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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

The sun is finally shining as we look forward to the penultimate week of the summer term next week. It is certain to be a busy, but hopefully very enjoyable week starting with the Junior Production and Prize Giving at St Marks' Church Hall from 2pm on Monday. Our EYFS and KS1 plays follow on Thursday at 9.15am and 11am respectively. Thank you to you all for helping our students to learn their lines and songs, I have very much enjoyed hearing the rehearsals this week and I am sure these will be the best shows ever!

On Wednesday our footballers travel to Greenvale School in Selsdon for the Croydon Football Finals. This is a first for Laleham Lea and we are hoping lots of you will be able to attend for the 4.30pm kick-off to cheer them to victory! Good luck boys.

Friday is our 'Moving Up Morning' and I will be writing to you with full details of this separately. Excitingly, also on Friday, four of our Year 6 students will be travelling to Oxford University to take part in the National Maths Quiz finals. We wish them the very best of luck with this and look forward to hearing all about it.

Next Saturday sees the return of our much anticipated Laleham Lea PTA Summer Fair. We really need as many volunteers as possible to man the stalls and make this a fantastic event for the students and all our families. Please do contact your class rep if you have not had chance to do so yet. Keeping with PTA news, there is another ice lolly sale after school today and raffle tickets on sale for the amazing class colour hampers. Thank you to everyone who has donated or helped with this.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher

PTA Hamper Raffle



Thank you to everyone who donated for the class colour hamper raffle. Our amazing PTA volunteers have made these fabulous hampers filled with treats. (some classes even needed two baskets to hold all the prizes!)

Tickets are on sale now priced at £5 a strip.

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



In Year 3, we have been focusing on our topic about being a Good Christian.

We have been studying the story of the Good Samaritan and reflecting on how we need as Jesus said to 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. This also links with our Year 3 Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Solidarity - Showing we Care.



Our Mini Vinnies met this week and learnt the 'Mini Vinnies' Song in preparation for our planned visit to Westside care home in the final week of term.

We are very much looking forward to meeting with residents.



A Pupil Chaplain Prayer

God of courage,
help us to be brave when things
are difficult and to be there for
others who are facing hard times
so they may know that they are
not alone

Amen



Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring the topic of 'measurement'. The children viewed a presentation 'Introducing Measures'. We then shared examples of measurements, reinforcing and introducing new mathematical language. We have also:

- Investigated 'Teddy's Towers' - using the maths' cubes to measure from the shortest to the tallest.
- Explored the word 'capacity'.
- Investigated different sized containers in the water tray pouring water
- In small groups, we looked at full, half-full and empty.
- Investigated scales and different objects around the room, taking it in turns to measure them and discussing 'Heavy' and 'Light' as an extension, we completed a sticking activity to reinforce our understanding.



Reception

This week we have been learning all about planting and growing. We planted our own sunflower seeds and cannot wait for them to start growing! In Literacy we have been reading Jasper's Beanstalk and can sympathise with Jasper who is also waiting for his beanstalk to grow! In Maths this week we have been working on doubling and halving. We drew ladybird pictures to help with our understanding of this. We have been making the most of the sunshine by visiting the garden to work on our fantastic observational drawings of plants and mini-beasts.



Year 1

Over the last month, the children have observed their Sweet Pea seeds grow into a plant. They were very excited!



Year 2



Year 2 made these amazing cars as props for 'Eddie the Penguin that saves the World!' next Thursday. We cannot wait for the performance.

Year 3



Year 3 are enjoying learning all about the ancient Egyptians and made these amazing Canopic Jars using papier mache in Art.

Year 4



This week Year 4 have travelled back in history to the year 490 BC where the Persian fleet arrived on Greek soils for the battle of Marathon. They examined the two armies and their fighting styles and wrote setting descriptions amidst the battlefields. Finally the battle of Marathon ended the 10 year conflict between the two nations.

Eco School



Year 3 enjoyed their Eco-trip to Morden Hall last week, looking at river conservation which also links well with our Catholic Social Teaching principles of the Common Good and Stewardship-taking care of God's gifts.

Year 5



Our Year 5 girls were invited to an Olympic-themed morning of sport at Croydon High this week. They had a great time competing against other local schools and one student made it to the final of the hurdles! Well done to them all.

Year 6



Not only have Year 6 been busy learning lines, songs and dance moves but they have also made props for the production on Monday!

Dates for your Diary

- Swimming—Years 1 and 2 on July 1st.*
- June 24th—Summer Play and Prize Giving (Years 3-6) from 2pm-4pm approx
- June 26th—Football Final 4.30pm kick off.
- 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

