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# Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

This week's liturgy was 'The Good Shepherd' with students learning how Jesus was a shepherd who laid down his life for his flock (*John 10:11-18*). We are very much looking forward to our liturgy next Tuesday which will be led by Year 2.

In assembly today we announced our Laleham Lea Little Disciples, with representatives from each year group tasked promoting our mission statement and spreading love across the school. Next week Mrs Jose will be launching our 'Mini Vinnies' who will be deciding how best the whole school community can better help to support those in need.

A huge congratulations to all of our footballers! Our girls did a tremendous job in their first ever games as a team last week at the Catholic Girls' tournament, not even conceding a shot-on-target, never mind a goal! Well done girls. Following a 2-0 win last Friday our boys are through to the Croydon finals, another fantastic achievement!

You should have all received this half-term's curriculum maps for your child's class by email, I do hope you found these useful.

Next week we will be sending some of our Year 5 mathematicians to Royal Russell School to take part in the inter-schools Math's Challenge. Wishing them all the very best of luck with this, we are hoping to be able to offer similar opportunities to other students going forwards.

I hope you all have 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

May 17th – Eco Day

June 4th – 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



# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



## Mini Vinnies

Mrs Jose will be leading an assembly on Monday to launch our 'Mini Vinnies' group.

Based on the teachings of St Vincent de Paul, 'Mini Vinnies' are dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. Chosen representatives from each year group will be looking at how we can best help support those in need and will also be helping to choose the charities we support. Students are being encouraged to write letters of application if they would like to be a 'Mini Vinnie' and our chosen 'Mini Vinnies' will be announced soon!

## Little Disciples

Our newly appointed 'Laleham Lea Little Disciples' have been tasked with promoting our mission statement and spreading love across the school.

They will be leading prayers and assemblies as well as promoting the Catholic Social Teaching principles and embedding them into our daily school life.



## Mass at John the Baptist

Following Year 3's successful visit to John the Baptist in Purley to celebrate mass before the Easter break, classes from Year 1-6 will take turns to attend mass on Wednesdays or Thursdays for the remainder of this term.

Parents will be notified when your child's class will be attending and you are invited to join us too if you would like to.

## John 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

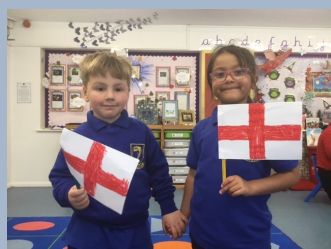
## Nursery

This week Nursery have continued to explore mini-beasts and have been looking at the life cycle of a butterfly, viewing our caterpillars each day and discussing their progress. We have also been:

- Listening to 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and answering questions to reinforce our understanding.
- Watching a short clip about the life cycle of a butterfly and completing a sticking activity to place the pictures into the correct order.
- Using Playdough and a range of resources such as googly eyes, pipe cleaners and sticks to create our own mini-beasts.
- Celebrating Earth day and completing a variety of activities to support our learning.
- Exploring the meaning of 'length'.



## Reception



Reception Class has enjoyed another exciting week of learning! On Monday, we celebrated Earth Day and learned all about all the different ways we can look after our planet. Tuesday was St George's Day and we had fun making and waving our brightly coloured St George's flags.



In Literacy, we have been reading the fairy tale story of Sleeping Beauty. We enjoyed partaking in role-play, and designing our own fantastic fairy tale castles, inspired by the story.

In Maths, we have been learning all about 'teen' numbers and how we can make them by using 'ten and some more'.



As part of our Catholic Social Teaching this week, Reception Class were assigned the mascot, Patariki the Penguin, promoting the principle of 'Participation'. We are looking forward to learning more about what this means over the coming weeks.

## Year 1



Year 1 visited the Nursery Garden this week armed with a Plant Identification Key. They searched in groups for various flowers and observed them closely to draw them. Using the key, they classified them as either garden plants or wildflowers. There was lots of great discussion during the lesson followed by a flower matching game back in the classroom.

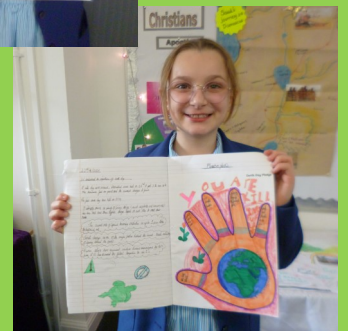
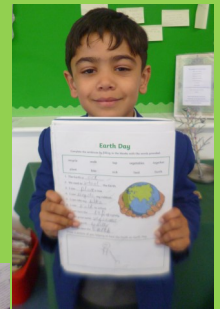
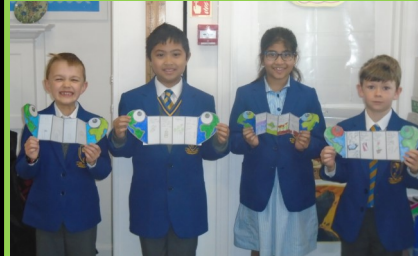
## Year 3

As part of their topic on The Romans Year 3 have made their own longboats in Art this week.



## Eco School

Monday was 'Earth Day' and all classes have been looking at what small changes they can make to help the planet.



## Year 2



In Science Year 2 had fun exploring the nature trail. They identified a variety of plants and discussed how they were suited to their habitat.



## Football

Well done to our Year 5 football superstar who not only secured a place in the Croydon Schools' final with the rest of our school team, but also won the Epsom and Ewell League Cup with his Saturday team R&R and has been scouted by Chelsea and Arsenal and invited to train with both teams!



## Stars of the week



### Year 4

Year 4 ended their Science topic with a bang, creating their very own musical instruments out of junk. They then tested their instruments to investigate vibrations and pitch.



### Year 5

Year 5 have been exploring the technique of tie-dye in Art this week and have made some stunning, colourful creations on fabric.



### Year 6

Children in Year 6 have made an enthusiastic start to their Geography topic on the UK coastline.

They have used excellent map work skills to identify different coastal towns and features from photos.

They have also been finding out about villages affected by coastal erosion.

