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Laleham Lea

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A Prayer for Advent

This Advent season, we are especially in need of peace, because war rages in our world.

This year, as much as ever, we need Jesus, the Prince of Peace, in our world and in our hearts.

Help me to love more fully and to forgive more nicely.

We also pray that Jesus transforms our world as we await for his coming again.

Amen



Dear Parents

As we approach the start of Advent on Sunday, our liturgy this week looked at the meaning of Advent, the Advent wreath and Advent candles. Each class have written prayers for this important time of year, including the one above written by a Year 6 student. Our Year 1 children will also be hosting 'Mary and Joseph' for an overnight stay over the next couple of weeks with our 'Travelling Nativity' set going home with 2 different children each night.

We are all very excited about the PTA Christmas Fair this afternoon. Thank you to Mr Condon and all of the PTA members and volunteers who have given so much time over the past few weeks to organise what promises to be a great event. We have already sold over £1000 worth of raffle tickets which is a great start to our fundraising for this event.

A reminder that all stalls apart from the external caterers will be cash only. Please ensure you bring lots of change (£1 and 50p especially) as stalls will have limited floats available. All

students should be collected by 3.15pm today please to allow staff time for final preparations before doors open at 3.30pm.

Our Christmas Lunch takes place next Wednesday and students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to replace their usual school/PE jumper that day.

On Tuesday our Junior students all went to St Mark's Church for their Christmas Carol Concert rehearsals. We are looking forward to hearing their beautiful Carols and readings next Tuesday from 6pm. Full details of arrangements for this have been sent to parents this week.

Also next week our younger students from EYFS and KS1 take to the stage in the Long Room for their annual Nativity plays. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and families to these lovely festive occasions.

We hope you all enjoy the Fair this afternoon and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Reece—Acting Head Teacher

Nursery

This week Nursery enjoyed learning all about Advent. We viewed a PowerPoint presentation and had a group discussion about the meaning of Advent and how this is celebrated. The children answered questions to reinforce their understanding and were keen to share their own experiences.

We also discussed the colour of Advent candles and what each candle represents—Peace, Hope, Love and Joy and the white candle is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. The children enjoyed completing a colouring activity and taking it in turns to assist the teacher in creating a class Advent wreath, which is displayed on our prayer table. Well done Nursery!



Reception



This week in Reception Class, we have been learning all about how to look after our teeth. The class enjoyed an informative slide show and watched a demonstration. Afterwards the class took part in a short quiz. We also completed a cutting and sticking activity to demonstrate our knowledge about healthy and unhealthy foods.

In Maths this week we have enjoyed playing a number tennis counting game, and also played various games to help us to develop our subitising skills. In Literacy, and Awe and Wonder (RE), we have been learning and writing about Advent. We also used our handprints to create an amazing Advent wreath for our classroom.

A very big thank you to those parents who have already handed in their child's Nativity Play costumes. Reception Class are very excited and cannot wait to perform, 'Shine Star Shine' next week!

Year 1

This week in Literacy, Year 1 have been using interesting similes and alliteration to describe animals in their Shape Poems.



Year 2

Year 2 have made beautiful stained glass Advent Candles in Art this week.



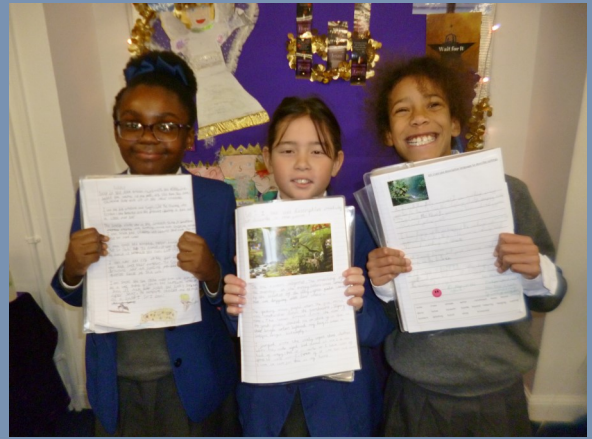
Year 3

As part of their History topic on the Celts, Year 3 made these lovely pots in Art this week.



