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Laleham Lea

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

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Dear Parents

I cannot believe we have already completed the first half term of this academic year! The last few weeks have flown by in a whirlwind of hard work, fun and achievement.

Thank you all for your generous donations for our Harvest Collection, these were collected by representatives from the St Vincent centre at lunchtime today who were very grateful for all of our gifts. We are also very keen to support Operation Christmas Child again this year and are asking students to fill decorated shoe boxes with gifts for children less fortunate around the world. Full details were sent to parents today and there is more information below; thank you in advance for your support with this.

This morning we welcomed parents of Year 6 students for the first of our new Class Assemblies. Parents were treated to a showcase of highlights of all the hard work students have produced already this term including songs, prayers and art work. Parents then got to experience our Star of The Week assembly with the whole school. Every class will have an opportunity to showcase their work in this way during the course of the year.

Well done to Mr Judge and our footballers who beat Forestdale School 3-0 to progress to the next round of the Croydon Schools' Cup on Wednesday. We were all very relieved to hear we will not be losing Mr Judge to the England Manager's position!

Our PTA have been busy working in the background as always and have lots of plans in the pipeline including a Movie Night (Nov 15th) and Christmas Fair (Dec 6th). This week everyone should have received a bag from Bag2School to fill with old clothes and shoes to bring into school on the collection day of November 6th. This not only supports our Eco-School application by showing commitment to recycling but also aligns with our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Stewardship—caring for God's World. The PTA will receive payment for every kilo recycled so if you do have the chance to have a clear out over the half term break, donations would be gratefully received.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and peaceful two-week break and return refreshed for the second half of our autumn term. All Saints and All Souls' Days fall during the holidays this year and we will be commemorating these together when we return.

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher



Operation Christmas Child

This year Laleham Lea will once again be supporting The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal known as 'Operation Christmas Child'. Every year The Samaritan's Purse collects shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1990, more than 178 million children in more than 150 countries have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love. Please visit <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more details and to pay the £5 donation per box. **Filled boxes should be returned to school no later than Monday 11th November.**



**For being a fantastic role model
and displaying our Catholic Social
Teaching principles at all times.**



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



In our Celebration of The Word of assembly this week students were encouraged to think about what is and what is not, truly valuable in their lives.

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25

Focus on Catholic Social Teaching principals—Year 3 Solidarity



By coming together in hope as individuals, families, communities, organisations and nations, we can achieve transformative change for the common good. When we unite and make a stand for what we believe in, we can achieve remarkable things.



Mass at John The Baptist

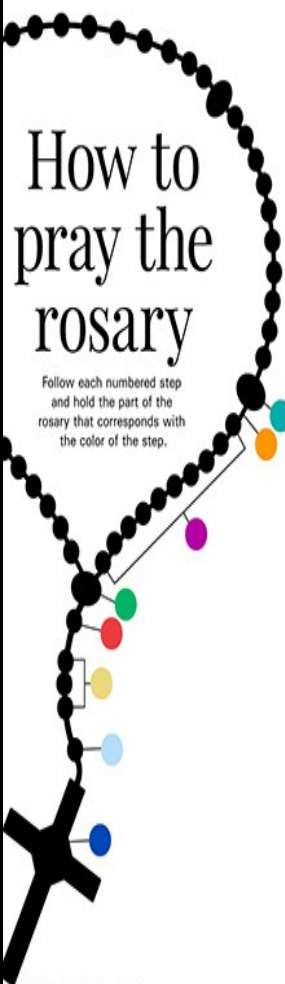


The following classes will be attending Mass at 10am at John the Baptist on the following Tuesdays this term. (Public Mass, parents are welcome to join too but students will not be reading/actively involved in Mass). Nov 3rd—Year 3, Nov 12th—Year 2, Nov 19th—Year 1, Nov 26th—Year 6, Dec 3rd—Year 5, Dec 10th—Year 4.

Registrations for the 2024/5 First Holy Communion programme at John The Baptist are now open; there is a page on the parish website with further information—<https://www.johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk/first-reconciliation-and-first-holy-communion/>The deadline is 31 October.

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

48 Dale Road, Purley, CR8 2EF
020 8660 3815



- 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



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Care Home Visit

Our Mini Vinnies paid a visit to Westside Care home yesterday to meet with residents. They spent time chatting and reading to residents who very much enjoyed their company.



Harvest Donations

Thank you for your generous Harvest donations for the St. Vincent Centre which were collected this morning.



BAG 2 SCHOOL

We are pleased to be taking part in Bag2School clothes recycling scheme—branded bags have been sent home this week for you to fill with adult and children's clothing, shoes, hats, belts, handbags etc. over half term. Items can also be put into black bin sacks if needed (no carrier bags please).

Our PTA will be paid by the KG for all bags collected. This also links with our Catholic Social Teaching Principal of Stewardship and our Eco-School credentials!

Please bring your filled bags back to school on the morning of **Wednesday November 6th**.

