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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

What a lovely Christmassy week we have enjoyed at Laleham Lea.

We kick started our Christmas festivities with our PTA Christmas Fair last Friday which was enjoyed by everyone and raised almost £2000! Thank you to Mr Condon and all of our PTA volunteers who made the event possible.

It was an absolute privilege to see our talented Junior students perform in their Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday at St Mark's Church. Their beautiful singing and reading was a pleasure to hear.

Thank you to Zhanna and her team in the kitchen for a fabulous Christmas lunch on Wednesday which was described by students as 'amazing' and 'the best lunch ever!'.

Our younger students from Nursery to Year 2 took to the stage this morning for their Nativity performances, with stars shining bright! Well done everyone.

Reports will be sent home next Tuesday in sealed envelopes. We hope these provide valuable insight into your child's progress and how to support their learning in the new year.

We break up at normal time next Wednesday (no clubs or Late Leavers this day). I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well-earned rest over the Christmas break before we return refreshed in the new year.

Thank you everyone for your continued support this half term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as Acting Head Teacher at Laleham Lea and I am looking forward to another great term when we return in January.

Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas with your families.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Head Teacher



Nursery

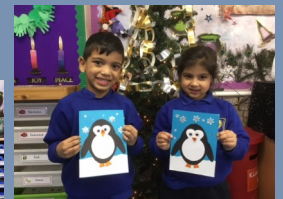
This week Nursery have been learning about Christmas. Activities included:

- Viewing a 'Christmas Around the World' presentation then comparing similarities and differences, how people celebrate? Or if they celebrate? As an extension, we shared our own experiences by drawing a picture of our families celebrating a special event or occasion.
- Using a variety of materials to design and decorate a Christmas jumper.
- Playing 'Christmas Snap' - reinforcing turn taking with our peers.
- Using different media and materials to create our own Christmas wreath.
- Listening to Christmas stories, whilst focusing on how the stories are structured.

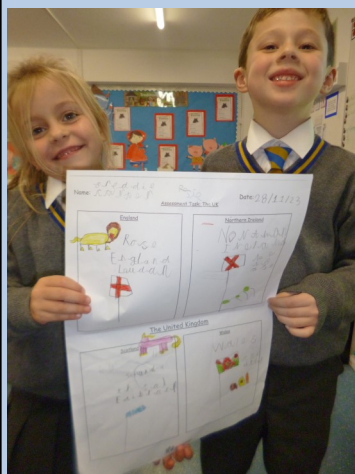


Reception

We have had a fantastic penultimate week of the term in Reception Class. We have been enjoying lots of festive Christmas activities, including making some lovely penguin Christmas cards for our families. We also enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch wearing our sparkly Christmas jumpers and hats! Needless-to-say the children have been working very hard practising for the Nativity Play – and what a performance it was! Every single one of them were absolutely amazing! A huge well done to all.



Year 1



This week in Y1 we rounded off our Geography topic by creating beautiful posters all about the UK. Well done Year 1 for an excellent effort by all to get so much information down. We can even spot the Loch Ness Monster!

Year 2



Year 2 enjoyed making Christmas Crackers in Art this week.

Year 3

Year 3 have been thinking about Advent this week and have created our Christmas Cards and written Advent promises.



Year 4

This week Year 4 explored the origins of chocolate and indulged in a chocolate tasting lesson. They creating a star profile based upon a variety of flavours from Montezuma's chocolate range.



Year 5

In Science Year 5 looked at the conservation work of Jane Goodall and made posters to highlight the plight of chimpanzees in the wild.



Year 6

Children in Year 6 have been deciding how to tell people about the true meaning of Christmas. They planned different ways of spreading their message: from putting on an interactive Nativity play, inventing a VR Advent game to a newsletter collaboration with Tesco. Of course, we won't actually be able to do these things but the planning was fun!



Stars of the week





Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to send a message as we close in on the end of the term and the year.

We have had a brilliant term which has included an Ice Cream Sale, PTA Movie Night, Disco and Christmas Fair. All of these have been really well received and most importantly, the children have really enjoyed them.

The Fair last week raised a fabulous £1,921.09 and together with the other events we are starting to build a really good pot of funds. We are working with Mrs Reece around what this can be used for going forward as we want to see how we can use the funds to really benefit the children of Laleham Lea.

Thank you so much to all the parents who have supported the events this year, we are so lucky to have a core group of incredibly activated PTA members. It would be brilliant to have more parents involved in the PTA in the new year as the more parents we have involved the bigger, better and more frequent the events can be.

We do have more plans for the year ahead which we are very excited about so please do keep an eye out for information about what they are and how you can help.

Finally I wanted to give a big thank you to all the staff at Laleham Lea for their support in the events in particular but more widely all the great work they do – thank you so much!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2024!

David