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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and peaceful Easter break. It was lovely to welcome back so many smiling faces on Tuesday, eager to start the summer term.

We have had a busy week already with our footballers earning a place in the semi-finals with a 2-0 victory on Wednesday. They take on Tudor Academy this afternoon with a place in the finals to be won—good luck boys! Our girls football team are also in action this afternoon at the Croydon Catholic Schools' Girls tournament hosted by Coloma school. Good luck to them also for what promised to be a fun afternoon.

I am delighted to announce that our SENCO Mrs Jose has recently qualified as Laleham Lea's Mental Health First Aider and is available for any student, staff or parent concerns – amjose@lalehamlea.co.uk. Please do not hesitate to contact her. It is a fantastic service for all members of our school community.

Staff have been working on Curriculum Maps which outline the learning that will be taking place during the first half of the Summer Term. These will be sent out to parents next week. I hope that these will provide you with more information regarding the excellent learning that is taking place and the various topics that your child/children will be taught. This is something that I hope to continue to provide on a half-termly basis moving forward.

Our Reception Class have enjoyed their Fairy tales Workshop this morning with 'Theatre Workout' who visited the school. You can see pictures of the morning's activities in this newsletter.

A big 'well done' to those students who have recently taken music exams, all of whom achieved distinctions or merits, an amazing achievement.

We have much more to look forward to in an action-packed summer term so please do make a note of the dates for your diary below. More details of events will be shared closer to the time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Reece - Acting Headteacher

Dates for your Diary this Term

Swimming—Years 1 and 2 on April 29th, May 13th, June 3rd, June 17th, July 1st.

April 30th—Drama4all visit to school. Reception-Year 2.

May 1st—Year 5 Maths' Challenge

May 6th—Bank Holiday Monday

June 6th—Sport for Champions Visit

June 7th—LAMDA Exams

June 10/11th—Year 5 Aqua Sports

June 12th—Sports' Day

June 13th—Whole school photo

June 14th—Year 3 Trip—Morden Hall

June 24th—Summer Play and Prize Giving (Years 3-6) from 2pm

June 27th—EYFS/KS1 Plays

June 28th—Moving up Morning



Year 6 had a great time at PGL in the last week of the spring term as you can see from these two student reports—

“PGL was such a fun experience. We did so many exciting activities, starting off straight away on Monday afternoon with Ziplining, then Survivor where we learnt to make shelters and start a fire and finally a balloon splash game in the evening. Ziplining was very exciting, even Mrs Khan, Mrs Ting and Mrs Robinson had a go! There were breaks when we could play basketball and the meals were fantastic. My favourite activity took place the next day, it was abseiling. The scariest activity was the Giant Swing where you swing from a great height! Since it was raining on Tuesday evening we had to do our campfire inside (with a fairy light fire). We still had marshmallows though! The worst part was when I slipped over in the mud and I was wearing white, it is probably not the best idea to take white clothes on PGL! Despite this, my time at PGL was the best trip I've been on.”

“PGL was actually great! Activities included archery, trapeze, rifle shooting and a challenge course. I enjoyed all the activities except the Giant Swing which hurt my legs. The food was absolutely amazing and they even had chicken katsu curry (my favourite food). We sang many songs, one I particularly remember was called Elemental Moves, I sang it to my parents and they thought it was weird - I guess you had to be there! Time spent in the cabin was also really fun with my friends playing games with torches and being scary. It was good to be able to wear our leavers' hoodies.”

Reception Class Fairy Tale Day

Reception Class have had a fantastic first week back after the Easter holiday! We have been reading the story of Cinderella and enjoyed various related activities including designing our own costumes and crowns. Inspired by the story, we took turns to put on a puppet show for the class. Our week ended with a magical fairy tale dress-up day and a fun-filled morning of dancing and acting with 'Theatre Workshop'. Later, the class enjoyed discussing the fairy tale books they brought to school and took turns to stand up and discuss their amazing home learning all about their favourite fairy tale.





Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring mini-beasts.

