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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

I wanted to start this week's message by congratulating the 32 students who received their Lamda certificates today—all of whom achieved with Distinctions or Merits, a tremendous achievement, well done to you all.

This week we classes have chosen their representatives for School Council and Eco-Council, congratulations to those who have been elected to these important roles which give our students a voice to discuss what is important to them at Laleham Lea and share their ideas of how we can make school life even better.

In a similar vein, Year 6 have been writing their application letters for their promotion posts of Sports' Captains, House Captains, STEM leaders and more. Next week they will be taking part in interviews before their roles are assigned and badges awarded.

Next Friday we will be welcoming Fresh School photography back to Laleham Lea for individual and sibling photographs, as always, please ensure your child has their blazer and hair is neat and tied back where necessary.

Wishing you all a sunny and relaxing weekend.

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher

LAMDA

A huge 'well done' to all the students who took Lamda examinations in the summer term, we are delighted to report that they achieved a tremendous 26 Distinctions and 6 Merit grades with high praise in all their comments from the examiner. Well done everyone and a big thank you to Mr McDowall for all his hard work in preparing our students for this





THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Mrs Reece led our Celebration of The Word assembly on Tuesday focusing on Catholic Social Teaching; reminding the students of the key principles that come from Scripture, letters written by the Pope and examples set by Christians throughout history and that build the foundations of all we do as a school.

Classes have been allocated their own principal and mascot and will be working on showing examples of how we can live our lives through these principles.

The whole school—The Common Good

Nursery— Human Dignity

Reception—Participation

Year 1—Promoting Peace

Year 2—Stewardship

Year 3—Solidarity

Year 4—Distributive Justice

Year 5—Preferential Option for the Poor

Year 6—Subsidiarity



Prayer Club

Thursday mornings 8.30am-8.45am in the Long Room.

Mrs Morbin's popular Prayer Club has returned will be running every Thursday morning offering students of all ages the chance to pray and reflect together.

As we move through the term they will be writing their own prayers for assemblies, the newsletter and the school website.



Little Disciples & Mini Vinnies

Our Little Disciples and Mini Vinnies were all chosen in the summer term and have returned keen and ready to help spread God's word throughout the school and plan our charitable giving for this new year.

Both groups met this week and you'll be able to read more about their plans and ideas over the course of the new term ahead.

We will be supporting Purley Food Hub with our Harvest Donations and the Samaritans' Purse Operation Christmas Child once more, more details on both of these to follow.

Nursery

This week Nursery have been looking at the topic of 'Autumn'. The children have been participating a range our activities including:

- Completing a themed sticking activity, ordering numbers from 1-5 and 1-10
- Using paints and a cork to create their own autumnal tree.
- Reinforcing turn taking by playing an autumn bingo game.
- Listening to a story called 'The Very Helpful Hedgehog' and discussing the structure of the story and its characters.



Reception

Reception Class have settled in beautifully and have enjoyed a busy week of learning! As part of our 'All about Me' topic, we completed an activity to show all the things that we 'like' and 'don't like'.

We also began our phonics lessons and a pre-cursive font was introduced, (I will be discussing this further during our curriculum evening). As the children are already making great progress in their phonics, reading books will be sent home in book bags shortly.

We held our first classroom 'Little Liturgy' on Tuesday, and have also enjoyed learning our School Prayer and Mission Statement each day. A very big well done to Reception Class for a fantastic first full week of school!

