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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

May is the Month of Mary and throughout this month we will be writing prayers to Mary for our Long Room Prayer Tree and classroom displays. Mrs Morbin will be running a Rosary Prayer Group on Tuesday mornings in May from 8.30am-8.45am for students to learn more about praying the rosary (Parents are welcome to join us for this too). We will also be joining other Diocesan schools on Tuesday May 7th via Zoom to pray the rosary with Archbishop John Wilson.

Year 2's Liturgy this week focused on Earth Day and Laudati Si—Pope Francis' encyclical letter on caring for planet earth. They wrote prayers and sang a song about the importance of looking after God's world. This also linked to Catholic Social Teaching, the principals of which are being embedded across the school (see page 2 for more information).

Mrs Jose led a special assembly on Monday to launch our Mini Vinnies group along with volunteer Joanna Waller who spoke to students about the 'Mini Vinnies' and what they do. Our own Laleham Lea Mini Vinnies have now been appointed and are looking forward to working together to help those in need in the local community and beyond.

Our Year 6 students attended Mass at John the Baptist on Thursday morning. The rota for all students from Year 1 onwards to attend is on page 3 of the newsletter.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were treated to a very special Fairy Tales workshop by drama group 'Perform' on Tuesday. The high-energy interactive sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mrs Saville for organising these amazing sessions.

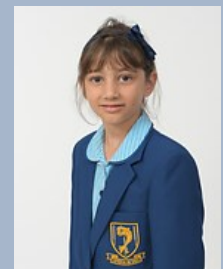
Two teams of Year 5 mathematicians went to Royal Russell School on Wednesday to take part in the annual 'Interschool Maths' Challenge'. This was our first time attending this prestigious event. Well done to both teams who did incredibly well, with a huge 'congratulations' to our 'A' team who came in 3rd place.

We are looking forward to our Sport for Champions visit in a few weeks—sponsor forms have been sent home with instructions on how to donate. Money raised will be split between Sport for Champions, to support young athletes and the school. We are all very excited to meet Basketball star Pierre Henry-Fontaine!

Wishing you all a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Headteacher



A Prayer to Mary, by our Year 6 Pupil Chaplains

Dear Blessed Mary,

May is a special month for us as we remember you as mother to Jesus and mother to us all.

We thank you for accepting Jesus into your womb and helping to save us all.

With your assistance, through our prayers to you, we know where we will go to Secondary School and we ask for your help when we get there.

Amen

Dates for your Diary

Swimming—Years 1 and 2 on May 13th, June 3rd, June 17th, July 1st.	June 7th—LAMDA Exams
May 6th—Bank Holiday	June 10/11th—Year 5 Aqua Sports
May 9th—The Ascension of the Lord	June 12th—Sports' Day
May 17th—Eco Day	June 13th—Whole school photo
May 19th—Pentecost	June 14th—Year 3 Trip—Morden Hall
June 4th—Sport for Champions Visit	June 24th—Summer Play and Prize Giving (Years 3-6) from 2pm
June 6th—Year 2 visit to Painshill Park	June 27th—EYFS/KS1 Plays
	June 28th—Moving up Morning



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Catholic Social Teaching

This term we continue embed Catholic Social Teaching into our learning at Laleham Lea. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) gives us a rich tradition for thinking about how our faith engages the world. It can help us apply our core beliefs in our relationships and interactions with each other. Catholic Social Teaching is based on Authoritative Church teachings on social, political and economic issues. It is a collection of writings by Popes, Bishops and Church Fathers (saints and teachers of the early Church). CST reflects on social issues of the day in the light of scripture. It is our moral compass, giving guidelines for action. It shows how Catholic faith can guide our responses to modern day issues. From Catholic Social Teaching documents we derive nine core principles. We have allocated each class with a principle and their symbol:



- * The Common Good (Chikondi the Giraffe) ***The Whole School***
- * Human Dignity (Luc the Deer) ***Nursery***
- * Participation (Patariki the Penguin) ***Reception***
- * Promoting Peace (Daisy the Dove) ***Year 1***
- * Stewardship (Sofia the Sloth) ***Year 2***
- * Solidarity (Shristi the Sun Bear) ***Year 3***
- * Distributive Justice (DJ the Dolphin) ***Year 4***
- * Preferential Option for the Poor (Poppy the Popokotea) ***Year 5***
- * Subsidiarity (Sid the Sheep) ***Year 6***

All classes will be embedding these principles in their learning and referring to them where they can in their work at school. If you would like to know more about Catholic Social Teaching, you can find more information at the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk (Catholic Social Teaching Resources for children).



Mini Vinnies

We were delighted to welcome Joanna Waller, a volunteer from the St Vincent de Paul Society to introduce 'Mini Vinnies' to the students on Monday. Joanna's insightful presentation explained all about the work of Mini Vinnies helping those in need. Students wrote applications to be a 'Laleham Lea Mini Vinnie'; two students from each Year Group have been chosen and were announced by Mrs Jose on Wednesday.