Year 4

This week Year 4 have been fully immersed in their love of creative writing, using vivid imagery to bring the rainforest to life. Inspired by the raucous cacophony of the Rainforest and utilising their senses they created outstanding setting descriptions.



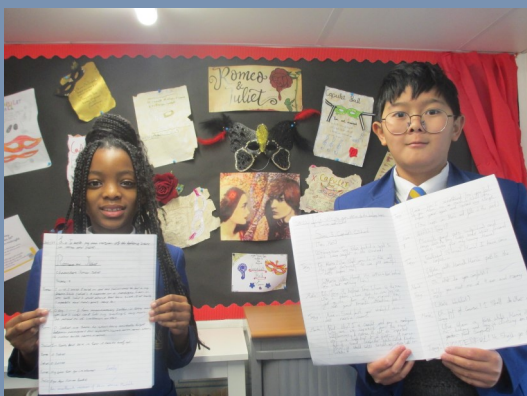
Year 5

In RSE this week Year 5 looked at spoken and unspoken peer pressures and demonstrated some of these through role play.



Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring the work of William Shakespeare and writing their own modern versions of the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet.



Swim Champ

Well done to our Year 5 superstar swimmer who is officially the fastest 9-year-old in Sutton at 50m breaststroke!



Stars of the week



Last Chance!

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PTA Christmas Raffle 2023

*Fortnum & Mason wine hamper worth (value £200)

*The View from The Shard & Three Course Meal at Marco Pierre White's London Steakhouse Co for Two (value £192)

*Family Supercar Driving Experience for Four (value £169)

*Skin Clinic consultation & skin peel worth £130

*Family Chelsea Football Club Stadium Tour (value £80) *Essential oils gift basket (£75)

*Dolce Gusto Coffee Machine (Approx. £55) *The Silverstone Museum for Two (value £50)

*Courvoisier Cognac *Singleton Scotch Whisky *Old Pulteney Scotch Whiskey

*Penderyn Welsh Whiskey *Loch Lomond Scotch Whiskey

*Christmas hamper *Lindt Chocolate Gift Set

*Baby Ballet 3-week trial voucher worth £18

*£15 Vue Cinema voucher *Pottery voucher

*2x Swimming vouchers *Running Club voucher *Face painting

*Activity day at Purley Sports' Club

*Pink Fizz Scented Candle *2 vouchers for 4x Rock Project (2 prizes)

*Haribo Supermix *Bulldog Skincare *Restore cosmetics *Organic Trofie & Orrechietto

*2-week trial at Moxie Academy

Tickets £5 a strip

Draw to take place on December 5th

Greetings ISLANDS



LALEHAM LEA - PTA

**Christmas
FAIR**

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
3.30 PM TO 5.00 PM**

Sweet Dreamz Food

Hotdogs £2 Vegan Hotdogs £2.50 Popcorn (L) £2 (S) £1 Candyfloss £2

- Sweet Dreamz Food accept card payments or cash -

Nursery Classroom

Reindeer Food Making
Reindeer Hoopla
Pin the nose on Rudolph

Reception Classroom

Sweet Pong
The Grinch's Lucky
Dip (balls/sprouts)

Year 1 Classroom

Ornament Decorating
Bric-a-Brac stall

Art Room

Face Painting
Glitter Tattoos

Long Room

Bottle Tombola
Kid's Tombola
Chocolate Tombola

Lunch Room

Cake, Tea and Crisps
Roaming Santa -
Candy Canes

All pupils will need to be supervised at all times by an adult (parents or carers) whilst at the fair. Please only take photographs of your own child and do not post on social media. Also please bring lots of change (£1 and 50p coins) and have lots of fun!