- We enjoyed watching a short clip about mini-beasts and their habitats and then used a variety of different mark making tools draw our favourite mini-beast.
- Using a number line for support, we completed a 'counting mini-beast' activity. For differentiation some children participated in exploring the meaning of 'adding more'.
- Reinforcing turn taking, we played the board game 'Mini-Beast Snakes and Ladders' - go up the flowers and down the worms.
- We explored the garden looking for different mini-beasts, extending our vocabulary by discussing our findings.
- We learned different mini-beasts names in Spanish and created our own mini-beast poster.



Year 1

This term in literacy, Year 1 are learning about Fairy Tales and Fables. The children enjoyed writing some very interesting questions for the witch in the story of 'Hansel and Gretel'!

Year 2

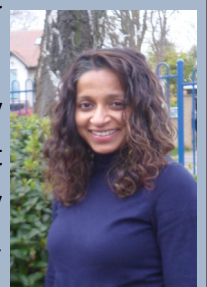
In English Year 2 have been reading 'The Giving Tree' by Shel Silverstein. Today children retold the story in their own words.



Mental Health First Aider

In today's fast-paced and demanding world, mental health is a critical aspect of overall wellbeing. Just as we learn first aid to help with physical injuries, it is equally important to understand how to support those who may be struggling with their mental health. The primary role of a Mental Health First Aider is to provide support and signpost someone experiencing poor mental health to the support available to them.

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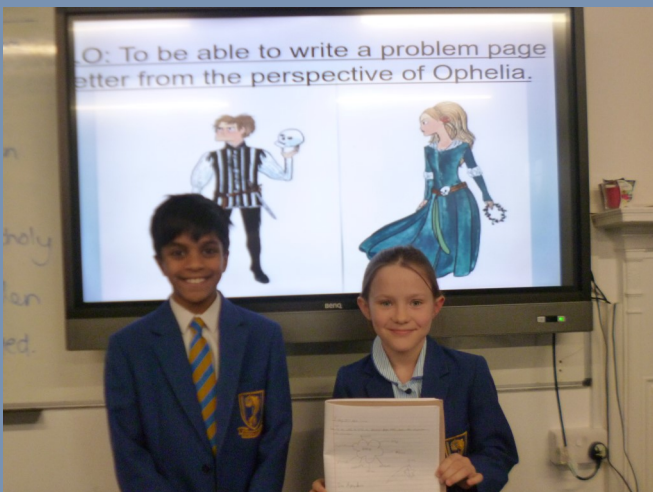
Year 3

As part of their topic on Egypt Year 3 have made models of a 'shaduf' in Art this week which ancient Egyptians would have used to get water from the river Nile.



Year 4

Continuing with their study of Hamlet, this week Year 4 have written letters of their heartache and dejection as Ophelia to their Agony Aunt. It was truly moving to witness their melancholy and sombre tone as they poured emotion and despair to their writing.



Eco School

Thank you to everyone who joined in The Great British Spring Clean over the Easter Holidays. Ms Ladio has loved hearing all about your litter picking efforts.

If anyone else would like to share pictures of the Eco activities at home, please do send them and they will be included in the newsletter.



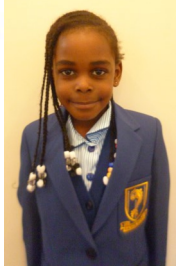
Music Exams

Well done to all students who have taken music exams recently.

Year 5 Students—Piano 1 Merit (Grade 5), 1 Distinction. Year 4 Students—Piano 2 Distinctions, 1 Merit

Whilst there is a waiting list for piano lessons at present. Mr Bruggemeyer (Violin), Mr Long (Sax, Flute, Clarinet) and Mr Williams (Guitar) do have vacancies for new students. Please email the school office—(secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk) for more information.

Stars of the week



Year 5



As they have come to the end of their project on Macbeth, Year 5 have written detailed newspaper reports based on events at the end of the tragic tale.

Football



Good luck to our Footballers who take on Tudor Academy in the football semi-finals this afternoon after their 2-0 victory over Heavers' Farm School on Wednesday.

Good luck also too our girls football team who are travelling to Coloma School this afternoon for the Catholic Girls Football Tournament.



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