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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

What a busy half term we have enjoyed, culminating in a wonderful Year 5 assembly this morning. It was lovely to welcome Year 5 parents for our first class-led assembly of this academic year and our Year 5 students did amazing job.

Our first parent consultations of this year also took place this week. I hope you found these useful in planning how to support your child this year.

We have a very busy second half of term to look forward to with PTA Pizza Nights. Discos, trips to St George's Cathedral, The Travelling Nativity, our own Nativity Plays and Carol Concert, and much more.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and peaceful half term break. A reminder we return in winter uniform on November 3rd.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points Scores

Wulstan

This week—181

Total—764

Mayne

This week—197

Total—738

Alban

This week—254

Total—729

Edmund

This week—203

Total—699

Dates for your diary

- Monday Oct 20th-Friday Oct 31st—Half Term
- Tuesday Nov 4th—St George's Cathedral (Years 4-6)
- Monday Nov 10th—Individual & sibling photos
- Friday Nov 7th—Y5&6 Pizza Night (PTA)
- Friday Nov 7th—Catholic Schools' Cross Country
- Tuesday Nov 11th—Travelling Crib at Lambeth Palace Reception—Year 3)
- Wednesday Nov 13th—Catholic Schools Quiz
- Thursday Nov 13th—Army Museum Trip—Y6
- Friday Nov 21st—PTA Disco Nursery-Y4
- Monday Dec 1st —Junior Carols 6pm
- Friday December 5th—Nativity Plays 9.15 & 11am



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



In our Celebration of the Word assembly this week we looked at the importance of giving thanks through the story of the ten lepers and saw how this links to our Catholic Social Teaching principles of Human Dignity, Solidarity and Preferential Option for the Poor.

Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:19).

Gospel Values

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



School Council



We would like to introduce ourselves as the new School Council team for Laleham Lea. We have already had two meetings this half term where we have discussed the school menu and the clubs we offer. We checked that we had a variety of different foods throughout the week, made slight changes and now the menu is ready to start in November.

We also discussed the possibility of having an International Day. This would be a chance to wear our cultural clothes and celebrate our rich school diversity. We are planning to organise this in the Spring or Summer term.

Improvements to the playground were discussed such as outdoor chalkboards.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to updating you next term.

From the Laleham Lea School Council 2025/6.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Continuing our Black History Month Celebrations, our talented Orchestra performed an amazing song from South Africa called 'Siyahamba' in our special assembly on Tuesday. Two of our Year 6 Students also explained all about their traditional dress from Nigeria and Ghana and sang one of their favourite Gospel songs. You can see a video of their performance on our social media channels.

Harvest Donations



Thank you so much for your generous Harvest donations. These were taken to Purley Food Hub on Wednesday to be distributed to local families in need.

Origami Club



In our Origami Club this week students enjoyed making Diyas to celebrate Diwali.

Nursery

This week nursery have been exploring 3D shapes, including:

- Listening to the story 'Captain Vincible and the Space Shapes'.
- Investigating 3D shapes—'Will it roll?' 'Will it slide?', 'Will it stack?'
- Recording information about how many 3D shapes we can find.
- A cutting and sticking activity categorising 3D shapes into the correct groups.
- Reinforcing turn taking by playing a 3D shape domino game.
- The children have also been learning about Diwali and participating in a variety of activities to support their learning.



Reception



We've had a very busy and enjoyable final week of the term!

As part of our Black History Month learning, we explored the story of The Spider Weaver and even made our own beautiful little spiders and webs. In RE, we learned about other faiths and focused on Judaism, creating our own fantastic pictures of a synagogue.



We also joined in with Diwali celebrations by listening to the story of Rama and Sita, and we're looking forward to making some Diwali crafts when we return after half term.

Well done to all our Reception children for a truly fantastic first term - they have learned and achieved so much already!

Wishing all our parents and families a lovely, restful half-term break

Year 1



Year 1 enjoyed using their sense of taste this week in a fun blind 'taste test' in science.

They sampled lemon, chocolate and cucumber amongst other things and described what they could taste.

Year 2



In Year 2, we have created parrots made of felt in Art and Design linked to our English topic about Pirates.

Year 3



The children have been learning about fossils in our Science lesson. They layered up bread to represent the different layers of sediment that build up during the process of fossilisation. In between the layers that added jelly snakes. They then helped wrap the layers up in cling film and used books to apply pressure. After half term they are going to look and see if they have managed to create their own fossil prints of the snakes.

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been exploring an extract from *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverley Naidoo, examining how stories can take place in settings that feel unfamiliar to us. The children carefully evaluated the themes of hardship and perseverance shown by Naledi and Tiro as they embarked on a perilous journey through the desert to Johannesburg.

Inspired by the text, pupils wrote heartfelt informal letters from Naledi's perspective, making an urgent plea for Mamma to return home. To enrich their writing, they also incorporated simple Afrikaans sentences,

adding authenticity and depth to their work.

The class showed great empathy and maturity in their reflections, and their writing beautifully captured the emotions and determination of the characters.

Year 5



Well done to our amazing Year 5 students for a terrific assembly this morning on the story of creation. They debated science vs theology and highlighted the importance of us all being one of God's stewards.

Year 6



Last week, our talented Year 6 students transformed cardboard boxes, Modroc, and a lot of imagination into magnificent model volcanoes! Their creativity and craftsmanship made the classroom erupt with excitement and learning!



Stars of the week

