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Dear Parents,

I cannot quite believe we are almost at the end of the first half of this spring term. It certainly isn't feeling very spring-like but that hasn't stopped our students from working their hardest as always.

Yesterday our Year 2 students enjoyed a wonderful day The British Wildlife Centre in Lingfield learning all about small mammals and their habitats. Thanks you Ms Ladio, Mr Mehmet and our parent helpers for facilitating this.

On Monday Year 5 will be visiting the Imperial War Museum as part of their history topic and on Tuesday the class have kindly been invited to Coloma School to see the dress rehearsal of Bugsy Malone.

Also on Tuesday our Year 3, 4 and 6 students will be visiting Muslim Cultural & Welfare Association of Sutton as part of their RE work learning about other religions.

Finally, next Friday Nursery to Year 2 will be enjoying a drama workshop all about toys with Perform for Schools.

We are all looking forward to our mufti day next Friday for EVCU—more details of how to donate are on the next page. Thank you in advance as always for your generosity with our charitable giving.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Wulstan

This week—375

Total—3015

Alban

This week—318

Total—2575

Edmund

This week—226

Total—2713

Mayne

This week—342

Total—2804

Dates for your Diary

- Feb 9th—Y5 Imperial War Museum
- Feb 10th—Y3/Y4/Y6—Mosque Visit
- 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 16th—Easter Concert
- March 19th—Break the rules day for EVCU
- 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 about guidance for living a Christ-centred life. We discussed 'the Man of Beatitudes', St Pier Giorgio Frassati. We were invited to be people of the Beatitudes, following Jesus and St Pier Giorgio's example

"Jesus said to his disciples, "You are the salt of the Earth". **Matthew 5:13**



Gospel Values

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



Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda

On Friday 13th February we will have Mufti Day to help raise funds of £600 for the vital work of Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda. Students are invited to attend school wearing the colours of the Ugandan flag (Black, Yellow, and Red).

The money will be used to equip the Nursery with teaching materials, games, toys, books and playground equipment. Donations should be made directly to the charity using the reference

'LLea' to: Account Number 73654214, Sort Code 200574.



Nursery

In Nursery this week the children have been learning about transport, using a variety of junk modelling materials to create their own modes of transport and discussing how and where we could travel. The children listened to the story 'The School Bus Trip' and discussed the story and its characters, answering questions to reinforce their comprehension.

They then played the 'I spy' counting game and using a number line, identified how many different types of transport can be seen.



Reception

It has been a very busy week in Reception as we explored the concept of time. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to tell the time on the hour, and half past the hour, making their own clocks and playing interactive games to bring their new skills to life.

In our Awe & Wonder lesson, we were inspired by one of our pupils to delve into the bible story of Daniel and the Lions.

Peter Paul Rubens' masterpiece provoked deep thinking and some truly fascinating 'I wonder...' questions. We were particularly moved by one thoughtful suggestion that Daniel is looking toward the sky because that is where God and the angels live.



Year 1

With the arrival of Storm Chandra last week we decided to make our own rain gauge and measure how much water there will be after a week of rainfall. We made our predictions and then two students helped Mrs Khan and measured 8mls of rainfall in the rain gauge.



Year 2

This week our Year 2 students enjoyed a wonderful day out at The British Wildlife Centre on Thursday in Lingfield, learning all about small mammals and their habitats. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Year 3

Our Year 3 mathematicians have been busy taking their learning beyond the desk this week! We've been exploring metres, centimetres, and millimetres by measuring objects all around the classroom.

The children had a fantastic time putting their skills to the test. The highlight was definitely working in pairs to measure each other's height! Through this hands-on fun, they've learned how to use rulers and metre sticks accurately and are starting to understand how different units of measurement work together.



Year 4

This week, our Year 4 pupils swapped their school uniforms for camel hair (and a few creative substitutes!) as they stepped into the sandals of one of history's most important figures: John the Baptist.

As part of their RE, the students were tasked with imagining the inner thoughts of John, as he emerged from the Judean wilderness to announce the coming of the Messiah.

Each pupil wrote an original first-person monologue, focusing on the urgency of John's message and his humble role as the "voice crying out in the desert."



Year 5

A Collaborative Floor Book activity in RE

A Floor Book is a large-scale, shared diary of the class's spiritual and academic journey. This week the pupils focused on the life of Blessed Miguel Pro, a Jesuit priest who served in Mexico during a time of religious persecution.

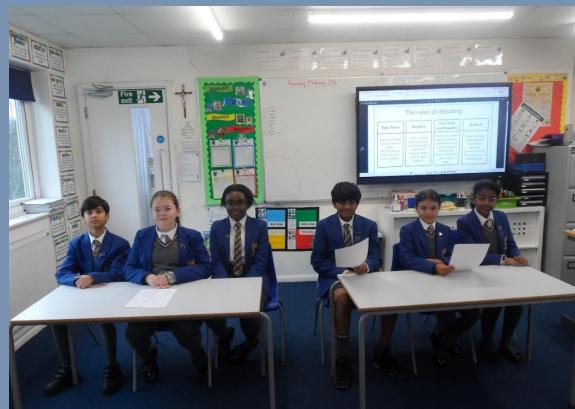
The lesson encourages pupils to reflect on the concept of "God's Will" - not as a distant plan, but as a daily commitment to love and service, even when it is difficult. They reflected around the key question: "What are the qualities you see in Fr. Miguel that you would most like to see in yourself?"



Year 6

This week, our Year 6 students were introduced to the world of debating, exploring the topic: "Should homework be banned?". They constructed arguments, listened carefully to each other, and expressed their views confidently.

Fantastic critical thinking skills, teamwork and respect for different opinions, Year 6!



Stars of the week

