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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

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

Year 1 and 2 had a great time watching 'The Snowflake' at the Polka Theatre on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Khan for organising this and to our parent volunteers for helping on the day.

On Monday our Year 4-6 students are travelling to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices Choir. Collection details have been emailed to all parents for after the show, please let Mrs Edwards know if you are unsure of any arrangements.

On Tuesday next week our footballers face St Aidan's in the Small Schools Cup and Year 1 and 2 will be visiting Purley Library on Wednesday.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Wulstan

This week—245

Total—2091

Alban

This week—244

Total—2018

Edmund

This week—203

Total—1968

Mayne

This week—269

Total—1965

Dates for your Diary

- Jan 19th—Young Voices Yrs. 4-6
- Jan 20th—Football vs St Aidan's
- Jan 21st—Year 1&2 Library Trip
- Jan 28th—Maths Quiz @ Thomas Becket School
- Jan 29th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- Feb 3rd—Year 1 Toys Workshop
- Feb 12th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- Feb 13th—Toyshops Workshop Nursery—Y2
- Feb 26th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 9th—Science Museum Y3
- March 11th—Science Quiz @ St Mary's
- March 12th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 20th—LAMDA exams
- March 26th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 27th—Term ends 2pm.



The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word assembly on Monday we learnt all about Jesus' baptism and what it means to make a bold statement like God made about his son.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)



Gospel Values

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



New Term Mass

Thank you to Father John for celebrating a new term Mass with us at The John Fisher Chapel on Tuesday.



Mini Vinnies

We received a lovely letter and certificate from the St Vincent de Paul Society thanking us for our reverse advent calendar donations. Items were given to families on low income and other vulnerable local people, such as women living in hostels, as part of the group's care product gift packs.



Liturgy

Year 6 girls gave a beautiful musical accompaniment to their liturgy this week.

Psalm 118 24

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."



Nursery

This week Nursery continued learning about winter with lots of fun activities, including:

- Listening to the story 'Sneezy the Snowman' and receiving a letter from Olaf encouraging us to attempt maths challenges and help Sneezy return to normal.
- Listening to the story 'Jack Frost' and answering questions to reinforce our understanding of the story.
- Participating in an ice melting experiment. Using extended vocabulary to discuss what happens and the changes that take place, for example—ice being a solid and turning into a liquid. We have also been extending our vocabulary using the word 'prediction'.
- Using a variety of mark making tools to design our own winter clothes, for differentiated work attempting to complete the repeated pattern scarves.



Reception



Reception class are thoroughly enjoying our new Space topic. The 'Space Facts' they brought into school for their home learning were quite literally out of this world! Thank you for supporting them at home; it was lovely to see the children so eager to share their new knowledge with their friends.

Our Liturgy focus this week was on peace-making and spreading joy. The children reflected beautifully on what these words mean, offering some lovely prayers and making valuable contributions to our class discussions.

To help us remember this important message, we crafted fantastic, colourful 'Spreading Joy' hats. We hope that wearing them reminds the children (and all of us!) to spread a little happiness in everything we do.

Year 1



Year 1 have been working hard this week in their Maths lessons as they learnt to identify numbers using different representations.

They have extended this knowledge with challenging homework which involves counting in tens and working with numbers up to 20 and beyond.

Year 2



In Year 2 we have been learning about symmetry in Maths. We have created symmetrical face pictures to demonstrate this.

Year 3



This week, Year 3 travelled back in time to become archaeologists! The students were presented with images of Ancient Egyptian artefacts and tasked with a challenge to work out what each object was used for simply by looking at it. It was wonderful to hear their creative theories and lively discussions as they examined the items. After making their predictions, the children read the descriptions and matched them to the correct objects.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been developing their journalism skills by producing their own newspaper articles about the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami. Marked as one of the most devastating natural disasters in modern history, the tsunami was triggered by a powerful undersea earthquake off the coast of Indonesia, resulting in catastrophic destruction across countries bordering the Indian Ocean.



Year 5

Year 5 are enjoying their new class book 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' and have been learning all about the key characters.



Kung Fu Champ

Well done to our Y1 Kung Fu star for achieving his black belt recently.



Year 6

Our Year 6 students have showcased their amazing creativity by designing stunning dioramas for their North America topic. These projects, created at home, captured the diverse cultures, landscapes, and fascinating facts about the continent.



Polka Theatre Trip

Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time at the Polka Theatre on Wednesday seeing 'The Snowflake'.



Stars of the week

