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Dear Parents

It is lovely to finally see some sunshine today after a very wet return for the second half of term.

Our Chair of Governors Mrs Ryan visited us on Tuesday to see Year 4's fantastic *Unforgiving Servant* Liturgy. They had worked very hard to learn their parts over the half term break and included a role play and beautiful hymn. Well done Year 4!

Well done also to our Year 5 and Year 6 footballers who took on Margaret Roper School in two back-to-back matches on a very soggy pitch yesterday. The first game ended 0-0 but we triumphed in the second match with a late goal to take maximum points!

Next week we have Parent Consultation Meetings. Hopefully the new booking system has made the process much easier for everyone to book appointments. If you have not had chance to book yet, please do click on the link you were sent or contact your child's teacher directly. A reminder that most clubs will not run next week to allow staff time to meet with parents. If you can make alternative childcare arrangements for the duration of your meetings, this would be ideal as we only have limited capacity in Late Leavers.

Also next week, as part of our ongoing plans to improve school facilities, myself and the governors will be welcoming contractors in to look at the current playground and how our outside facilities can be improved, particularly in our Reception and Nursery area. Moving forward we are also looking into further developing and enhancing our ICT provision across the school, details of all plans and timelines will be shared with parents once finalised.

Details of the upcoming PTA Film Night were sent out on Tuesday. Mr Condon has full details of all the exciting PTA News in this week's newsletter.

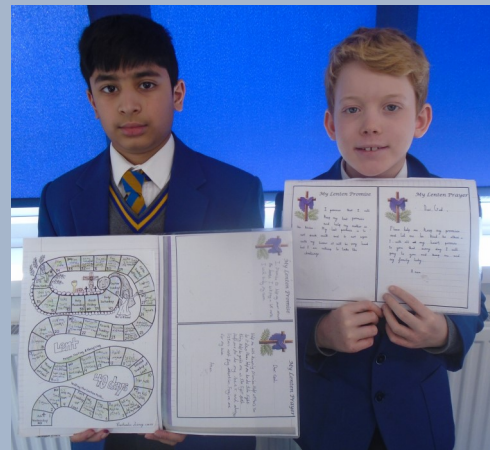
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Headteacher

Lent

We have been reflecting on the importance of Lent and Year 5 shared their Lenten promises and prayers with the whole school in assembly today.



Dates for your Diary this Term

- Swimming this Term – Years 3 & 4 – March 4th**
- Feb 26th-March 1st – Parent Consultation meetings (most clubs do not run this week)
- March 4th-8th – Open Week
- March 5th – Toby Glover Author Visit & Book signing
- March 7th – World Book Day (Literary Dressing Up)
- March 8th – Year 4 Globe Trip
- March 11th – PTA Film Night
- March 15th – Year 5 Imperial War Museum Trip
- March 18th – Junior Easter Concert (Years 3-6)
- March 21st – Year 2 Port Lympne Trip
- March 22nd – CAFOD Lenten mufti day fundraising
- March 25th-27th – Year 6 PGL Trip

Nursery

Nursery have been exploring spring this week. The children enjoyed viewing a PowerPoint and answering questions to reinforce their understanding. As an extension to this activity, the children used a variety of mark making tools and different coloured paints to create their own picture of spring. Other activities this week included:

- Looking at spring themed phase 2 initial sounds
- Exploring a small bunch of flowers using a magnifying glass.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity, placing parts of a plant into the correct order and naming them.
- Planting our own Sunflower seeds.

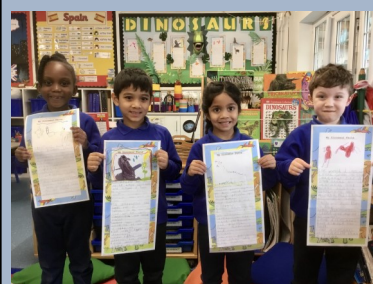


Reception



This week, Reception Class has been enjoying our exciting new topic 'Dinosaurs'. Everyone had the opportunity to present their amazing Dinosaur Home-Learning Facts to the class and all enjoyed asking and answering questions about each other's work. We also opened our new Dinosaur Toy Shop and learned all about how to pay for our toys using money!

In Literacy, we have been discovering just how informative our dinosaur fact books are. We also enjoyed writing a list of the new dinosaur vocabulary we have been learning, while listening for the sounds in our words.



In Maths, we have been comparing weights using direct comparisons and using a rocker balance. We learned a new song about 'lighter' and 'heavier', and pretended to be a balance, showing our understanding that the heavier side goes down and the lighter side goes up.

Year 1



We have begun our new science topic of 'Everyday Materials' with a class game. Children worked in teams and identified objects in the class and then labelled them with the correct material name. The rocks were quite tricky to find but some eagle eyed observations led us to them eventually!

Year 2



In Science we looked at what conditions a plant needs to grow and stay healthy.

We carried out a test and planted cress seeds in various conditions. We will now monitor these over the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing the results of our cress and see if our predictions were correct.

Football

Margaret Roper 0 : 0 Laleham Lea

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Mud was the overall winner in these very soggy matches!



Year 3



In Literacy Year 3 have been writing a newspaper report about the 'Space Bat Angel' from *Iron Man* by Ted Hughes.

