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# Laleham Lea

A Catholic Independent School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development



Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a fun but chilly, first full week back for the new term which even saw snow on Monday playtime, much to everyone's excitement.

With the chilly weather, a reminder that PE joggers can be worn over school shorts to and from school but must be taken off for the school day. Base layer trousers or 'skins' are not permitted to be worn in school.

Today students have enjoyed a visit from Mary Carter from CAFOD for Catholic Social Teaching workshops, covering the seven principles of Dignity, Solidarity, The common good, The option for the poor, Peace, Creation & Environment and The dignity of work & participation.

In Liturgy on Tuesday students learned all about the Epiphany of the Lord and why the three wise men visited baby Jesus.

This week we have installed a defibrillator by the door in the main school entrance. We hope to never have to use this vital piece of lifesaving equipment but it is reassuring to

know it is there should it be needed to help any member of our school community in an emergency.

We have noticed some incidents of unsafe and illegal parking/stopping outside school on double yellow lines. We have some new larger cones to discourage this but please could we remind parents and carers to park and pull up safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school— this includes not parking or stopping at all on the double yellow lines either outside our gates or on the opposite side of Peaks Hill, not blocking driveways and not performing three point turns outside school. Our pupils' safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. We appreciate your support with this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Head Teacher

## Nursery

This week Nursery have continued learning about winter and participated in lots of activities including:

- Matching the number with the quantity of snowmen buttons.
- Listening to the story 'Jack Frost' and answering questions to reinforce our understanding.
- Participating in a melting ice experiment then using extended vocabulary to discuss what happens and the changes that take place when ice melts.
- Using a variety of mark making tools to design our own winter clothes and for differentiated work, attempting to complete the repeated pattern scarves.



## Reception



This week, Reception Class have been enjoying our new topic 'Space'. They were all very excited to engage in role-play in our classroom 'Space Travel Agents', taking turns to be Travel Agents as well as Space passengers, traveling and learning about the different planets in our Solar System.



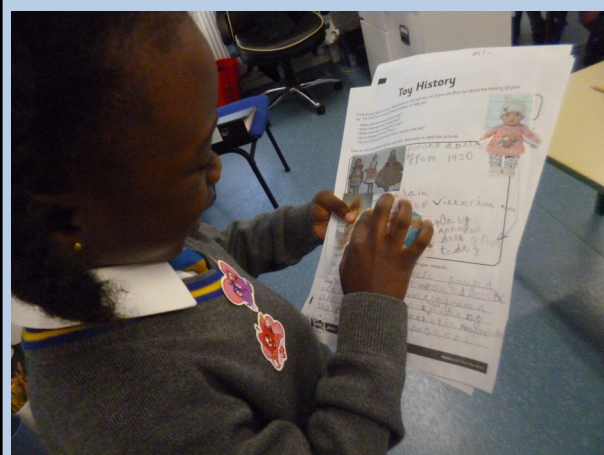
Earlier in the week, we were very excited to learn about the US spacecraft that launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, to try to perform a controlled landing on the Moon and eagerly watched and counted down the 'blast off!' - linking this with our Mathematics topic 'Understanding Number'.

In Literacy, we have been enjoying 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, a story all about a little bear who travels to the Moon in his cardboard box!

Well done to all for a fantastic first week back!



## Year 1



A huge well done to Year 1 on some fantastic presentations of their holiday research on Old Toys. There were an array of toys discussed from Rag Dolls to Lego and their creation and popularity. We also had some riddles the children wrote to round off our afternoon - some of which were quite tricky to solve!

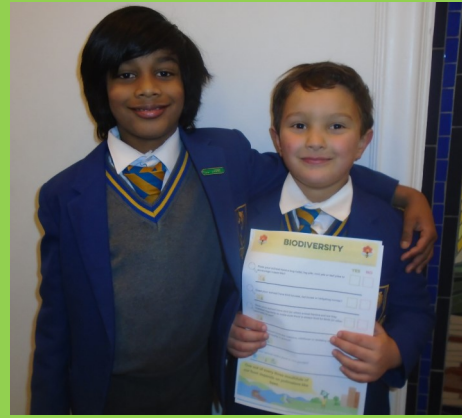
## Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard in Maths this week. They have been using their knowledge from place value, addition and subtraction to calculate with money.



## Eco Council

Eco Council conducted an Environmental Review this week in preparation for creating our New Eco Action Plan for 2024.



## Year 4

This week Year 4 analysed the poem 'The Tiger' by William Blake, this led to them composing their own poems in awe of the sheer beauty and power of the tiger.



## Year 3

In RE this week Year 3 have been learning all about the story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector and made their own story boards.



## Sports Champ

Well done to our Year 4 Football star who received this trophy last week.



## Stars of the week



### Year 6

Year 6 created some amazing costumes from newspaper on the theme of 'Heroes' in order to launch their new text for this term in English: *'The Odyssey'*.

They had fantastic ideas and worked collaboratively to produce some very creative designs.



### Year 5

Year 5 have started reading *'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'* and made some amazing 3D models for homework inspired by the story.

