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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

It was lovely to start the week seeing our talented singers, musicians and dancers take to the stage for our Easter Concert. I do hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

Year 5 led our liturgy on Tuesday, encouraging us all to become part of a 'wave of kindness' spreading a ripple effect wherever we go. Our Junior Students then attended Mass at The John Fisher Chapel on Tuesday afternoon with Father Peter. It was lovely to have some parents join us for this too.

On Wednesday PC Pickett and PC Reece from the Metropolitan Police joined our Nursery and Reception students for their 'People who help us' topic. They also spent time on the playground chatting to our older students about the role of the police.

Our Governors were on site for a full Governors meeting on Thursday evening, discussing future plans, teaching and learning and the Catholic life of the school.

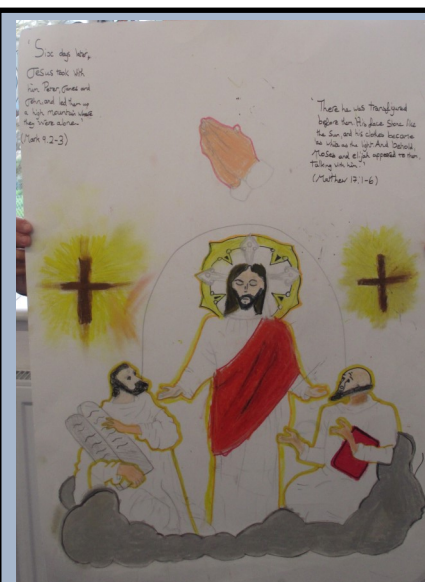
Our mufti day for Cafod has been a great success raising over £470 for Cafod. Thank you for your generous donations as always.

Year 2 had a brilliant time at Port Lympne on Thursday and I know Year 6 are very excited about their PGL trip next week. We cannot wait to hear all about their adventures when they return.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Headteacher



This beautiful depiction of Jesus was hand drawn and painted by one of our talented Year 6 students.



POLICE



Visit to Laleham Lea School

On Wednesday morning, the Reception and Nursery classes welcomed an educational visit from our local police officers, PC Reece and PC Pickett. Each class had the opportunity to engage with the officers individually, learning all about their roles. Our pupils had prepared numerous questions in advance, even throwing in a few tricky ones from Reception Class! The children enjoyed learning all about the important work of the police force, including safety tips, modes of police transport, police animals, and the uniform and equipment used. The highlight of the visit was when our pupils got to sit in the police car, beep the horn, and switch on the siren. Trying on the various police hats was lots of fun—and we didn't realise just how many different types there are! The most enjoyable activity was a game where the pupils threw beanbags at the officers, who skilfully defended themselves using their shields—all in a day's work!



Reception Class



Nursery Class

During playtime, PC Reece and PC Pickett kindly took the time to visit the rest of the school in the playground. The officers patiently answered the children's questions, providing lots of useful information to all. We look forward to future visits and would like to say a very big thank you to both officers for kindly coming to see us.





Easter
Concert
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Our School Council helped to raise over £470 for Cafod with our 'Bright' multi day today. Thank you for your generous donations.

Nursery

We have been continuing our topic of 'People Who Help Us' and Nursery were very lucky to have some special visitors from the Metropolitan Police come to see us this week.

Nursery have also been exploring phonics. The children took part in many activities to reinforce their knowledge including:

- Using a paintbrush to create different marks and writing our letters in the sand.
- Writing the correct initial sounds to match the pictures.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity to match the pictures with their correct initial sound.



Reception

Reception Class have had another enjoyable busy week of learning! During Literacy we have been enjoying the story of 'That's Not a Daffodil' by Elizabeth Honey. Following on from this we went on a hunt to see if we could find our own daffodils and produced some descriptive writing all about what we can see during the season of Spring.

During Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We have also been looking at whether our shapes 'stack' or 'roll' by engaging in practical activities.

For our Dinosaur topic, we took part in some fun interactive dinosaur fact games, exploring which dinosaurs were herbivore, carnivore or omnivore, and the speeds that the dinosaurs moved – we discovered some were incredibly slow! We also made our own amazing mixed media dinosaur collages.

During 'Awe and Wonder' we have been learning about the Bible story of Jesus and Peter and why forgiveness is so important. We produced some thoughtful writing about Peter, Jesus, and the disciples, and put our beautiful work on display in the Reception Classroom.



Police Visit



As well as visiting our EYFS students, PC Reece and PC Pickett also took time to speak with the rest of the school at break time, answering any questions our students had about being a Police Officer.

Year 1



Year 1 had lots of fun this week in Science, making predictions and finding out if the boats they made for homework would float.

Year 2

Year 2 had a great time on safari at Port Lympne on Thursday. They saw giraffes, monkeys and a lion. Unfortunately the gorillas were asleep. Thanks to Ms O'Brien, Mrs Pickett and Mr Mehmet for a brilliant day out.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning how to use inverted commas in speech and reading the book; 'A Pebble in my Pocket'.



Year 4



This week Year 4 learnt about our alternative faith, Islam and how Muslims believe the Qur'an was revealed over 23 years through Angel Gabriel. They attempted using Arabic calligraphy and looked at some quotes from the Qur'an.

Swim Champs

Well done to our amazing swimming superstars who have all achieved various distances and awards as well as our Year 5 200m Sutton Breaststroke champion!



Stars of the week



Year 5



Year 5 went on the most exciting trip to the Imperial War museum. We travelled to Hackbridge station and caught a train to Elephant and Castle for the first time. We finally arrived at the museum where we took lots of pictures and explored the many exhibits. After, we watched a guide on how to create a documentary and using our new knowledge on WWII, we used the filming equipment provided to make our own documentaries. We enjoyed our healthy and most delicious lunch and discovered some more galleries before completing the short walk back to the station. The trip was a great success and everyone enjoyed it. *(By BR, Year 5)*

Year 6



Year 6 children have painted a beautiful recreation of the 'Last Supper' by Leonardo da Vinci in Art this week.

They painted portraits of themselves as disciples sharing the last meal with Jesus.