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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

What an busy few weeks we have enjoyed as we come to the end of the first half of the summer term.

This week our Year 3 students led our liturgy beautifully, detailing the descent of the Holy Spirit on to the apostles during Pentecost.

I enjoyed watching our netballers and footballers in action last Saturday at the Catholic Schools tournaments. They all played amazingly well and were a credit to our school.

Whilst originally scheduled to run just during May, our Prayer group with Mrs Morbin has been a huge success and will continue on Tuesday mornings after half term.

When we return after the break there is much to look forward to with an action-packed second half of the summer term with Sports' Day, Summer Plays and Prize Giving for our Junior Students. There are school trips for Years 1,2,3 and 5, as well as a Cricket tournament, Maths Challenge and a 'Going for Gold' Olympics' challenge for our Year 5 girls, and the whole school photograph too.

It is going to be a busy few weeks so hopefully everyone can enjoy a good rest (and hopefully some nice weather) over the half term break.

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher



Croydon Catholic Schools' Football/Netball

A big 'well done' to our Netball and Football teams who took part in the Croydon Catholic Schools' Tournament at Margaret Roper last Saturday. Our footballers made it all the way to the semi-finals, and the Netballers did fantastically well in their first games together, winning two games and losing two and having a lot of fun in the process.



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



A Prayer by our Year 6 Pupil Chaplain

Dear Lord,

Help us to acknowledge our rights and responsibilities so that we know our duties as a member of our community.

Please help us to stand up for what is right and help those that need our support.

Encourage us to follow our school rules which are based on your Gospel values, especially those of kindness, love respect , forgiveness and faith.

We are all one big family, please guide us so that we show compassion for each other.

Amen

Year 3 Liturgy

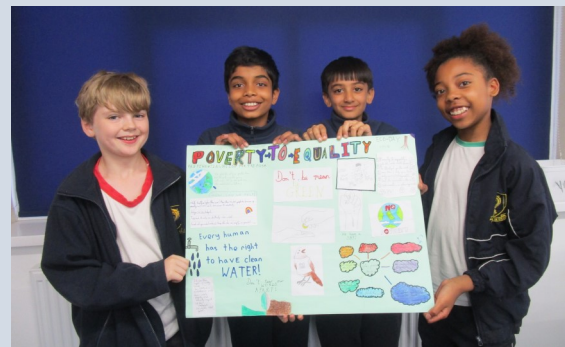
Year 3's Liturgy on Pentecost on Tuesday was beautiful and included prayers in Spanish, Irish, German and Bemba. They also sang 'Holy Spirt Fire' and encouraged everyone to join.



Year 5—CST Preferential Option for the Poor



Year 5 have been exploring their assigned Catholic Social Teaching principal of 'Preferential Option for the Poor'. In groups, they made some amazing posters and also linked this to our Eco-Day last week.



Nursery

This week Nursery have been looking at the topic 'Healthy Eating'. The children enjoyed a group discussion about food that is healthy and food that is not. Other activities this week included:

- Placing fruit into the correct order of size, extending our mathematical language using words 'bigger, biggest, small and smallest'
- Using scales to weigh different fruits and vegetables, discussing what weighs 'more' and 'less'.
- Drawing our favourite healthy food and discussing it with our peers.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity to create our own healthy lunch box.
- Releasing our butterflies in the garden—we loved watching the caterpillars transform.



Reception



Reception have had a fantastic last week before breaking up. Our topic of Fairy Tales is always a favourite with the children and we enjoyed the stories of Rapunzel and Rumpelstiltskin. We also enjoyed the addition of two lovely castles in the classroom to inspire our role-play - and we had a lot of fun decorating one of them!

In Maths this week, we revisited 2D shapes and did some fantastic labelling of our drawings.

In Music with Ms Corrigan, we learned a new song about Little Red Riding Hood. We also enjoyed playing along with a variety of percussion instruments, being careful to keep in time.

In Spanish with Mr Fuentes, we learned to sing 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes', and enjoyed taking part in various activities to support our learning.



Year 1

Following on from Eco-Day, Year 1 enjoyed planting seeds this week in Science. We cannot wait to see how they grow.



Year 2

In Spanish the children have been learning the names of fruit and vegetables. They worked in groups using the Chromebooks to find out who could identify the fruit and vegetables the fastest!



Year 3

Year 3 have been investigating plants in Science and this week conducted an experiment using dye to see how a plant processes liquid.



Year 4

This week Year 4 have been learning how to administer basic first aid. They learnt about what do in an emergency situation and how to identify signs and symptoms of an asthma attack. They watched a training session from St John's Ambulance on the recovery position and were able to follow the steps with accuracy and diligence.



Year 6

It has been a very industrious week in Year 6, but we have found time to rehearse for our end of year production. It is all coming together very well, but we are very glad to have the half term holiday for learning all our lines and songs! Keep practising so that we can be 'script-free' when we return!



Stars of the week



Dates for your Diary

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

June 4th – Sport for Champions Visit

June 5th - Year 5 Quick Cricket

June 6th – Year 2 visit to Painshill Park

June 7th – LAMDA Exams

June 7th – Year 1 & 2 Mass at John the Baptist

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.

Ballet Star

Well done to our Year 2 Ballet Star who won all of these medals last weekend at the Caterham Dance Festival!



Karate Champ

Well done also to our Year 3 Karate star who took part in a competition two weeks ago.



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Saturday 1st June
St George's Cathedral, Southwark

Saturday 22nd June
Ampleforth Abbey

Saturday 6th July
St Thomas' Cathedral, Northampton

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Each venue will be offering:

- A short circular group pilgrimage (2 – 3 miles)
- A longer pilgrimage walk (5 – 6 miles)
- Tea, coffee and light refreshments
- Interactive activities for the whole family, sharing CAFOD's Catholic values.

Tea, coffee and activities between 12pm and 5pm



In preparation for the
Laleham Lea PTA Summer
Fair, we would like you to
make....

JOLLY JARS!

One prize per Year
for the best jar
decoration!



- Please fill your
glass jar with
- Wrapped sweets
 - Mini Toys
 - Crafty Bits
 - Temp Tatoos
 - Stationary etc



We will have a box per year ready outside the school to collect your filled and decorated Jar on **Friday 14th June** which will be part of our jar tombola stall at Summer Fair