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Dear Parents

Yesterday Mrs Morbin and I had the pleasure of taking four students from Year 5 and Year 6 to St Georges' Cathedral for the Beginning of Year Mass with other schools in the Diocese. This was the Jubilee Celebration of the Mass and is a lovely way to start our new school year. Students also had the chance to meet with Archbishop John Wilson.

In assembly today our Year 6 students were awarded their 'role of responsibility' for this year. From House Captains and Sports Captains, to Eco Warriors and Buddies, we wish them all the best of luck in carrying out their new responsibilities.

This week we held our Secondary Transfer and Curriculum Evenings which were both well attended by parents. We hope you found both of these evenings informative and useful in supporting your child's learning this year and planning for their next steps. Next week we have our first Parent Consultation Meetings of this year. If you have not managed to book an appointment yet, please do contact your child's class teacher.

As we enter October and the Month of the Holy Rosary next week we will be focusing on praying the rosary and what it means. Selected students in KS2 will also be attending an RE Day at Good Shepherd School. October is also Black History Month and we are looking forward to welcoming Big Foot Education Group back to Laleham Lea once more for a day of workshops which are always thoroughly enjoyed by our students and staff alike.

Next Friday evening our PTA are hosting a social for parents at Purley Sports' Club. This is a great way for parents and carers (old and new!) to get to know each other better in an informal setting. Please let Mr Condon know if you can make it for what promises to be a lovely evening—pta@lalehamlea.co.uk.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher



Beginning of Year Mass - St Georges' Cathedral 26/09/2024





THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



In this week's Celebration of The Word assembly on Monday Mrs Reece focused on 'True Greatness', with students discovering that the most important things in life are not winning, being the best or the most beautiful, but making sure we put others first.

"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35



Focus on Catholic Social Teaching Principles —
Reception Class—Participation

"We live in community with others, growing together. It is important that we join in."

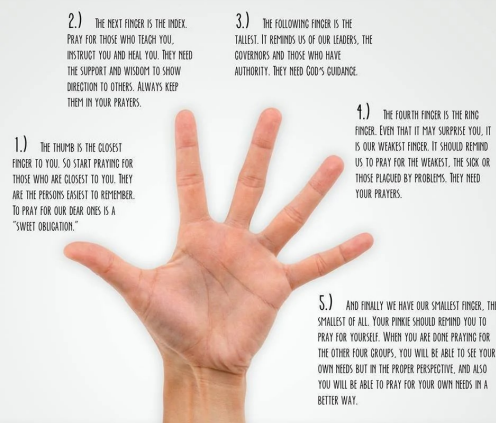


Prayer Club - Thursday mornings 8.30am-8.45am in the Long Room.

In prayer club this week we followed Pope Francis' five finger prayer. Using the fingers on our hands, we started with the thumb and prayed these intentions in this order:

- 1.) The thumb- prayers for those who are closest to us. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
- 2.) The index finger- prayers for those who teach, instruct and heal us. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others.
- 3.) The tallest finger- prayers for our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4.) The ring finger- prayers for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need our prayers.
- 5.) The smallest finger-prayers for ourselves.

POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER



The following classes will be attending Mass at 10am at John the Baptist on the following Tuesdays this term. (Public Mass, parents are welcome to join too but students will not be reading/actively involved in Mass).

Oct 1st—Year 6, Oct 8th—Year 5, Oct 15th—Year 4, Nov 3rd—Year 3, Nov 12th—Year 2, Nov 19th—Year 1, Nov 26th—Year 6, Dec 3rd—Year 5, Dec 10th—Year 4.

Art Gallery

Students have been creating some amazing work in their Art lessons already this term, from Pirate's parrots to tornadoes and volcanoes!



Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring all about Harvest. The children have been discussing the different fruits and vegetables that the farmers harvest and have been participating in the following activities:

- Using a number line to help count the Harvest-themed objects writing numbers 1-10.
- Using a variety of sticking materials to design our own scarecrow hat and discussing the textures used (shiny, smooth, bumpy, rough, hard, fluffy and soft).
- Completing a cutting & sticking activity and learning about repeated patterns.
- Meeting our friend 'Billy the Scarecrow'.
- Participating in a sticking activity to create our own Harvest basket.

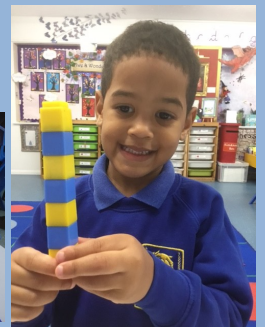


Reception

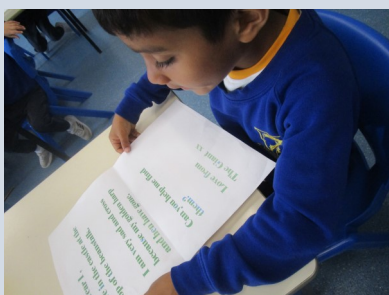
This week, Reception Class has been exploring 'Autumn' and the beauty of the changing seasons. The children created stunning mixed media collages of autumn trees, using shades of brown, red, yellow, amber, and gold. During Awe and Wonder, we reflected on how these trees are a part of God's Creation, fostering a deeper appreciation for nature. The children also enjoyed the story of Leaf Man, which sparked our imaginations and discussions about the season.

