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Dear Parents

It was an honour to attend the Woodcote Remembrance Service with Mrs Ting and two of our Year 6 students on Sunday who laid a poppy wreath on behalf of our whole school community. It was lovely to see so many Laleham Lea students representing the 25th Purley Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Guides there too. On Monday the two-minute silence was observed impeccably by every student in the school and class assemblies focused on the importance of Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy.

On Tuesday our footballers took on Cumnor House school in two back-to-back matches but were sadly defeated by small margins in both games; losing 1-0 and 3-1 respectively. Mr Judge said he was very proud of the performance and the team are looking forward to their next match.

This week is Anti-bullying Week and as well as a special assembly and PSHE lessons focused on the importance of being kind to one another, we took part in 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday to celebrate our differences and enjoyed seeing everyone's bright, colourful and creative footwear.

Well done to all the students who took part in a very muddy Catholic Schools' Cross Country competition this morning. Everyone gave it their all and had a fantastic morning competing against local Catholic Schools.

Thank you for your generous donations for Operation Christmas Child; we managed to collect over 80 boxes which have now been dropped at the collection point before heading off to children around the world who may otherwise not receive a gift this Christmas. Thank you also for your support of Children in Need today with our multi-day, we raised over £250 for this important cause.

We are all very excited for our PTA Movie Night tonight. Thank you to the PTA for organising this and the upcoming Christmas Fair which, from the plans in place so far, is promising to be another fantastic occasion.

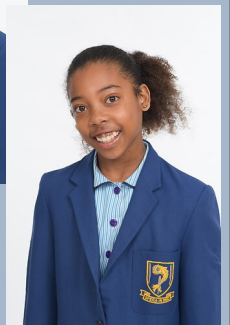
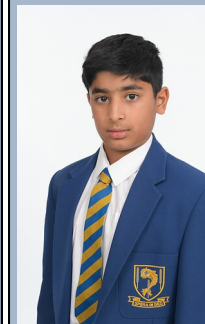
Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher



For demonstrating exceptional leadership - helping to lead prayer and liturgy throughout the school.



Remembrance Day





THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



On Monday the whole school observed a two minute silence at 11am to join with the Remembrance Day commemorations across the country. Classroom Assemblies also focused on the importance of Remembrance Day and why we wear a poppy.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

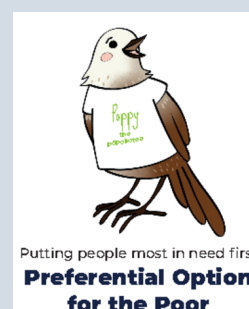
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.

Focus on Catholic Social Teaching principals—Year 5—Preferential Option for the Poor



***“Learn to do good; seek justice,
rescue the oppressed, defend the
orphan, plead for the widow.”***

Isaiah 1:17



Operation Christmas Child

We have truly lived out our Catholic Social teaching principal of Preferential Option for the Poor this week, sending over 80 shoe boxes to the Samaritans' Purse for their Operation Christmas Child Campaign. Thank you all for your support and generosity with this as always.



Children in Need

Our charitable giving continued today with a mufti day for Children in Need.

We raised £269.30 so far for this fantastic cause, thank you so much for your generosity with this.



Year 2 Mass at John The Baptist

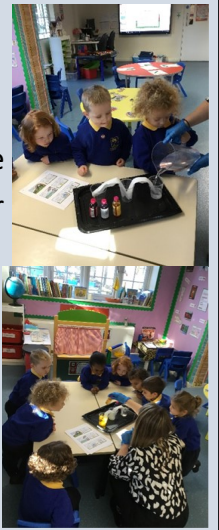


Year 2 students were impeccably behaved at Mass this week for their first class visit to John The Baptist. Next week Year 1 will attend the 10am Mass as part of our weekly class rota.

Nursery

This week Nursery have been having lots of fun experimenting with mixing colours. This included:

- Completing a finger painting activity.
- Mixing two colours together to make a new colour and discussing the results
- Listening to the story 'The Boy and the Rainbow', discussing the structure of the story and its characters and, completing a story sequence activity to reinforce our understanding.
- Participating in a 'Walking Rainbow' science experiment.
- Creating our own colour collage using a variety of materials.
- Listening to an interactive story 'Mix it up'.



Reception

It's been a week full of fun and meaningful activities. Reception Class took part in Anti-Bullying Week and the children had a great time wearing odd socks to show their support. We also celebrated Children in Need by wearing our own clothes and offering our support for this important cause.



On Monday we observed Remembrance Day and created poppies in class to honour those who have died in the line of duty.

In Literacy this week, we have been learning about prepositions through the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt, while in Maths, we focused on recording number bonds to 10.