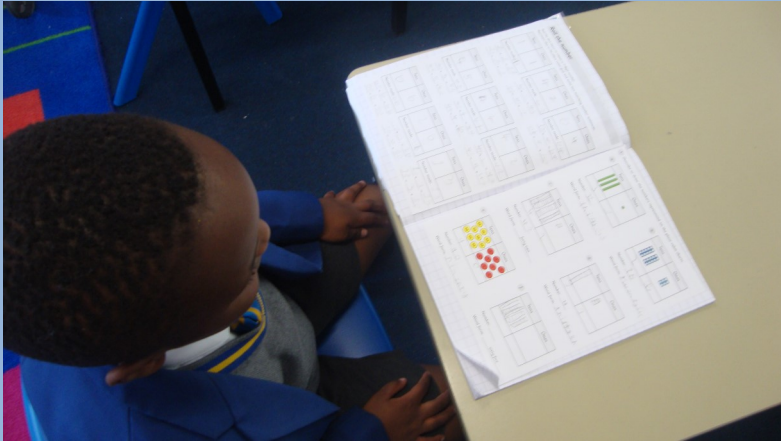


Year 1



In RE Year 1 have been learning about God's Beautiful world. They thought of their own prayers to thank God for the animals, trees and oceans.

Year 2



In maths this week Year 2 have been learning how to use place value charts

Year 3



Year 3 have been learning about democracy in PSHE. We held our elections for our Eco-School and School Council representative for the new school year.

Year 4



This week Year 4 cast their votes for this year's School Councillor and Eco-Warrior representatives. Pupils listened to election speeches and then cast their vote for their candidates using our secret ballot box. They learnt about the term Democracy and implemented our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Distributive Justice (represented by DJ the Dolphin) ensuring our elections were fair and that everyone has a voice.

School Council & Eco Council

Welcome our new School and Eco Councillors 2024/5



Golf Superstar



Well done to our Year 6 Golf superstar who took part in the US Kids Golf tournament recently winning this medal along with getting a birdie!

VR/Coding Club

Our extra curricular clubs started back this week, including many new clubs such as VR/Coding—Year 2 and 3 loved using our new Chromebooks to getting started in this exciting new club!



Dates for your diary this term

- Year 5 and 6 Swimming on Thursday
Sept 26th, Oct 10th, Nov 14th & 28th,
Dec 12th
- Sept 20th—individual and sibling photos (Fresh School photography)
- September 23rd—Secondary Transfer Evening—6pm (Years 4-6)
- Sept 23rd-27th—Open Week
- Sept 25th—Curriculum Evening
- Sept 30th-Oct 4th - Parent Consultation meetings
- Oct 7th—Junior Mass 2pm JFC
- Oct 14th—Nasal Flu—please complete online form.
- Oct 21st—Half term (Nov 4th—Return to school in winter uniform)
- Nov 13th—Anti-Bullying Week
- Dec 3rd—Christmas Carols (Yrs. 3-6) 6pm
- Dec 6th—EYFS/KS1 Plays
- Dec 13th—End of Term 2pm.

Year 5



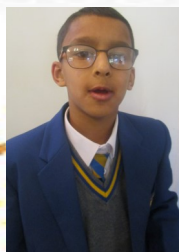
This week Year 5 have been exploring the Zones of Regulation in PSHE and reflecting on their own feelings and emotions.

Year 6



Year 6 have been writing some 'show-stopping, fear-inducing, thought-provoking' 'Kennings' poems on the theme of Tornadoes. They have also used chalk and pastels in art to create tornado pictures full of movement and energy.

Stars of the week





Hi everyone!

A big welcome to all the new starters and welcome back to everyone else – I hope the Summer was both enjoyable and restful for all.

Last year marked some great successes for the PTA and we are determined to carry on this year! The Summer fair was such a wonderful occasion and with that combined with the other events throughout the year, the PTA is in a position to contribute to school trips. As well as that the PTA will be funding an 'in house' panto for the children to enjoy before Christmas – more details of this will follow.

We rely on parents to make events happen so please do get involved as much as possible – I am mindful we are in need of class reps for both nurse and reception so if you are interested then please do drop us an email on pta@lalehamlea.co.uk

To start things off we are planning a social for parents on Friday October 4th hopefully at Purley Sports Club from 7:30pm, confirmation of this to follow. I would really encourage new parents to come along and meet some of the other parents and equally for the not so new parents to come along for a catch up!

We will confirm dates for all events happening across the year and share them over the next couple of weeks so they can be saved in diaries!

Thanks very much

David & The PTA TEAM - ***Together Everyone Achieves More!***