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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

We have enjoyed another busy week of learning and fun at Laleham Lea.

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Natural History Museum on Monday—thank you to Mrs Ting, Ms de Rosa and Mrs Hall for accompanying them.

Our PTA held a successful uniform sale on Monday, thank you to all of our volunteers who manned this.

Thank you also for all of your generous Harvest donations so far. If you have not had chance to donate yet, Monday is the deadline so we can take your much-needed donations to Purley Food Hub.

As well as being the month of the Holy Rosary, October is also Black History Month and students from Year 1-6 enjoyed fun drama workshops with Perform for Schools this morning, learning all about important figures from Black History.

A reminder that clubs will not run next Monday due to Parent Consultations. Hopefully you have all had the chance to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points Scores

Wulstan

This week—221

Total—583

Mayne

This week—252

Total—541

Edmund

This week—226

Total—496

Alban

This week - 186

Total—475

Dates for your diary

- Monday Oct 13th—Food Hub donations deadline
- Monday Oct 13th & Thurs 16th - Parent consultations
- Tuesday Oct 14th—Y5 Mass at John the Baptist
- Friday Oct 17th—Y5 Class Assembly 9am
- Monday Oct 20th-Friday Oct 31st—Half Term
- Tuesday Nov 4th—St George's Cathedral (Years 4-6)
- Monday Nov 10th—Individual & sibling photos
- Tuesday Nov 11th—Travelling Crib at Lambeth Palace Reception—Year 3)
- Wednesday Nov 13th—Catholic Schools Quiz
- Thursday Nov 13th—Army Museum Trip—Y6



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



In our Celebration of the Word assembly this week we explored our Catholic Social Teaching principals of Solidarity and Human Dignity through the story of the mustard seed.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!". He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. (Luke 17:5-6)

Gospel Values

Well done to this week's Gospel Values award winner for showing our values of **Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness** and **Hope**.



Month of the Holy Rosary

October is a month especially dear to the Catholic heart. Traditionally, it is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. October reminds us of the mystery of time and God's providence. Mary, through the Rosary, helps us to meditate on the life of Jesus—the mysteries of His joy, His suffering, and His glory—so that our lives may be conformed more fully to His. ***Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, intercede for us. Help us to meditate on the mysteries of your Son with love and fidelity. May our lives reflect His light, and may we become instruments of peace in the world.***

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

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month and students have been learning all about important figures from Black History. Today Years 1-6 took part in fun drama workshops with Perform for Schools, whilst Nursery and Reception have enjoyed fun drumming sessions in Music.



Nursery

This week Nursery have been looking exploring 2D Shapes, including:

- Naming 2D Shapes and discussing their properties.
- Listening to a story called 'Shapes are Everywhere' by Charles Ghigna
- Playing the 'Dotty Dinosaur' game to reinforce turn taking.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity focusing on repeated patterns.
- Reinforcing our fine motor skills by using the pegboards to create a 2D shape.
- Using a variety of materials to create our own shape collage.
- We also really enjoyed a fun 2D shape hunt in the EYFS garden.
- Next week we are challenging ourselves by looking at 3D shapes!



Reception



We've had a wonderful week in Reception! As part of our All About Me topic, we learned about different types of residences and the many places we all live. The children loved creating their own fantastic houses using 2D shapes.

We also learnt about hibernation and took part in a fun activity to show our understanding of which animals hibernate and which do not. The children were particularly fascinated by bats, and we enjoyed a separate lesson all about them!

We explored the meaning of the Harvest Festival and discussed the importance of helping those less fortunate than ourselves. A big thank you to all the parents who have already kindly donated - your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Year 1

We have worked in mixed groups to hunt for non-fiction text features in books. Well done to all the children for drawing on their knowledge of different texts and identifying and explaining key aspects of fiction and nonfiction texts.

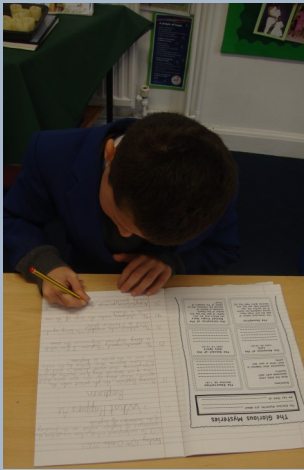


Year 2



Year 2 have been learning all about the Holy Rosary this week as we celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary in October.

Year 3



In RE Year 3 have been learning about the Sacrament of Baptism and reflecting on what it means to a Christian to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have engaged in deep and meaningful learning across the curriculum. In RE, pupils analysed powerful Biblical quotes on human dignity and equality, sparking thoughtful reflections and meaningful discussions. They also made insightful links to Black History Month, exploring how these values shape our shared history and society today.

For their homework they channelled their creativity to produce stunning collages inspired by the vibrant and dynamic work of Charles McGee. Their artwork beautifully celebrates individuality, community and expression.

What a week filled with inspiration, reflection and creativity!

Year 5



Year 5 have made amazing posters all about the important work of the St Vincent De Paul Society this week.

Year 6



On Monday, our Year 6 students had an amazing day at the Natural History Museum in London. They learnt about volcanoes and earthquakes and were fascinated by these powerful Earth forces.

They also joined a biodiversity workshop, classifying insects. Their curiosity and teamwork were impressive as they explored biodiversity's importance. We're so proud of their enthusiasm and the knowledge they've gained.

Stars of the week

