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# Laleham Lea

A Catholic Independent School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of you this week at our Parent Consultation meetings. We hope that you enjoyed seeing your child's work and that the conversations with their class teachers were helpful in supporting your child's individual needs and goals this year.

On Wednesday Mrs Morbin and Mrs De Rosa took eight students from Years 3-6 to Good Shepherd School for an RE Day. They represented Laleham Lea beautifully and enjoyed a great day meeting other students and taking part in a carousel of creative and reflective RE activities.

October is the Month of The Holy Rosary and Year 5 students have created some beautiful watercolour pictures for our Long Room display along with prayers from Year 6. Prayer Club for the remainder of the half term will be focusing on praying the Rosary.

October is also Black History Month and in addition to a range of classroom based activities, we also welcomed Big Foot Arts back to Laleham Lea yesterday for a day of fun and informative assemblies and workshops.

This coming Monday students in Year 2-6 will be celebrating our start of year Mass along with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary together at The John Fisher Chapel at 2pm. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for our first Mass of this academic year.

Photo forms from our recent individual and sibling photos were sent home this week. Do check book bags/backpacks for these as the early ordering discount expires over the weekend.

Finally our PTA are looking forward to the parents' social this evening at Purley Sports' Club. Please do join them if you are able for what promises to be a great evening.

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

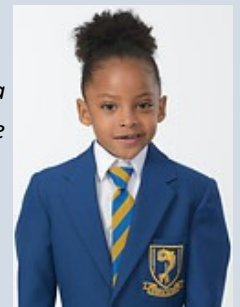
Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD



*'For being kind, considerate and caring to all at Laleham Lea'*



*'For being a fantastic role model to all'*

## Black History Month

Years 1-6 enjoyed amazing workshops yesterday with Arianne from Big Foot Arts. They learnt all about 'hidden figures' from British history - less well known yet brilliant, black British people, who have shaped our country.





# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



In this week's Celebration of The Word assembly we explored jealousy and how instead of being jealous, Jesus wanted us to be generous in our praise when we see others doing well.

***"Anyone who is not against us is for us" Mark 9:40***

Focus on Catholic Social Teaching principals—Year 1 Promoting Peace



***"Peace comes from both justice and love and is dependent upon people understanding one another."***



## October—The Month of The Holy Rosary

As we celebrate the Month of the Holy Rosary, Year 5 made these beautiful watercolour paintings depicting the Mysteries of the Rosary for our Long Room display.



## How to pray the rosary

Follow each numbered step and hold the part of the rosary that corresponds with the color of the step.

- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
- 2 Say the Our Father
- 3 Say three Hail Marys
- 4 Say the Glory Be
- 5 Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
- 6 Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
- 7 Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
- 8 Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
9. Say the Hail, Holy Queen
10. Make the Sign of the Cross



# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



## Catholic Schools' RE Day

On Wednesday eight pupils from Years 3-6 attended Good Shepherd School along with six other schools in the diocese for their annual RE Day.

Students took part in a range of fun faith-themed activities including colouring stained glass windows, writing their 'steps to getting closer to Jesus' on a foot-shaped templates, making rosary bracelets, delving further into the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and a fun quiz.



## Mass at John The Baptist



Year 6 enjoyed their visit to Mass at St John the Baptist this week, Some children were invited up to enact the story of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. It was reminder to all of us that it is the little things that keep God's kingdom growing.

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 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.**

## Mass at The John Fisher Chapel—Years 2-6 next Monday

Parents and carers are invited to join us next Monday at 2pm for our start of year and the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary Mass with Years 2-6 at The John Fisher Chapel from 2pm with Father Francis Murphy. We look forward to seeing you there. (Students will need to return to school for dismissal/clubs and can not be collected from the Chapel).

## Nursery

This week Nursery have been learning all about hibernation. Some of the activities included:

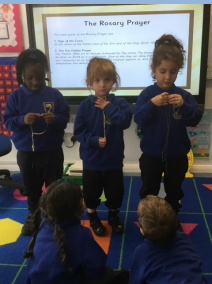
- Viewing a clip about animals that hibernate and completing a short quiz.
- Listening to the story 'Don't Hog the Hedge' and discussing the different characters.
- Categorising animals into their correct location for hibernating.
- For Catholic Social Teaching Nursery have been using mixed media and materials to create an image of themselves in their school uniform. We have been focusing on how we are special and unique within our school.



## Reception

This week in Reception Class, we focused on the importance of October as the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We began learning how to pray the Rosary and expressed our creativity through drawings, bead-making, and playdough. We enjoyed the story of 'Guess How Much I Love You' and shared our thoughts about those who are closest to our hearts. We also revisited the 'Creation Story' by acting out the seven days of creation with fun props!

Tuesday marked the beginning of Black History Month, and we will be continuing our learning and engagement in various activities related to this important celebration throughout October and beyond.



## Year 1

This week in Literacy, Year 1 have enjoyed working in groups to sequence the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'.

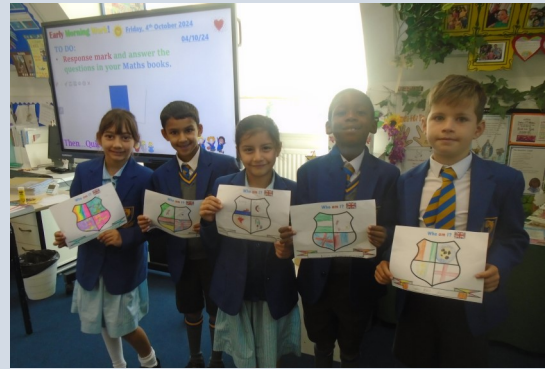


## Year 2



Year 2 have been learning about imperative verbs in English. Today the children have been creating treasure maps and will write their own instructions 'How to make a treasure map'.

## Year 3



Year 3 have been learning about British values linked with our study for Black History Month and created these coat of arms symbols to depict what makes us unique and special.

## Year 4



This week Year 4 analysed Bible quotes reflecting on how God tells us to treat one another irrespective of our differences. We linked our learning to our Catholic Social Teaching principle of 'Human Dignity' to understand that everyone of us is created by him, special and beautiful. We then created our class moto—'***Seeds of love we will spread far and wide, equality for all will we spread to every heart***'.

## Latin Club



After enjoying a Roman feast last week (including strawberry lace mice tails and grape juice!), this week Latin Club dressed up to act out scenes from Roman life.

## Stars of the week



### Karate Champ



Well done to our Karate superstar who won this trophy from Riddlesdown Martial Arts!

### Beaver of the Month



Well done to our Year 4 'Beaver of the Month' for the 25th Purley who meet at St Mark's Church.

#### *Dates for your diary this term*

- Year 5 and 6 Swimming on Thursday Oct 10th, Nov 14th & 28th, Dec 12th
- Oct 4th—PTA social Purley Sports' Club
- Oct 7th—Junior Mass (+Y2) 2pm JFC
- Oct 14th—Nasal Flu—please complete 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 Nativity Plays
- Dec 13th—End of Term 2pm.