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# Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

Today we have been enjoying our annual 'Eco Day' with students across the school taking part in a variety of activities to help look after our planet including litter picking, planting seeds and herbs, writing to our local MP and making posters. Thank you for your donations to WaterAid, we have raised almost £300.

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost and our liturgy this week told of how the risen Jesus offered his disciples the Holy Spirit and inner peace so that they would never be alone, to strengthen them, and to be their helper forever. You can learn more about this with your children in this week's 'Wednesday Word' which is emailed to parents weekly.

Our Year 4 students attended Mass at John the Baptist yesterday and were complimented on their impeccable behaviour. Well done Year 4! Year 3 will be attending next Thursday. Our Rosary Club with Mrs Morbin continues on Tuesdays. Parents are also welcome to join us for this from 8.30-8.45am.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their completed sponsor forms for our Sport for Champions visit. Please can you ensure all sponsorship is paid in online using our special Crowdfunder link—

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/laleham-lea-school/backers#start> asap and the forms returned to the school office by next week at the latest please.

Good luck to our netballers and footballers who are attending the Croydon Catholic Schools tournaments on Saturday. I'm sure this will be a great day and an excellent opportunity for us to compete against local Catholic schools. I will be there cheering them on!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Headteacher



## Laleham Lea Eco-Day 2024



Our second annual Eco-Day has been a huge success, raising almost £300 for WaterAid.

Students have enjoyed planting seeds, litter picking, making posters and lots of other activities focused on taking care of God's World.

***'We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.'***





**A Prayer for God's Planet by our Pupil Chaplains**

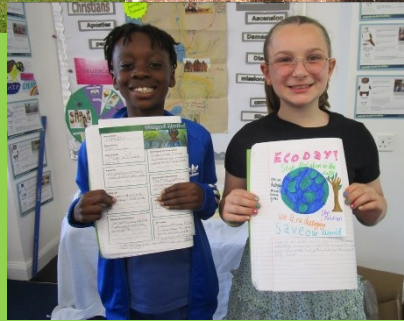
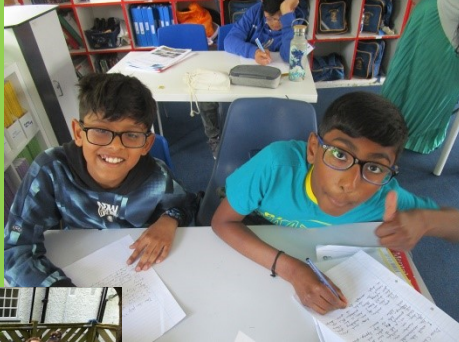
*Thank you for blessing us with the gift of your beautiful earth. It is our responsibility to look after it.*

*Help us to do more to stop climate change, reduce the energy we use and to share the resources you provide.*

*Help young people today to educate older people about looking after our planet.*

*Encourage us, we pray for justice and peace.*

*Amen*







# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



## 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 throughout 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 is 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



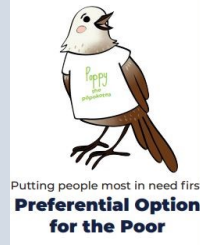
## Eco-Day Catholic Social Teaching

Our Eco-Day today has been a great success and as well as forming part of our Eco-Schools application for 2023/4, also has many links to our Catholic Social Teaching, including the key principals of:

- The Common Good
- Preferential Option for the Poor
- Stewardship



Thinking of everyone  
**The Common Good**



Putting people most in need first  
**Preferential Option for the Poor**



Caring for God's gifts  
**Stewardship**



Year 4 joined parishioners for Mass at John the Baptist on Thursday and also took time to say a 'A Hail Mary' in front of their beautiful statue of Our Lady. Students were praised by several members of the congregation for their impeccable behaviour.

Year 3 will be attending Mass next Thursday.

## Nursery

This week Nursery have been looking at the topic of recycling. The children enjoyed participating in a range of activities which included:

- Singing the 'Recycling Song' whilst exploring a variety of musical instruments and attempting to change the way they sound.
- Looking at different ways that we can help our environment and how we recycle at home.
- Categorising different materials into the correct recycling groups.
- Using a variety of media and materials to create our own recycling poster.