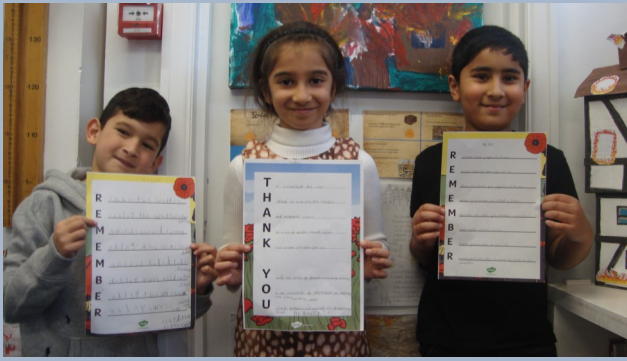
The long awaited Film Night is here and we can't wait to watch Shaun the Sheep with our drinks and popcorn! Finally, a huge thank you to all our Reception parents who generously donated to the Shoebox Appeal - your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Year 1



Year 1 have been learning about England and the UK and using atlases and globes to find countries, capitals and seas around the United Kingdom.

Year 2



This week Year 2 have produced some lovely acrostic poems all about Remembrance day.

Year 3

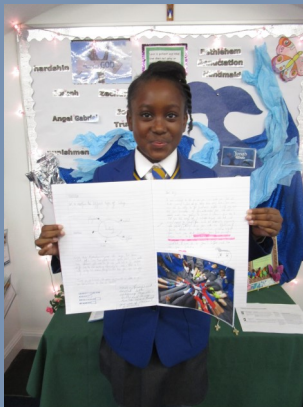


Year 3 had a brilliant time at Butser Ancient Farm on Monday learning all about ancient Celtic life.

The class learnt about stone age homes, examined artefacts, created chalk rubbings and made rings using copper wire.

Thank you to the PTA for financially supporting this trip and to the parents who accompanied the class on the day.

Year 4



This week Year 4 have examined different types of bullying and what it means to be a bystander.

They studied the story of a young boy who struggled with immense challenges at the hands of bullying. They were inspired by his bravery and empowering letter which challenged his bullies and forced them to reflect upon the detrimental impact they had upon him.

Amazing Art Work

Art Club have created these amazing 'Under The Sea' artworks this term that will be entered into the upcoming ISA Art Competition. Well done Art Club on your beautiful creations.



Year 5



Year 5 created this huge collage based on their class text 'Street Child' which focuses on the plight of destitute children in Victorian London.

Year 6



Year 6 have been enjoying their new English text, the epic poem 'The Odyssey'. We launched the topic by considering what it means to be a 'Hero'. The children worked in small groups to create these absolutely 'heroic' costumes just from newspaper and masking tape.

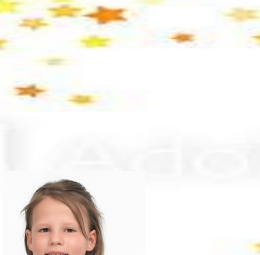
Catholic Schools' Cross Country



Dates for your diary

- Year 5 and 6 Swimming on Nov 14th & 28th, Dec 12th
- Nov 19th—Year 1 Mass
- 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 11th—Xmas Lunch
- Dec 13th—End of Term 2pm.

Stars of the week



PTA

Dear all—I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the festive season!

As well as today's 'Movie Night', we are hugely excited about the Christmas Fair on Friday the 6th of December (3:30 – 5pm) – we had a tremendous time with this last year and we hope to build on that. As ever, volunteers are essential in running the event so please do get in touch with your Year Rep and offer some time—after all it's for all the children to enjoy. The fair this year will have a very special guest in the shape of Santa and the children will have a chance to say hello and make their demands.

In preparation for the fair there are a few requests we need your support with please—

1. **Donations to the raffle needed please—so far we have -**

- Indoor Skydiving for Two with iFLY.
- Comedy Show with paella and sangria for two.
- The Silverstone Museum for two.
- Disco Bowl: Two Family Games of Bowling, Meal and Drinks
- Denbies - Train & Wine experiences
- Afternoon Tea @ The Grumpy mole
- Elizabeth Bakes Gift

2. **Donations for the secret Santa tombola please— these need to be wrapped (items such as chocolates, sweets, toys & toiletries – no alcohol please).**

Please do what you can, we completely appreciate times are hard, but any contribution would be massively appreciated. To highlight, as well as contributing to year group outings, the PTA have facilitated a Christmas Panto being put on for the children in the school on December 9th which, if reviews are to be believed, is on a par with Les Mis!

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Saville for the wonderful posters she has created for the event and Mrs Reece and Mrs Edwards for all their support.

Looking forward to a wonderful event,

Best wishes

The PTA Team





Friday 6th December



An event for all the family to enjoy

Christmas Fair

3:30pm - 5:00pm

- * Meet Santa
- * Face Painting
- * Mystery Bags
- * Light Food & Drinks
- * Tombola

Volunteers needed! Exchange cash for tokens



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