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# Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

What a busy week to welcome us all back from what was hopefully a restful half term for all.

On Monday we enjoyed an assembly and workshops with Mary from CAFOD who told us more about 'The Big Lent Walk' and about the Jubilee year as we all strive to be Pilgrims of Hope. You will be hearing much more about The Big Lent Walk in the coming weeks.

Today Nursery have enjoyed a visit from some furry friends from Karen's Pets and Ponies, which was kindly funded by the PTA. Thank you to them for what was a very enjoyable visit.

We also welcomed Matthew from the Catholic Children's Society today who explained how we can all help support the charity over the upcoming Lenten period; students have been given collection boxes to bring home, please do give generously for this worthwhile cause.

Today Year 3 wowed us all with their amazing Roman knowledge as they presented their class assembly to their parents and the whole school. Well done Year 3 for an extremely entertaining showcase of work and knowledge.

Good luck to our footballers who take on Regina Coeli in a 'double-header' of two matches this afternoon.

Next week we have our second Parent Consultation week of this academic year. If you have not managed to book your appointment yet, please do so before the booking portal closes this afternoon.

We are all looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday and seeing everyone in their costumes. We have already had one entry for our 'Extreme Reading' competition and I am looking forward to seeing more weird and wonderful (but safe!) places you have all been reading.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher

## House Points Scores

**Wulstan**

**This week: 139**

**Total—2221**

**Alban**

**This week: 106**

**Total—1809**

**Mayne**

**This week: 136**

**Total—1666**

**Edmund**

**This week: 119**

**Total—1665**

### Dates for your diary

- Year 3 & 4 Swimming—March 13th & 27th
- March 6th—Year 1 Mass at John The Baptist
- March 5th—Ash Wednesday
- March 6th—World Book Day
- March 3rd-7th— Parent Consultations (please note changes to clubs this week)
- March 10th-14th—Open Week
- March 11th—Year 5 Mass
- March 14th—Fire Brigade Visit to EYFS
- March 18th—Year 4 Mass
- March 24th—Easter Concert
- March 25th—Year 3 Mass
- April 1st—Year 1 Mass
- April 4th—End of Term 2pm—No Clubs/Late Leavers. Colourful Mufti-Day for CCS.



# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



## Jubilee Celebrations

On Monday we welcomed Mary Carter from CAFOD back to Laleham Lea for an assembly all about The Big Lent Walk (you will be hearing more about our plans for this soon) followed by Jubilee workshops for Years 3-6.



Our Jubilee banner has also been installed by Mr Mehmet to let the whole community know that we are working hard to be Pilgrims of Hope this year.



## Catholic Children's Society



As we endeavour to adhere to our Catholic Social Teaching principal of Preferential Option for the Poor, we will be raising money for the Catholic Children's Society during Lent this year. In assembly today we were joined by Matthew Hickey from the charity who explained why our support is needed and how our fundraising can help those in need.

## Catholic Social Teaching

Nursery have been living out our Catholic Social Teaching principle of 'Solidarity' this week; using 'helping hands' to show how we can help others around the school.



## Reception

This week in Reception class, we were thrilled to begin our new topic on Dinosaurs! The children shared their fantastic home learning and all the interesting facts they discovered during the half-term break. In class, we discussed how dinosaurs became extinct and learned about the three main types of dinosaurs. In Maths, we had fun exploring money and took turns playing shopkeeper in our Dinosaur Toy Shop. The children practised taking the correct amount of coins and even wrote receipts for the customers, which helped them to develop their literacy skills. We also created amazing dinosaur pictures using crayons and stencils. To finish our week, we had a roaring good time singing and dancing to the 'Dinosaur Roar' song!



## Swimming Star

Well done to our Year 1 superstar swimmer who recently won these awards at his David Lloyd swimming lessons!



## Tee-rific Achievement!

Well done to our superstar golfer who has shown amazing determination and resilience to be crowned Under-12 Champion at the Junior European Masters in La Manga over the half-term break.



## Nursery

Nursery have been exploring spring time this week and activities included:

- Using a variety of mark making tools and different coloured paints to create a spring picture.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity—placing parts of a plant into the correct order and naming them.
- Exploring a small bunch of flowers using a magnifying glass and discussing what we could see.
- Looking at spring-themed phase 2 initial sounds.
- Planting Sunflower seeds



By far the most exciting thing we did this week happened today, when Nursery welcomed some very special visitors—cute bunnies, guinea pigs and chickens who visited our class. A big thank you to the PTA for funding this lovely activity.