In Maths, we have been working with repeating patterns. The children made patterned drawings using a variety of different shapes and colours. We also used pegboards and beads to create repeating patterns with varying sequences, but most of all, the children enjoyed singing and dancing to a catchy repeating pattern song called 'Banana, Banana, Meatball' which I'm sure they will enjoy telling you about!

A big thank you to all our parents who attended the Reception Curriculum Evening; it was lovely to see so many of you and I am looking forward to sharing our learning journey together.



Year 1



This week the children received a letter from the Giant from 'Jack and the Beanstalk' who was very sad about his harp and hen. The children wrote back to him letting him know where he could find his items and assured the Giant that Year 1 were ready to help him if needed!

Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at 'Pirate Poems' in Literacy this week. Children did a fantastic job performing actions to the poem 'Go, Go, Pirate Boat'.



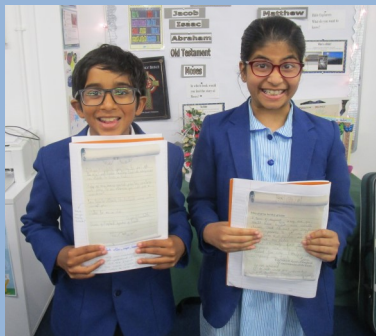
Year 3

In Art Year 3 have made these colourful Cave Paintings as part of their history topic on The Stone Age.



Year 4

This week year 4 delved into the past and wrote a Royal Charter to the East India Company giving instructions of trade in Asia by the sole authority of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth I.



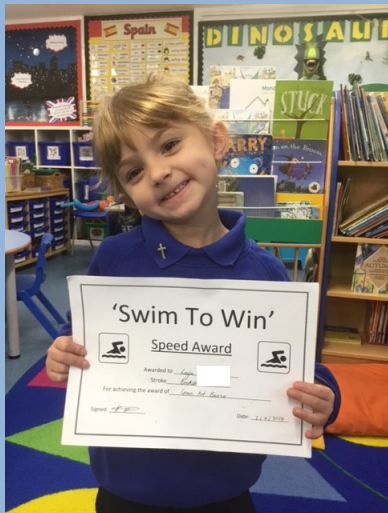
Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about the story of creation in RE and painted these beautiful watercolours for our display.



Year 6

Students in Year 6 have been finding out about the purpose of parables this week. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asked His listeners to understand an intangible reality they couldn't see with their physical eyes—the Kingdom of God. He knew they could only engage this reality with the eyes of their hearts, so He chose to use stories. They took part in a role play of the parable of the Good Samaritan and will be writing a modern version of the Prodigal Son (or Daughter) for their homework.



Well done to our Reception 'Speed Swimmer' and super star dancer who received these awards this week.

Howzat?



Well done to our Year 3 Cricket star who won Purley Sport's Clubs' award for **'Most Improved player'** last week.

Safe Hands



Keeping a sporting theme, Year 1 have a superstar goalkeeper who won a medal for his impressive efforts last weekend.

Another string to his bow...



Well done to our Year 4 Violin superstar who passed his Grade 3 exam recently.

Stars of the week



Eco Council

Our first Eco meeting of the new year welcomed our newly elected representatives who discussed our previous Action Plan, Biodiversity, Healthy Eating and Global Citizenship. They also discussed continuing to monitor and remind our school community of our Eco responsibilities - recycling, saving water (turning off taps) and saving energy (turning off lights) when and where we can.

5,6,7,8....



Well done to our Year 1 student who received 3rd place in the solo singing competition 4th place in the solo dancing competition (under 8 categories) at the Pointer Studio Dance & Choreography Competition!

Shot Stars!



Well done also to our Year 5 Netball champs who won their first game playing for 'Poppets' in the Selsdon Netball Little League last week by 11 goals to nil and securing 'player of the match' trophies as well.

Dates for your diary this term

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5 and 6 Swimming on Thursday Oct 10th, Nov 14th & 28th, Dec 12th• Sept 30th-Oct 4th - Parent Consultation meetings• Oct 4th—PTA social Purley Sports' Club• Oct 7th—Junior Mass 2pm JFC• Oct 14th—Nasal Flu—please complete | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• online form.• Oct 17th—Mini Vinnies—Care home visit• 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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