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Laleham Lea

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

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Dear Parents

This week we have continued our Lenten journey, thinking about Lenten promises and writing prayers for our Prayer tree. Our Tuesday Liturgy explored the transfiguration of Jesus.

We had a very productive meeting with our Governors and architects on Tuesday with lots of exciting ideas for developing our outdoor space. Obviously plans are still in the very early stages but we will share these once we are in a position to do so. I have also spent some time with children in the playground this week, seeking their ideas on how we can improve playtime. I will be putting some of their ideas into action and purchasing some new equipment in the coming weeks.

Parent consultations also took place this week. We hope you found the new booking system helpful and the meetings productive in supporting your child for the rest of the academic year and beyond. It was lovely to have the opportunity to chat to many of you this week and get to know you all better.

I am also very keen to get to know all of our students better and this week spent some time in Reception, Year 6 and Year 5. I was amazed by the fantastic reading of some of our youngest pupils! The enthusiasm and excitement on the faces of Year 6 students as they churned their own butter, whilst exploring the changing roles of women in society, was a delight to see. I also witnessed Year 5 immerse themselves in Macbeth, comparing Shakespearian language to the words they use today.

We are looking forward to Open Week next week. Whilst I am sure you are aware we are at waiting list in many

classes, (Nursery 2024 entry is also approaching full) it is always nice to meet and welcome new prospective parents. Please do recommend us to your family and friends, we would be delighted to show them the Laleham Lea journey.

Next Thursday is World Book Day and we are encouraging all students and staff (and parents!) to dress as their favourite book character. Author Toby Glover will also be joining us on Tuesday next week to read to all classes and sign books after school (full details in this newsletter).

Have a lovely (and hopefully dry!) weekend

Mrs M Reece - Acting Headteacher



Nursery



This week Nursery have continued to learn all about spring. The children listened to the short poem; 'Hello to Spring' and were encouraged to draw a picture of what the poem made them think about. We discussed how the poem made us feel and shared these experiences with our peers.

We have also been using our fine motor skills to create a flower using coloured sequins and, sticking 'spring themed' pictures into order of size from smallest to biggest.

Reception



Reception Class had a great week learning all about dinosaurs! We created some fantastic paintings, designed our own dinosaurs, and learned about the fascinating work of palaeontologists. Our replica fossils and dinosaur footprints made some amazing life-like imprints in the playdough!



In Literacy we have been listening to the story of 'Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs'. We also enjoyed writing captions about the dinosaurs that we all got to design ourselves.

In Maths we have continued with our topic, Comparing Weights, and also began learning about Volume and Capacity.

Year 1



This week Year 1 participated in some Maths' games which focussed on our topic of partitioning. Children worked in teams to help break down numbers and use cubes to build them using base tens and ones. A sterling effort by all and a 6-6 draw meant a star on the reward chart for every child!

Year 2

In Science Year 2 looked closely at parts of a seed that will grow into a plant and discussed how it will germinate. After dissecting a bean children drew a diagram of the inside and explained what each part of the seed does.



A reminder that next Thursday is World Book Day and we are very much looking forward to seeing everyone's fabulous costumes and books.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
7 MARCH 2024

A reminder that author Toby Glover will be in 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 on Amazon, parents will also have the chance to purchase signed copies on the day. www.tobybooktour.com (£9) Book signing will take place after school at 3.30pm—Toby will have a card reader available on the day.

Year 3

Year 3 have produced some amazing informative posters for their Geography topic on Rivers.



Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at the dangers of electricity in Science and made these amazing comic strip posters featuring cartoon characters to warn younger children in Reception and Nursery how dangerous electricity can be.



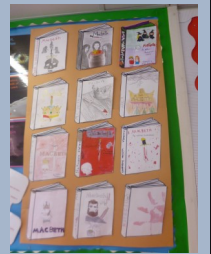
Stars of the week



Year 5



Year 5 are enjoying reading and analysing Macbeth. They have been comparing Shakespearian language to modern texts and created their own book covers to illustrate the story.



Year 6

We have been learning about the roles that women had during the Middle Ages in Year 6 this week. We have been dairymaids making butter and rich women sewing.





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FILM NIGHT – Monday March 11th

Dear Parent/ Carer

The Laleham Lea PTA proudly presents a film night for the children that will take place after school on Monday March 11th. We will be showing the following films as chosen and voted for by the students themselves:

Nursery



Reception



Years 1-6



The cost of the film night is £5 and includes popcorn and a drink (usual allergies/dietary requirements as per the school's records will be adhered to).

If you would like your child(ren) to come along, then please complete the slip below and return it to the school office by Thursday March 7th.

Payment should be made directly to the PTA account (Account number 00470603 Sort code: 30-98-36) marked with your child's name as reference. If you do not provide a reference we will not be able to match payments to children. Please do not send cash or make payments to the normal school account.

Nursery and Reception children to be collected at 4.45pm, all other year groups at 5pm.

Many thanks
The Laleham Lea PTA

FILM NIGHT – March 11th

I give permission for

(Child's name)in Year.....

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to attend the film night on Monday March 11th at school and will collect my child/ren no later than 5pm.

By signing below I give permission for my child(ren) to watch the films above and have made payment to the PTA account as per above details.

They can/cannot have popcorn and a juice drink at the event.

Signed..... (Parent/Carer) Date.....



GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

LALEHAM LEA PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Form a group of 6 and get ready to battle it out.

22nd March | 7:30 PM | £20pp (Incl food)
Purley Sports Club, The Ridge, Purley CR8 3PF

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Food Choices:

Beef, Chicken or Halloumi Burger with Chips

Please Email:

pta@lalehamlea.co.uk to confirm your food choices.
You can also provide us with a team list if you prefer to transfer payment as a group.

Payment Details:

Laleham Lea PTA Account
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INVITE YOU TO



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8TH MARCH 2023

FRIDAY, AT 7:30 PM



**AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH**

20 MINUTES OF MEDITATIVE
PRAYER AND SONG
CREATED AND PERFORMED
BY AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Dates for your Diary this Term

Swimming this Term – Years 3 & 4 – March 4th

March 4th-8th – Open Week

March 5th – Toby Glover Author Visit & Book signing at 3.30pm

March 7th – World Book Day (Literary Dressing Up)

March 8th – Year 4 Globe Trip

March 11th – PTA Film Night/Uniform Sale from 4-4.45pm.

March 15th – Year 5 Imperial War Museum Trip

March 18th – Junior Easter Concert (Years 3-6) from 2pm

March 21st – Year 2 Port Lympne Trip

March 22nd – CAFOD Lenten mufti day fundraising

March 25th-27th – Year 6 PGL Trip