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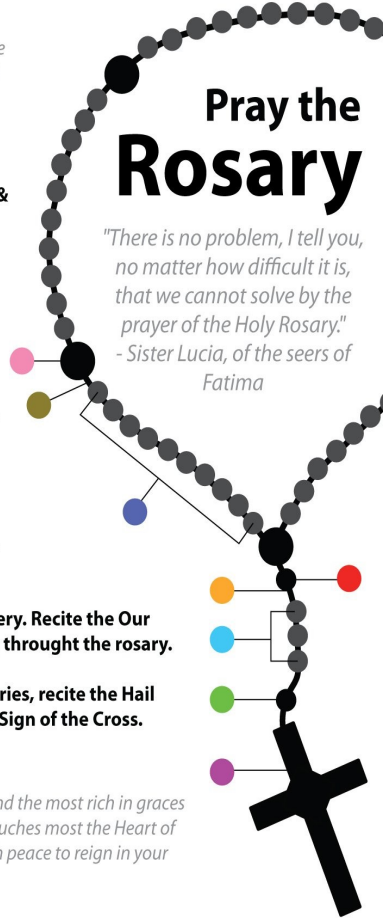
May—The Month of Mary

*"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."
- Saint Louis de Montfort*

- 1 **Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.**
- 2 **Recite the Our Father.**
- 3 **Recite three Hail Marys.**
- 4 **Recite the Glory Be.**
- 5 **Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.**
- 6 **Recite ten Hail Marys.**
- 7 **Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.**
- 8 **Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.**
- 9 **After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.**

Pray the Rosary

*"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
- Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima*



*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- Pope Saint Pius X*

The Month of Mary Rosary/Prayer Club

Tuesday mornings in May

8.30am-8.45am in the Long Room

Mrs Morbin will be running a short session each Tuesday morning in May offering students the opportunity to pray the Rosary together. Parents are welcome to join us too for one or all of the sessions

Mass at John The Baptist

Students will attend 10am Mass on the following dates :

May 9th - Year 5

May 16th - Year 4

May 23rd - Year 3

June 5th - Year 1 & 2

A message from Archbishop John Wilson

To mark the beginning of the month of Mary this May, Archbishop John Wilson is encouraging people to pray the Rosary to journey with Mary to Christ.

In a recorded message to the Archdiocese, Archbishop John said Mary is the "perfect disciple" who in perfect obedience to God gave a resounding yes in her fiat – a yes that changed not only her lives but the lives of all of us.

Archbishop John said: *"Turning to Our Blessed Lady through the Rosary helps us to draw closer to Christ. Through our praying the Rosary, and Our Lady's intercession, we recall God's promise to us in the Lord Jesus. Our Mother Mary is a model for all of us. She shows us how to be a true follower of Christ."*



Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring 'Space'. The children watched a short clip and then took in turns to discuss this with their peers and draw a picture of what they think it would look like in space.

We have also been:

- Completing a cutting and sticking activity, placing the pictures in the correct order of size from smallest to biggest.
- Listening to a story called 'Whatever Next?' and discussing their favourite part of the story.
- Using a variety of resources and materials to design their own space rocket.
- In small groups playing a game matching pairs of aliens and reinforcing turn taking.



Reception

Reception Class have been enjoying our topic of Fairy Tales and were very excited to take part in yet another brilliant and magical themed workshop – this time with 'Funky Fairy'! Children had the opportunity to take part in role-play, dancing and acting, with all fully immersing themselves in the activities.

This week, we also enjoyed the story of The Three Little Pigs, and made our own puppets so that we could act out the story for the class. We also did some fantastic writing about what we could make our own houses out of and why – with some very imaginative and impressive ecological considerations!

In Maths this week, we have been learning about non-standard units of measure and had lots of fun measuring various items in the classroom.



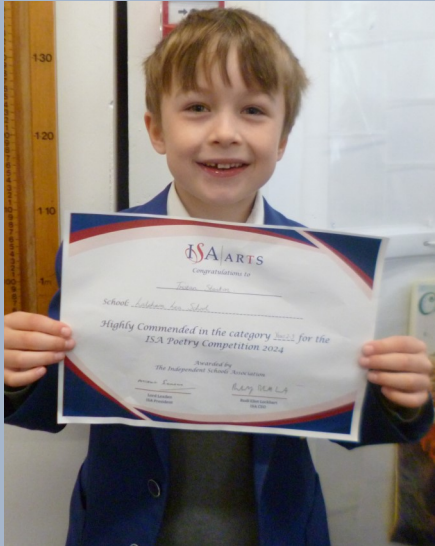
Year 1



This week, in RE, Year 1 have been introduced to Daisy the Dove who is promoting Peace in our Catholic Social Teaching. They wrote prayers to God about peace on earth.

Year 3

A huge congratulations to our Year 3 student whose poem was 'highly commended' in the recent ISA Poetry competition. Well done!



Eco School

Our new Gardening Club started their practical work this week weeding and planting bulbs in the Nature Trail which is becoming an Eco-Garden!



Year 2

Year 2 were amazing delivering their liturgy to whole school on Wednesday morning. They read beautifully and were in great voice for their song 'Everywhere Around Me'.



Origami Club

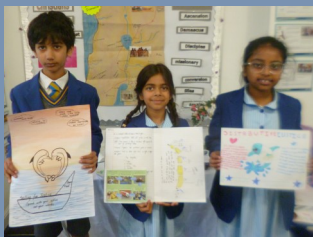
Year 2 are loving their Origami Club and have already made 'chatterboxes' and these pretty flowers. We cannot wait to see what other creations they make in the coming weeks.



Stars of the week



Year 4



This week Year 4 have been focused on understanding the Catholic Social Principle of distributive justice.

They created the most stunning posters for homework, illustrating their passion and commitment to making this world a fairer place. Drawing on this principle, in PSHE the children learnt about the difficulties of a banana worker and examined the uneven distribution of wages in the banana supply chain.

Year 5

A huge 'well done' to our Year 5 mathematicians who attended the Interschool's Maths Challenge at Royal Russell on Wednesday. Our 'A' team came third overall, just 3 marks off second place! Well done boys!



Year 6



Year 6 has focused on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Subsidiarity this week. They have been learning about the importance of making sure that decisions are made at the most appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute and have a voice. They have made posters to show they understand that everyone has important ideas and knows what is best for their families and communities.



3-10
Years of
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