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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

The second half of the summer term has begun with an exciting 'winning week' at Laleham Lea! On Wednesday our Year 6 cricketers were triumphant at the Cedars' School Kwik Cricket competition, with our students also bringing home prizes for the most runs and most wickets taken. Not to be out done, our Year 6 Mathematicians quickly followed this up with victory in the Croydon Catholic School's heat of the National Interschool Maths' Quiz Challenge. Excitingly, they will now take part in the final held at Oxford University in a few weeks' time. Well done to everyone; all this and we still have the much-anticipated Football Final to look forward to (date TBC)!

On Tuesday we welcomed basketball star Pierre Henry-Fontaine as part of our Sport for Champions fundraising campaign. His inspirational assembly was enjoyed by everyone and students had some brilliant questions for him before enjoying the challenging fitness circuit. We raised over £1500 which will be split between the school and Sport for Champions, thank you to everyone for all your fundraising efforts.

Thank you to Miss O'Brien and Ms Byerley who led our Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Painshill Park yesterday. They had perfect weather and enjoyed a fabulous day exploring. That you also to our parent helpers who assisted on the day. Year 1 and 2 also attended Mass at John the Baptist today, joined by myself and their class teachers. It was lovely to celebrate Mass together with our local parishioners and students behaviour was once again praised by parishioners.

Well done to all our LAMDA candidates who are taking exams today. We cannot wait to hear all about your success soon.

Next week is another action-packed few days with our Year 5 Aqua Sports trip on Monday and Tuesday, Sports' Day on Wednesday, our whole school photo on Thursday and Year 3's trip to Morden Hall on Friday. The Curriculum Maps for the second half of the summer term will be emailed to parents later this afternoon.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher





THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Prayers by our Pupil Chaplains for the 80th anniversary of D-Day

Dear Lord,

We remember those people that faced danger and death 80 years ago in Normandy.

We ask you to help us to have the courage to make the right choices, work with others and grant us the strength to help people affected by War.

Amen

Dear Lord,

We honour the bravery and sacrifice of those who worked together to defend human lives so we can strive to live in peace.

Amen



In 'Awe and Wonder' this week Nursery spoke about our Laleham Lea Family and who is part of God's family.

The children then listened to a story 'No Matter What' by Debi Gilori, a book about eternal love. The children made comments and answered questions relating to what they had listened to. As an extension, some children listened to and joined in with singing 'Jesus loves me this I know'. and drew a picture and did a sticking activity focusing on the meaning of our holy family and "God Is Love".



Well done to our Year 3 student and Mini Vinnie who has been inspired by our work in school to raise money for her community Mini Vinnies group.

Year 1 and Year 2 attended Mass at St. John The Baptist today. Their behaviour was impeccable and praised by members of the congregation.



Sport for Champions



Nursery

This week Nursery have been looking at the topic 'Sun Safety', this included:

- Listening to Sammy the Seagulls story and answering questions.
- Learning the sun safety song.
- Reinforcing our knowledge of 2D shapes hidden in the summer scene and naming them.
- Drawing a picture to demonstrate knowledge of how to keep safe in the sun and using different media and materials to create our own sun safety poster.
- Discussing a sun safety leaflet and completing a 'spot the difference' challenge.



The children have also enjoyed re-enacting their own experiences and playing in our summer themed role-play area.

Reception



We have had a lovely first week back after the holiday. The children have been enjoying our new topic of 'Minibeasts' and we created some fantastic symmetrical ladybirds, butterflies, dragonflies and caterpillars!

Rehearsals for our summer performance are well underway, and as the theme of the play is frog related the children were very keen to learn all about the life cycle of a frog.

Year 1 & 2—Painshill Park



Year 3

Year 3 have been investigating the lifecycle of plants in Science and experimenting to see what the optimal growing conditions would be.



Year 4

This week in Art Year 4 carefully observed Mandala patterns from India, creating geometric designs and patterns upon recycled CDs ready for our Eco project.



Year 5

Year 5 created their own beautiful prayer booklets as part of their RE homework 'Life in the Risen Jesus'.

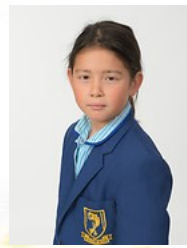


Year 6

Year 6 have been writing essays about the most important lessons that Paul the Apostle had to learn. They wrote fantastic accounts of how these lessons influence our own morals and behaviour.




Stars of the week




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!



- Wrapped sweets
- Mini Toys
- Crafty Bits
- Temp Tattoos
- 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

Dates for your Diary

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

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.