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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a busy second week with much more to come this half term.

Next week is our Open Week, please do let your friends and family who may be considering a new school, or applying for a Nursery or Reception 2027 place, know - we would be delighted to give them a warm Laleham Lea welcome.

We also have our Curriculum Evening on Thursday, offering parents the opportunity to meet their child's class teacher/s and ask any questions about the year ahead.

A reminder that school hats (blue felt for boys and blue felt hats and straw hats for girls) are a compulsory uniform item. We will be holding a small PTA second-hand hat sale at pick up today (£5 per item).

The nasal flu team from Croydon NHS were in school today. If your child did not receive the vaccine, you can contact the team directly to arrange this at an external venue at a later date.

Finally, whilst we always want to celebrate birthdays and special occasions, recent changes in legislation (Benedict's Law) mean that we have had to review treats being brought in for classmates. Please can parents ensure that any items being given to the class are individually wrapped and clearly labelled with ingredients to ensure we can keep our whole community safe.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

- 21st—25th September – Open Week
- 22nd September — Mass at JFC (Years 1-6)
- 23rd September—Mass at St Gorges' Y5 Pupils
- 24th September—Swimming Y5 & Y6
- 24th September — Curriculum Eve (Nursery—Year 6), 5.30pm
- 1st October — School Photography—Individual & Siblings
- 12th October — Parent Consultation Meetings (3.30—5.30pm)



The Catholic life of the school



Celebration of The Word

On Monday our Celebration of The Word assembly focused on being a good friend. We all want to strive be someone who makes peace, makes a change in the way they treat other people, says sorry when they have done something wrong, and forgives and helps others make a change in the way they behave.

“Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?” Matthew 18:21



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 continued learning about Autumn and extended their learning further by participating in a range of activities including:

- Extending our use of mathematical language and placing autumn pictures in order of size, from the smallest to the biggest.
- Exploring our autumn themed sensory tray
- Matching number and quantity of Autumn objects
- Learning our initial sounds
- Using Xylophones to create our own Autumn music, whilst extending our vocabulary using words to describe leaves moving in different ways (Twirling, whirling, floating, spinning and falling)

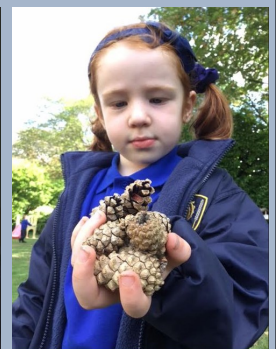
We also extended our learning further by looking at the meaning of Tempo.



Reception

What a fantastic week we have had in Reception! Our 'All About Me' topic has been a huge hit, with the children eagerly taking part in class discussions and sharing their likes and dislikes with new friends.

In Maths this week we have been sharpening our counting skills and practising how to recognise and name numerals. Meanwhile in RE, we took our learning outside to explore the world around us. The children had a wonderful time discovering nature's treasures and sharing all the special sights that made them stop and say "Wow!"



Year 1

Year 1 had a great time this week labelling the parts of the human body on a giant life-size poster. Well done Year 1!



Year 2



In Year 2 this week we wrote a description about ourselves. We practised writing full stops and capital letters as well as using adjectives to describe what we look like and what kind of a person we are.

Year 3

In Science, Year 3 have been exploring a variety of rocks and learning how to group them based on their physical characteristics, such as hardness, appearance, and permeability.



Year 4

What a brilliant week Year 4 have had! The children showed wonderful focus and determination while working hard through all of their assessments.

On top of their tests, we kept up our learning across the curriculum: sharpening our place value skills in Maths, exploring Abram's covenant with God in RE, and diving into the vibrant world of artist Beatriz Milhazes to design miniature coats for Joseph in Art. Excellent work, Year 4!



Year 5

In RE this week, we learned about Moses' first encounter with God in the story of the burning bush.

After reading the passage, the children mapped out Moses' changing emotions and analysed two distinct artistic interpretations of the burning bush. We also reflected on other key figures in the Bible whom God chose to lead and serve.



PTA Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy planning events, fundraising & are interested in supporting the school? Then this could be the opportunity for you! We are on the lookout for 3 parents to help volunteer on the PTA Committee this year.

You will help plan, organise & work together on fun events, raising vital funds for the school. So if this is something of interest then please do contact the school office!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 became taxonomists to organise the natural world.

Using branching classification keys, they identified unknown species and compared birds and mammals to discover shared traits, like being warm-blooded vertebrates, alongside key differences like feathers and fur.



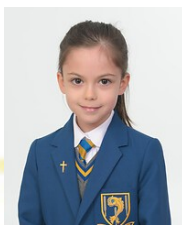
Celebrating Birthdays/Benedict's Law

Celebrating your child's birthday is a special occasion that we want every child to enjoy. However, following recent changes in legislation/introduction of Benedict's Law, we have had to review cakes etc being given out in class.

We kindly ask, if you wish to celebrate your child's birthday with treats for the class, these MUST be individually wrapped, with a clear list of ingredients. Another lovely alternative would be a board game for the class for wet play.

We do have children with severe allergies and we appreciate your understanding as we ensure that every child is kept safe.

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