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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

We have enjoyed some beautiful autumnal sunshine this week after some unseasonably wet weather last week! By now you should have all received this half term's curriculum plans from your child's teacher, I hope these are a helpful and insightful tool. Next Wednesday we host our Curriculum Evening, offering parents the opportunity to meet class teachers and discover more about what your children will be leaning this year and how to support them at home. Presentations will run at 6pm and 6.45pm to offer parents with more than one child the chance to meet with both class teachers. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

This coming Monday we will welcome Year 4-6 parents for our popular Secondary Transfer evening. Hosted by our Chair of Governors Mary Ryan, speakers from several local schools including Wallington Girls, Whitgift, Trinity and Coloma Convent Girls School will attend to discuss the application process and give more insight into what is on offer at each school.

Next week is also our Open Week where we welcome prospective families to see our school in action on a normal school day. Visits are by appointment only, please do let your friends and family who may be interested in a place at Laleham Lea know they can contact the school office to book their tour. Nursery and Reception 2025 are already booking up quickly and we have some space available in other year groups.

Next Thursday I will be taking four students from Year 5 and Year 6 to represent the school at the diocesan Beginning of Year Mass taking place at St Georges' Cathedral. This is the official start of our new academic year with other schools from the diocese and is always a lovely occasion.

Today Fresh School Photography have been taking individual and sibling photos, the QR order codes will be sent home next week once the images have been processed and are available to purchase.

Finally, our PTA are holding a pre-loved uniform sale after school today—please do bring change if you can and grab a bargain.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher



Open Week September 23rd-27th 9.30-11.30am

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THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



We started the week with our Celebration of The Word assembly on Monday morning led by Mrs Reece. This week this focused on God's Plans and we reflected on how God is always with us, even through tougher times.

"If anyone wants to be a follower on mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

Our new Long Room display focuses on Catholic Social Teaching with each year group contributing work focused on their own key area.



Catholic Social Teaching Class Focus:

Nursery—

Human Dignity featuring 'Luc the Deer'.

'Me and my friends are special because we are different.' (Nursery Child)

Prayer Club

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

This week Prayer Club students discussed the importance of prayer and started to write their own prayers for assembly.



Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies met this week and welcomed two new members from Year 2. They looked at the parable of the mustard seed and how 'every little' can make a difference. They discussed our planned Harvest Donations for Purley Food Hub and will be writing to parents soon asking for your support.



Nursery

This week Nursery have continued learning about autumn and extended their learning further by participating in a range of activities including:

- Extending our use of mathematical language and placing autumn pictures in order of size, from the smallest to the biggest.
- Exploring our autumn themed sensory tray
- Matching number and quantity of autumn objects
- Learning our initial sounds



Reception

This week Reception Class have enjoyed learning about The Creation Story in Awe and Wonder, producing some beautiful mixed media collages.

In Literacy we have been enjoying the stories of Five Minutes Peace, and Peace at Last by Gill Murphy. The children enjoyed discussing their favourite parts of the stories and also completed some sequencing activities.

In Maths this week, we have been playing games to support our ordering of numbers to 10 and beyond.

To end our week, the children enjoyed a very enjoyable interactive Spanish lesson all about 'Greetings' with Mr Fuentes.



Year 1

Heads, shoulders, knees and toes—
Year 1 have been busy identifying and labelling parts of the body this week—a sterling job from all participants!



Year 2



Year 2 have been learning how to write in the past tense and this week wrote some fabulous newspaper reports based on Pirate stories.

Year 3



Year 3 are learning all about The Stone Age and made these amazing Stone Age homes for homework.

Year 4



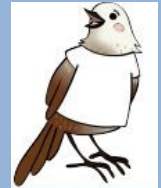
This week Year 4 became Bible experts and looked at the Big stories mentioned in the Old and New testament. They then invested time in finding Biblical references given and recording their findings. Well done my Bible explorers!

Year 5



Year 5 have been embracing the class Catholic Social Teaching principal of 'Preferential Option for the Poor' and have created colourful posters for display this week on the importance of giving to others in need.

The needs of poor and vulnerable people should be put first



Year 6



Pupils in Year 6 have been exploring the Kingdom of God this week. They have been asking themselves questions such as: 'Is the Kingdom of God in heaven. If not, where can we find it?' and 'Is the Kingdom of God for everyone? What about people who don't believe in God?'

They created beautiful watercolour paintings expressing what the Kingdom of God really means to them.

Stars of the week



Drum Roll....



Mr Francis started his drum lessons today - there are still limited slots available if your child would like lessons.

Good luck to Mrs Pickett who leaves us next week to start maternity leave.

We can't wait to meet the latest addition to the Laleham Lea family.



Karate Champ



Well done to our Year 4 Karate superstar who won this medal with his Karate club Invictus Martial Arts.

Drawing Club



Year 1 are loving their new Drawing Club and created these roar-some dinosaurs this week!

Dates for your diary this term

- Year 5 and 6 Swimming on Thursday Sept 26th, Oct 10th, Nov 14th & 28th, Dec 12th
- 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.



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