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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

What a busy week we have enjoyed as we start the second half of this spring term and begin our Lenten journey.

On Tuesday Year 3 visited John the Baptist for Mass which was celebrated by Father John.

On Thursday we welcomed Mary Cater from CAFOD for a special assembly on Catholic Social Teaching and Year 5&6 also took part in a special workshop.

Today Year 6 are visiting Tate Britain to see to see 'Turner and Constable: Rivals and Originals' - the definitive exhibition of the 250th year of the artists' births, as well as other famous artworks. Thank you to Mrs de Cintra for organising this.

A huge well done to Year 4 this morning who transported us all to the jungle for their fabulous assembly filled with drama, dance and song.

A reminder that next Thursday is World Book Day—details were emailed to parents earlier this week, we cannot wait to see everyone's costumes.

Also next week, good luck to our Year 6 maths superstars who made it through to the semi-final of the Quiz Club Maths Quiz which takes place remotely next Tuesday.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Wulstan

Total—3015

Alban

Total—2575

Edmund

Total—2713

Mayne

Total—2804

Dates for your Diary

- March 3rd—Maths' Quiz Semi Final
- March 5th—World Book Day
- March 6th—Rise Theatre visit to school
- March 9th—Science Museum Y3
- March 11th—Science Quiz @ St Mary's
- March 11th—Girls Football @ Coloma
- 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 trust as we begin our Lenten journey. We heard all about when Jesus was tempted to stray from God's way, God's Word in the Scriptures gave Him the strength to say 'No' to temptation. Jesus knows that we too can sometimes be tempted to make the wrong choices, he invites us to say, 'Yes!' to God and trust Him especially at difficult times.

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry." Mathew 4:1-2

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 Donations

To date, the charity have received £125 in donations from Laleham Lea

Thank you for all your and the children's efforts to raise money to support EVC's work.

Our next event is our 'Break the Rules' day on March 19th.

Year 3 Mass

This week Year 3 attended a mass at John the Baptist as part of our class rota and observed the many changes in Church during this special time of Lent. This included the use of violet vestments and the removal of Floral decorations. Purple (or violet) becomes the dominant liturgical colour, symbolizing



penance and royalty and flowers are removed from the sanctuary to promote a spirit of simplicity and fasting.

CAFOD - Catholic Social Teaching

Thank you to Mary Cater who visited us from CAFOD on Thursday to remind us all about the important work they do and how, by upholding our Catholic Social Teaching Principles, we can support them too.



Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring spring. The children used a variety of water paints to paint their own daffodil. Other activities this week included:

- Completing the spring themed phase 2 initial sounds.
- Exploring a small bunch of flowers using a magnifying glass and talking about what we saw.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity—placing the parts of a plant into the correct order and naming them.
- Planting our own Sunflower seeds



Reception



It was a "roaring" start to the week as Reception dived headfirst into our brand-new Dinosaur topic! The classroom has been buzzing with prehistoric excitement as the children began their journey as mini-palaeontologists!

I was incredibly impressed by the home learning brought in; the children shared some fascinating facts, and some excitedly shared photos of their trip to the Natural History Museum.



Throughout the week, we have been categorising dinosaurs as herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores, exploring what these giants liked to eat. The children created some fantastic dinosaur pictures and enjoyed making fossil imprints and dinosaur feet!

Year 1

Year 1 were tasked with creating their own castles as part of their half term homework for their topic on fairy tales. What a great job Year 1!



Year 2



In Year 2, we have been learning about how to be a good friend in our RSE/PSHE lesson. We have created these posters collaboratively to help us remember that having great friendships is a treasure.

As Jesus said, **'Love one another and I have loved you.'**

Year 3

This week, Year 3 has been diving into the world of information texts! The children have been busy identifying the key features of non-chronological reports, learning how to spot subheadings, fact boxes, and technical vocabulary.

They are becoming experts at navigating non-fiction layouts and understanding how to group related information together.



Year 4

Well done to Year 4 for a wonderful assembly today which transported us all to the jungle for a fabulous adventure with drama and song. The class told the beautiful story of Will and Oona the elephant from 'Running Wild' which also linked to our Catholic Social teaching Principle of Stewardship.



Year 5

This week Year 5 pupils have spent some quality time at home, making their own 3D Projects.

A model of a filled wardrobe inspired by their literacy book 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'.



Star Musician

Every week Mrs Corrigan awards the star musician prize to children in the Early Years.

Well done to these two superstars who were awarded the prize this week and got to wear the star musician cape!



Year 6

This week Year 6 have made the most of the sunny weather and investigated shadows for their new science topic of 'Light'.



Stars of the week

