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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

It has been a short, but busy week this week which started with our Crazy Hair Day, our final fundraising activity for EVCU. It was lovely to see how creative everyone had been and we all had a great day. Thank you for all of your generous donations; we are eagerly awaiting the final total raised from the charity.

On Tuesday we welcomed parents, grandparents and governors to join us for our May Procession with Father John. Thank you Father John and to everyone who joined us for this special occasion. Our shrine at the front of the school is looking beautiful with all of your lovely flowers.

I am delighted to let you know that our recent LAMDA students achieved an incredible 44 Distinctions and 1 Merit during the most recent set of assessments. Well done to everyone, and to Mr McDowall for our best ever results! Certificates and examiner comment sheets were handed out in assembly today.

Next week our Year 6 students are off on their PGL trip and get back just in time for the Catholic Schools' Football and Netball tournament at Margaret Roper next Saturday. We hope they have a fabulous week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Mayne

This week— 188

Total— 4513

Wulstan

This week— 186

Total—4454

Edmund

This week— 182

Total—3979

Alban

This week – 173

Total—3964

Dates for your Diary

- 11th—15th May —Y6 PGL
- 12th May—Year 2 Mass JTB
- 16th May—Netball/Football @ Margret Roper
- 19th May—KS1 Informal Music Concert—9.15am
- 22nd May—Break for Half Term
- 1st June—Y3/4 Trip to Shrek's Adventure
- 4th June—Y1 Sutton Ecology Centre Trip
- 5th June—Y5 Aqua Sports Trip
- 8th June—Whole school phot
- 10th June—Sports Day (KS2 AM, Rec/KS1 PM)
- 22nd June—KS2 Play & Prize Giving 2pm



The Catholic life of the school



May Procession

On Wednesday we celebrated our May Procession on our school playground. A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us for this. It was truly a lovely morning where our school community gathered together made the occasion feel even more special.

We were honoured to have Fr. John lead the celebration. The children participated with such reverence it was a wonderful testament to the spirit of our school.



Crazy Hair Day



We had great fun with our Crazy Hair Day on Tuesday and we are eagerly awaiting an update from EVCU to see if made our target of £600 to help support their work.



Gospel Values

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



Nursery

This week Nursery have been space explorers! After watching a video showing what it is like in space, the children drew their own space pictures and used a variety of materials to design their own space rocket and space posters.

We have also completed a cutting and sticking activity, placing the pictures in the correct order of size (from smallest to biggest), listened to the story: 'Whatever next' and discussed our favourite parts of the book.

Finally, in small groups the children played a game of matching pairs of aliens which reinforced turn taking.



Reception



We have had a truly lovely week in Reception! One of our highlights was the May Procession; the Reception children were so respectful as they placed flowers on the Mary altar and sang hymns beautifully. Inspired by this, we have been busy crafting our own vibrant flowers and writing prayers to decorate our classroom prayer table.



In our literacy this week, we have been enjoying the classic tale of Hansel and Gretel. The children used their imaginations to design and build their own spectacular houses using a variety of collage materials - though thankfully, ours were made of paper rather than sweets!

Year 1



This week in RE Year 1 wrote some beautiful prayers of thanks to Mary, our Mother, as we celebrate the beginning of new life and the start of summer.

Throughout the month we will share some ideas of how we can honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way and allow her to conquer our hearts.

Year 2



In Year 2, we have been creating animals using clay in Art linked with our learning in Geography and Science regarding Animals in their habitats.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 travelled back in time to Ancient Pompeii. We used the book *Escape from Pompeii* to spark exciting ideas for our own adventure stories. The children worked in small groups to explore the city through drama and role-play.

By acting out the moment the earth began to tremble, they developed great descriptive language for their characters and escape plans. These activities have helped everyone gather brilliant ideas, and the children are now ready to write their very own escape narratives!



Year 4



This week, Year 4 pupils combined their creativity with their learning in RE by designing their own DVD covers based on the story of Paul and Silas Imprisoned. The children explored the powerful message of faith, courage and hope shown by Paul and Silas, even during difficult times.

There was imagination, creativity and thoughtful discussions shown throughout the lesson. Well done, Year 4!

Year 5



Year 5 pupils enjoyed making creative multimedia pictures in their art lesson this week. They painted space and planets first and then stuck beautifully decorated cut outs for their spaceships.

Children are in awe of this topic in science lessons and have been inquisitive by asking many interesting questions.

Lamda Drama Results

Huge congratulations to everyone who recently sat their Lamda drama exam, we are incredibly proud & excited to announce that there was a grand total of 44 Distinctions and 1 Merit.

Well done to all, what a fantastic achievement!



Year 6



Year 6 are working hard on rehearsals for this year's summer production. The students have been busy learning their lines, practicing songs, and mastering their choreography.

It is great to see the year group collaborating so well to prepare for their final primary school performance.

Stars of the week

