drawn pictures this week to illustrate the famous poem 'In Flanders' Fields'.



School Council

Spotty Mufti Day for - Children in Need

Friday November 17th

Prizes for the class that raises the most money!



Year 6

Our Year 6 Students joined the parishioners of St Mark's Church on Thursday to sing carols at their Christmas Fair.



Hobgoblin Theatre—King Arthur



Stars of the week



Dates for your Diary this Term

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

Thurs Nov 16th

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Friday November 17th

Children in Need Spotty Mufti Day

Friday Nov 24th

PTA Uniform sale from 3pm

Fri Dec 1st

PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday Dec 5th

Junior Christmas Carol Concert

Weds Dec 6th


School Christmas Lunch

Friday Dec 8th

EYFS/Y1&2 Nativity Plays

Weds Dec 13th

End of Term 3.30pm



We are looking forward to the PTA Discos later this afternoon.

Nursery/Reception – 3.15-4.30pm in the Longroom

Years 1-6 – 5.30-6.45pm at St Mark’s Church Hall

A reminder of pick up arrangements today—

Nursery/Reception – Collect from school at the end of the disco at 4.30pm.

Years 1-6 - Collect no later than 3.30pm from school (according to usual class dismissal times), then collection at 6.45pm prompt from St Mark’s Church.

Please note there will be no parent parking available in the St Mark’s car park for drop off or pick up—please park safely on the adjoining roads.

We raised almost £500 for the PTA!




The stalls and games have all been planned but we need YOU to help make the event a success. Please contact your class rep or pta@lalehamlea.co.uk if you can offer some time on the day. Stalls have been split into shifts to ensure everyone helping out also has time to enjoy the fair. Without enough volunteers, sadly, we will not be able to run all of the amazing things we have planned.

Thank you for all the amazing toys, games and raffle prizes that have been donated so far. Your generosity means we already have lots of fabulous prizes for the fair.

Donations still needed:

Friday November 17th	Bottles of all kinds (unopened)
Friday November 24th	Chocolate for the chocolate raffle
Friday Dec 1 st	Cakes- (homemade or shop bought!) for the cake stall. Please include ingredients list.



Xmas4schools™

You should have received your order codes from Xmas4Schools already. The deadline for orders is Monday 13th November (please note it is not possible to order after this date).

The PTA will receive a donation for all items ordered. So far we have raised £103 for the PTA