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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed another action-packed week at Laleham Lea culminating with an absolutely wonderful Year 3 class assembly this morning. The class performed a showcase of all they have been learning about this term including the Egyptians, skeletons and The Lost Sheep with song, dance and prayer which was thoroughly enjoyed by students, staff and parents alike.

Our Year 6 Math Quizzers came so close to victory in the Croydon Catholic schools' heat of the Quiz Club UK Maths Quiz on Wednesday. Two teams travelled to Thomas Becket school and battled over 30 tough questions. Our 'team 1' led for most of the quiz, but finished runners up in the end with our 'team 2' securing a very respectable 7th place. We are eagerly awaiting to see if their scores were enough for a semi-final spot. Well done everyone!

On Thursday we welcomed Judi and Ted Fawcett from the charity Empowering Vulnerable Children in Uganda to talk about the important work they do and how we can support them this year. Mrs Morbin has written to parents this week with more information on the charity and how we will be supporting them.

Next week our Year 2 students will be visiting the British Wildlife Centre and we are looking forward to welcoming Father John in on Thursday too. I know students are always keen to see him and show him their work.

A polite reminder that children should be walked all the way to the school gates and not left alone before the school doors open at 8.20am please to ensure everyone's safety.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Wulstan

This week— 263

Total—2640

Alban

This week—257

Total—2257

Edmund

This week—247

Total—2487

Mayne

This week—175

Total—2462

Dates for your Diary

- Feb 3rd—Year 6 Mass at John the Baptist
- Feb 5th—Y2 Trip British Wildlife Centre
- Feb 12th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- Feb 13th—Toyshops Workshop Nursery—Y2
- Feb 13th—Mufti Day for EVCU— Uganda colours
- 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 19th—Break the rules day for EVCU
- March 20th—LAMDA exams
- March 23rd—Easter Concert
- 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 that the first disciples were born into families of fishermen. Jesus called them and they gave up everything to follow him.

The children also heard that God has a deeper purpose for us all. God invites us to hear his call and respond to the amazing plans he has for us.

Gospel Values

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



EVCU Assembly

We were excited to welcome representatives from Empowering Vulnerable Children in Uganda for a special assembly on Thursday. They told us all about the important work they do and we will be supporting them with lots of fundraising activities this year.



Racial Justice Mass

Use the link below to watch the Racial Justice Mass at St George's Cathedral on Sunday.

For more information contact:
caritas@southwark-rcaos.org.uk
07521 425400

Principal Celebrant:
Archbishop John Wilson

Racial Justice Sunday 2026
Sunday 1st February, 10am
St George's Cathedral, Southwark

After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments and conversations!

You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream by scanning the QR code or by using the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgI>

Nursery—Catholic Social Teaching

Nursery have been looking at why it's important to share knowledge and remind others about Human Dignity—their Catholic Social Teaching principle.

The class had a discussion, answered questions and then created a poster.

By living out Catholic Social Teaching principles we can build a world of love, peace and respect.



Nursery



This week Nursery have been very busy and enjoyed exploring 'prepositions'. This included extending their vocabulary to describe the position of where something is, e.g. 'under, over, above, below, beside, next to through and between.' They have also:

- Listened to 'A Bugs Big Trip' and answered questions about the story.
- Completed a cutting and sticking activity to show the shape's position.
- Played a preposition board game—to reinforce turn taking.
- Followed instructions to complete a preposition drawing task.
- Played hide and seek with the Gruffalo

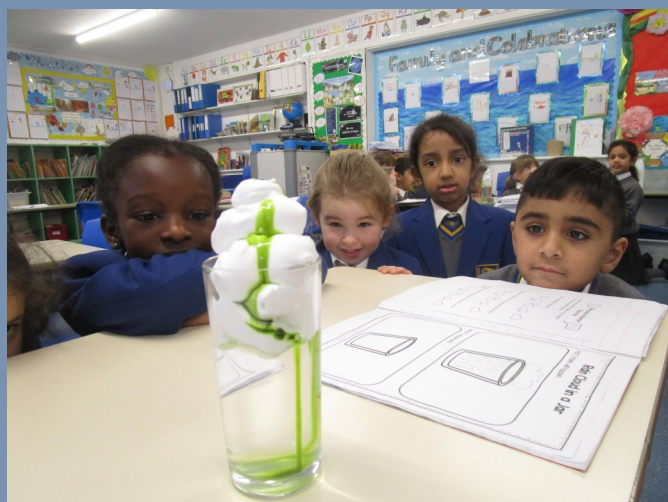
Reception

This week our focus turned to the stars as we explored the heart-warming story of Beegu. The children fully immersed themselves in the story, using their fantastic performance skills to act out Beegu's adventures on Earth. This sparked some truly empathetic writing, with the children sharing wonderful ideas on how to comfort our lonely alien friend and make her feel welcome.

In Awe & Wonder, we reflected on our unique identities and God's love. We worked together to create a beautiful display for our prayer table, carefully writing our names on a large poster to celebrate that Jesus knows and loves every one of us. The celestial theme continued in Maths, where we have been mastering the concepts of "more than" and "fewer than." The children used topical glittery stars to compare groups, showing fantastic engagement and mathematical thinking.



Year 1



As part of their topics on the Seasons and Weather, Year 1 enjoyed their "Raincloud in a Jar" experiment.

They made some predictions and then wrote their results down after learning that clouds hold water and become too heavy, eventually creating rain. There was lots of excitement and joy once the raindrops started falling.

Year 2

This week in Art, Year 2 have been using clay to replicate shapes in 3D form and used tools to create texture of various fruits and used techniques to attach clay pieces.



Year 3



Well done to our amazing Year 3 class this morning for a wonderful showcase of all of their hard work this term in assembly.

Parents joined us for an informative assembly covering everything from Egyptians to Skeletons and much more. Well done everyone for your hard work.

Year 4



Small Hands, Big Hearts! Raising Awareness for Vulnerable Children in Uganda.

Our Year 4 classroom has been transformed into a sea of colour and compassion. After researching the lives of children in Uganda and attending a special assembly, our pupils have created powerful awareness posters.

They applied the Catholic Social Teaching of human dignity to emphasise that every child deserves respect, safety, and a childhood full of joy. They also put our class principle of distributive justice to action, advocating for a fairer world where the "common good" includes the needs of the most vulnerable.

"I didn't know that some children have to walk miles just to get to water. It made me realise that water is a gift from God and I am so lucky."

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed creating reflective posters during PSHE/RSE lessons this week for our fundraising initiative for Empowering Vulnerable Children in Uganda. They drew pictures and wrote well researched facts and slogans to support their engaging posters.



Year 6

Year 6 participated in a carousel of activities focused on the principles of evolution and inheritance in Science week. The session explored Charles Darwin's work on how advantageous traits are passed to offspring to ensure species survival.

Students analysed specific adaptations in giant anteaters and dromedary camels, and compared the differing environmental pressures found on the rainforest floor versus the rainforest canopy. This study allowed students to see how specific physical traits enable species to thrive in highly specialised habitats.



Croydon Catholic Schools' Heat—Quiz Club UK Maths Quiz



Well done to both our teams who came 2nd and 7th overall, a tremendous effort!

Stars of the week