## Reception

Reception Class has had a very exciting week as we began our rehearsals for the Summer Performance, CROAK! Our play is all about frogs, tadpoles, insects and flowers that live around a pond - linking perfectly with today's Eco Mufti Day! Reception Class also learned all about how our Social Catholic Teaching principle of 'Participation' was relevant to our gathering together as a school to take part in the kind act of donating to WaterAid.

We visited the school Nature Trail and spent some time using our senses – looking for insects, listening to the birds, and touching and smelling the foliage. We then made our own bird feeder out of recycled materials and hung it up high on a tree. We were very lucky to have the company of a lovely little Robin fluttering around us while we were there!

A very big thank you to all our children and families for bringing herbs and seeds into school today - needless to say, our classroom was filled with the most exquisite aroma! The children are looking forward to planting the herbs and seeing them flourish in our sensory garden – we hope to be able to share them with our cooks in the kitchen soon!



## Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children wrote an alternative story for Cinderella. They all have vivid imaginations and produced some excellent work!





## Year 2

In Science Year 2 have been having fun doing their own independent research on cold polar and hot desert habitats. The children then discussed how plants and animals are suited to their habitat.



## Year 3

Year 3 wrote their own prayers in a variety of different languages for Pentecost this week.



## Year 4

Year 4 have been refining their sewing skills making Aztec inspired coats in Art. They created their own Aztec stamps and incorporated this to in the design of their coats.



## Dates for your Diary

*Swimming— Years 1 and 2 on June 3rd, June 17th, July 1st.*

May 17th— Eco Day

May 19th— Pentecost

May 23rd - Year 3 Mass at John the Baptist

June 4th— Sport for Champions Visit

June 5th - Year 1 & 2 Mass at John the Baptist

June 6th— Year 2 visit to Painshill Park

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

June 29th— PTA Summer Fair (volunteers Needed)

July 5th— End of term— school closes 12:15.

## Stars of the week

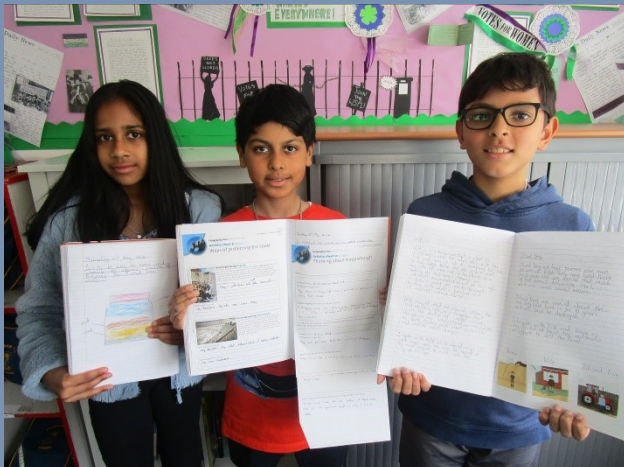


## Year 5



Year 5 are enjoying reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' in English and have created their own colourful cover illustrations for the book this week.

## Year 6



Year 6 have been identifying coastal regions in the wider world where animals are disappearing due to lost habitats. They have been investigating the importance of mangrove areas in tropical regions and have discovered the amazing powers of mangroves to fix carbon dioxide into the water logged soil.





Hello all

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the nice weather!

The PTA have been working extremely hard in the organisation of the school fair on June 29th (11am – 2pm) there are lots of exciting plans for it on the day and in the build up to it.

After half term, the PTA plan to have an ice cream sale every Friday until the end of term which will incorporate the raffle sales of the 'colour' hampers which I know has become rather competitive to see which year group can produce the best one – collections end on Wednesday 22nd so do get your contributions in if you haven't already!

In order to make the fair a success, we really do need parents to volunteer some time on the day to facilitate the stalls so please do get in touch with your Class Rep to let them know what you can do.



I can't believe how quick the year is going but before the end of term there is so much to look forward to, so here's to seeing off this year in the best way possible!

Have a lovely weekend!

David

(PTA Chair)