9th Purley Scouts

Firework Display

Saturday 2nd November 2024

**St. John the Baptist Church,
48 Dale Rd, Purley, CR8 2EF**

Doors open: 6:30pm
Display starts: 7:00pm

Advance tickets only by 25/10/24
via treasurer9thpurley@gmail.com

Under 15s: £10
Adults/15 and over: £15

No tickets on the door

FOOD INCLUDED WITH TICKET

BAR AVAILABLE

RAFFLE

 **9th Purley Scouts**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

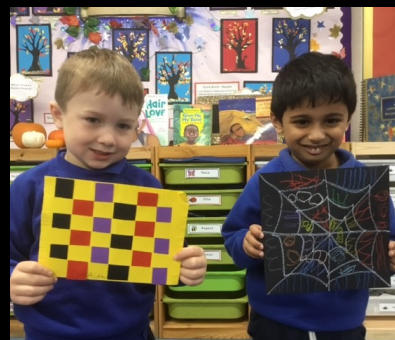


This October, Reception children Class joyfully celebrated Black History Month by exploring diverse cultures, history, and art. Their adventure began with the story of the Spider Weaver, inspiring them to create colourful spider webs using oil pastels, which helped them express their creativity and develop fine motor skills.

They then discovered the lively rhythms of Africa through drumming and dance, learning about traditional instruments and having fun with African dance. The children designed their own kente cloth patterns with bold colours and created colourful beads, discovering their importance in African culture.

Throughout the month, they explored Africa's beautiful landscapes, animals, and cultures through storytelling and visuals, helping them appreciate the continent's richness. They also learned about contemporary artist Yinka Shonibare, which sparked exciting conversations about how we are all citizens of the World.

As Black History Month comes to a close, Reception children have gained a wonderful appreciation for cultural diversity through creativity and fun. We look forward to celebrating and learning more about black histories throughout the year!



Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring 3D shapes. The children have been participating in a range of activities to reinforce their understanding including:

- Listening to a story called 'Captain Vincible and the Space Shapes'.
- Investigating 3D shapes—Will it roll? Will it slide? Will it stack?
- Recording how many 3D shapes we can find in the classroom.
- A cutting and sticking activity categorising the 3D shapes into the correct groups.
- Reinforcing turn taking by playing the 3D shape domino game.



Year 1



In RE recently Year 1 enjoyed performing a role play for the story of Noah's Ark. It was a beautiful performance showcasing their knowledge of the story and amazing acting skills.

Year 2



In RE Year 2 have been looking at the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den. Children had fun putting on a puppet show to retell the story.

Year 3



As part of their work for Black History Month, Year 3 were set the task of researching prominent figures and made these colourful fact-filled booklets.

Year 4

This week Year 4 travelled back in time to the story of Pharaoh, when one man rose against him with the power and guidance of God; in his fight against oppression and the injustices inflicted upon the Hebrews-The Story of Prophet Moses.



Lego Club

In Lego Club we have been Working together as a team and challenging ourselves to create a large cross using Duplo and Lego bricks.



Football

Well done to our footballers who are through to the next round of the Croydon Schools' Cup, beating Forestdale School 3-0 on Wednesday.



Year 5

Year 5 have been looking at the work of artist William Morris and designed these vibrant coloured tiles inspired by his artworks.



Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed their practical Science lesson demonstrating how yeast, when mixed with warm water and sugar, produces carbon dioxide. They then went on to design a range of experiments with different variables such as the temperature of the water or the type of sugar used.



Stars of the week



She's fast as lightning!



Congratulations to our Year 1 Kung Fu and swimming superstar who passed her first ever grading in Kung Fu and Level 1 swimming last week!



Charity Fun Run



Well done to our Year 4 runner who raised over £100 for Great Ormond Street taking part in a charity fun run last weekend.

Dates for your diary this term

- Year 5 and 6 Swimming on Nov 14th & 28th, Dec 12th
- Oct 21st—Half Term (Nov 4th—Return to school in winter uniform)
- Nov 6th—Bags2School deadline
- Nov 11th—Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
- Nov 11th—Operation Xmas Child Shoebox deadline
- Nov 13th—Anti-Bullying Week
- Nov 15th—PTA Movie Night
- Nov 29th—Year 5 Class Assembly
- Dec 3rd—Christmas Carols (Yrs. 3-6) 6pm
- Dec 5th—Year 1/2 Polka Theatre Trip
- Dec 6th—EYFS/KS1 Nativity Plays
- Dec 6th—PTA Xmas Fair
- Dec 9th—PTA Xmas Panto
- Dec 13th—End of Term 2pm.



HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS COURSE

MONDAY 21ST TO FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

£15 PER DAY

***Football, netball, basketball, cricket,
dodgeball, tennis, tag rugby, uni-hoc,
traditional sports day games & more***

HANNIBAL WAY CRO 4RW

10am-3pm early drop off (9am) or late pick up (4pm) available on request.

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