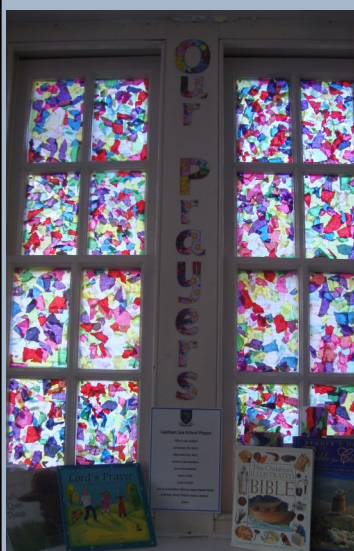
## Year 1



Well done to all the children for making a boat for 'Compare Bear' over the half term. We did an experiment to see which ones would sink and which ones would float. Making sure the test was fair by leaving the boats in the water for three minutes, we watched and made predictions based on what we know about the materials used.

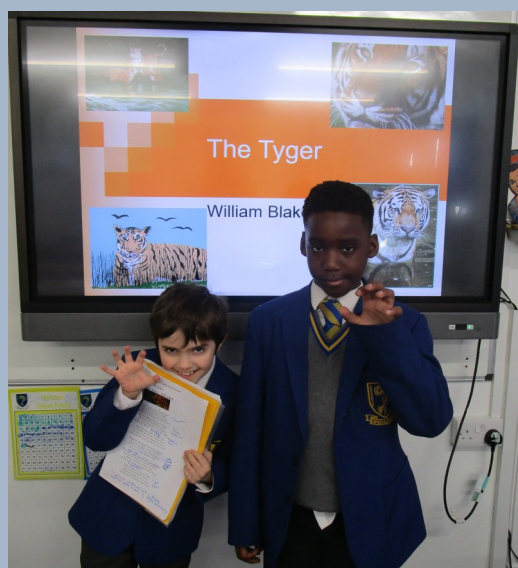


## Year 2



As we prepare for our Lenten prayers, Year 2 have created a stunning stained glass window in our classroom. With Lent beginning next week, our window is ready to inspire reflection and prayer.

## Year 4



This week Year 4 have studied one of the most famous works of British Poet William Blake - The Tyger. They carefully analysed this magnificent piece of literature, looking at his use of rhyming couplets and the effect of repetition throughout the piece. They examined Blake's use of vivid imagery which illustrates the complexity of the creature, its sheer beauty, yet destructive nature.

## Year 3

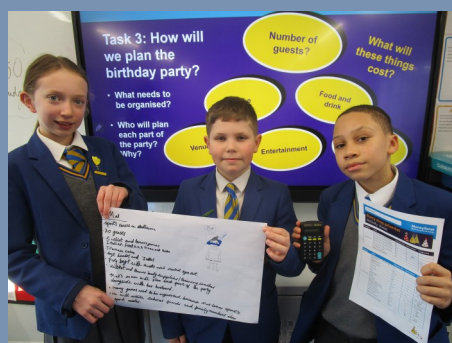
We travelled back to ancient Rome for Year 3's amazing assembly this morning! With drama, song (including a war chant!) and fabulous facts, parents were introduced to Emperor Caesar and enjoyed a thoroughly entertaining showcase of all the class's work this term. Well done Year 3.



## Money Sense Workshops

Year 5 and 6 had fun this week learning all about the importance of budgeting with NatWest's Money Sense Workshops.

They were set the task to plan their own birthday parties and with a tight budget of just £150, some tough decisions had to be made!





## Year 5



In RE our new topic is Reconciliation. We looked at 'The Ripple effect'. When we drop a pebble in water, ripples are created. One ripple makes another and the ripples keep spreading. In the same way, one act of kindness towards someone can have an effect on them and in return they can be kind towards another.

## Year 6



A wet Wednesday afternoon resulted in some very creative indoor PE sessions. Year 6 enjoyed table tennis in the dining room, circuits in their own classroom, ball games in the Long room and a Classical Indian dance lesson from Mrs Harshavardhan in Year 5. Every cloud has a silver lining!

## Stars of the week