Year 4



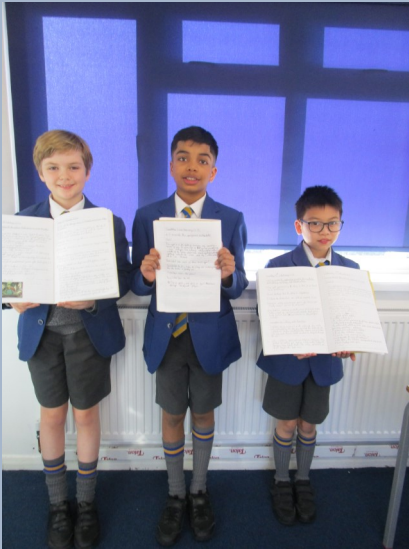
Year 4's Unforgiving Servant Liturgy this week included a role play and hymn which was sung beautifully by all.

"Jesus' message is clear: God forgives incalculably, exceeding all measure." Pope Francis

Stars of the week



Year 5



Year 5 have been reading Shakespeare's Macbeth and have written their own opening scenes for the famous play.

Year 6



Year 6 have been exploring 'financial risk' in their PSHE lessons this week.

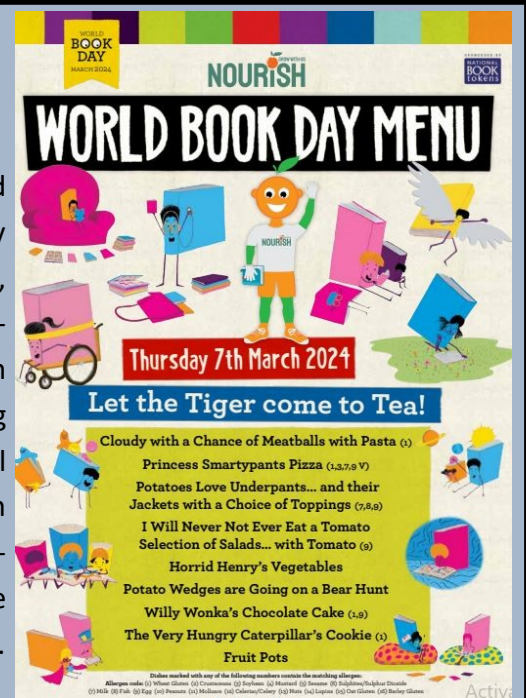
They played a game that helped them to learn all about high and low risk investments by planning a fictitious summer fair. They chose to invest in a 'Slime Station' or a 'Bake Sale'. Most children made money but there were a few bankruptcies!



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| 1. | Ann Jones | Year 6 | 55,424 | 5 | Creep Messina | Year 5 | 24,6316 | |
| 2. | Sully Woolfe | Year 6 | 55,283 | 6 | Jason DiFulvio | Year 6 | 23,068Year | |
| 3. | Honey Clayton | Year 2 | 31,595 | 7 | Rippy Coltrane | Year 3 | 21,878 | |
| 4. | Axel Stevens | Year 6 | 29,951 | 8 | Suzi Smile | - | Year 6 | 21,801 |

World Book Day takes place on March 7th this year and once again we will be asking students (and staff) to dress up as the favourite literary character.

To celebrate, Nourish will be offering a special menu (opposite) and we will also be inviting author Toby Glover into school on Tuesday March 5th. Toby Glover is a children's author with over 20 books, his range of fun, rhyming stories are popular for all Primary children, from Nursery to Year 6. His Mark Shark adventures are in talks to become a new animated series! Toby has been touring schools and will be visiting us to share his stories with individual classes. His books are available as both paperbacks and eBooks on Amazon, parents will also have the chance to purchase signed copies on the day. www.tobybooktour.com (£9) Book signing will take place at 3.30pm—Toby will have a card reader available on the day.



Sports Stars

Well done to our Year 2 football and dance superstars! Our dance supremo performed a tap solo at Woking Festival where she earned a gold medal and also performed at the Royal Tunbridge Wells Dance Festival over half term, earning a bronze medal and a 4th place medal too.



Our Football champ won his medals for a 3-a-side tournament and achievements at football camp! Well done to you both.



Hi Everyone!

Hope all is well. Time seems to be flying and we are now almost in March somehow! The PTA have been working on plans for the remainder of this term and beyond.

We are looking forward to facilitating another movie evening, thanks so much to all who have responded. A quick reminder of the £5 cost which should be paid to the following account using your child's name as the reference (no cash payments please).

Laleham Lea School PTA Account

Lloyds Bank

Account Number – 00470603

Sort Code – 30-98-36

The ticket price includes popcorn and a drink with an alternative snack for Nursery children.

The PTA meet regularly and it would be great to have as many parents as possible attend, where amongst other things we will be making plans for the Summer Fair – do get in touch with your class rep for more info!

We are planning a Quiz Night on Friday March 22nd at Purley Sports Club – this will be a wonderful opportunity to have a night out, mix with other parents and test your general knowledge - more details will follow next week.

Finally, we are delighted to report that the PTA have made our first purchase for the school, two colourful playground benches and some playground equipment as chosen by School Council. We hope this will be the first of many purchases from funds we have raised.

See you all soon

David (PTA Chair)