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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

During this week of Remembrance students across the school have spent time reflecting on the sacrifice of others. On Sunday I joined two of our Year 6 pupils to lay a wreath on behalf of the whole school and on Wednesday we came together for a special service of remembrance with prayers and poems before we observed the two minute silence together.

Also on Wednesday, two teams of Quiz masters attended the Catholic Schools' General Knowledge Quiz and did fantastically well, coming 4th and 6th overall. Well done everyone. Questions were tough, and included: "Which animal cannot swim? A) Polar Bear, B) Elephant, C) Hippo, D) Moose". Do you know?

Our boys football team were unfortunately on the end of a heavy cup defeat to Royal Russell on Wednesday afternoon, losing by 11 goals to 3. Well done to everyone for trying their hardest.

Our Cross Country Runners had much better result today though with a year 5 student taking the Boys Year 5/6 title, a year 4 student came 4th in the Year 3/4 Boys' race and one of Year 3 boys came a very respectable 37th in the Boys Year 3/4 race, competing against many older boys. Well done to everyone for taking part and trying their best on a chilly morning.

Now the weather has turned much colder, please can you ensure your child brings their coat and winter woolly hat to school (as well as their blue felt hast) each day, especially on Wednesday for the Juniors when they are outside all afternoon for PE.

A reminder that it is Odd Socks Day on Monday to start Anti-bullying week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

Remembrance Day



On Sunday, two of our Year 6 pupils proudly represented our entire school community by laying a poppy wreath at the Woodcote Green Remembrance service. They carried out their duty with tremendous maturity, respect, and grace.

On Armistice Day on Wednesday our whole school gathered together to read poems and prayers and observe the two minute silence together.

Thank you to everyone who bought Poppies for the Royal British Legion, we are awaiting the final total of funds raised.

Dates for your Diary

- 16th November—Odd Socks Day
- 19th November—Swimming Y6&5
- 30th November—PTA Film Night
- 3rd December - Swimming Y6&5
- 4th December—EYFS/KS1 Nativities 9.15/11am
- 8th December—Christmas Carols 6pm
- 11th December—End of term 2pm—No Clubs or Late Leavers

The Catholic life of the school

Celebration of The Word



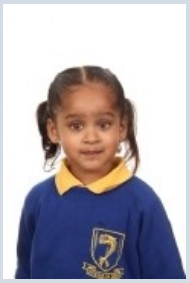
This week in our Celebration of the Word assembly we learnt about how we should always be ready and make our own good choices. We can wait wisely by following God each day and make choices that help us grow closer to Him. We are encouraged to take every opportunity to know Jesus, to love like Him and live as His followers.

We also looked at the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Solidarity (Showing that we care) we need to keep our lights shining brightly by "showing we care" for others every single day, not just when it is convenient. ***"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour". (Matthew 25:13)***

Gospel Values

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







Thank you for all of your generous donations for Cafod last summer—we raised almost £500!

Catholic Schools' General Knowledge Quiz

Well done to our superstar quizzers who came 4th and 6th respectively at the Croydon Catholic Schools' General Knowledge Quiz on Wednesday.
Well done everyone!





Nursery



Nursery have had an exciting week and been busy investigating mixing colours. The children have been experimenting completing different activities including:

- A finger-painting activity, mixing two colours together to make a new colour and talking about how this colour was made.
- Listening to the story 'The boy and the Rainbow' and completing a colouring and sounds activity to reinforce our understanding.
- Creating our own colour collage using a variety of materials.
- Listening to a story called 'Mix it up'



This week the children have learned about Remembrance Day and took time to reflect on that sacrifice of those that have fought in the wars. The children took part in our two minutes silence and completed a painting activity creating their own poppy pictures.

Reception

We have had a very thoughtful and busy week in Reception! We spent time learning about Remembrance Day and honouring the servicemen and women who have fought in wars, taking our handmade poppies along to the whole-school remembrance service.

In Maths, we have been using our fingers to partition numbers and discover different number bonds to 5. Our Literacy lessons centred around Bears in the Night, which helped us explore and practise prepositions. In RE, we learned about the Annunciation and enjoyed acting out the story together. Finally, our Nativity rehearsals are officially underway, and I will be in touch shortly with roles and costume details!











Year 1

Year 1 had a great time at Pizza Express on Wednesday and followed up their visit by writing a detailed recount of the trip. Well done Year , Bellissimo!

Year 2



Year 2 made these beautiful poppy pictures for Remembrance in Art this week.

Year 3

Year 3 carried out an exciting science investigation into how light from the sun can be dangerous and the best ways to protect ourselves. The children applied sun creams with different SPF ratings to Petri dishes containing special reactive UV beads, making sure to leave one dish untreated for comparison.

By carefully observing which beads changed colour in the sunlight, the class was able to work out which cream offered the strongest protection against UV rays.







Year 4

It has been an action-packed week in Year 4! In Geography, the children have been exploring the Campania region of Italy and comparing its physical features to those of the UK.

To bring their learning to life, the class got hands-on creating fantastic 3D models to showcase the contrasting landscapes. Well done on some brilliant, creative work this week, Year 4!







Year 5



Year 5 used chalk on black paper this week to create these atmospheric reflection pictures.

Year 6



This week in Art, Year 6 explored light, shadow, and movement through the work of kinetic artist Julio Le Parc. Inspired by his famous light installations, the children created atmospheric chalk and charcoal sketches before suspending strings of small reflective squares from wooden dowels.

As the hanging elements gently turn, they catch the light and bring a wonderful sense of motion and shimmer to the dramatic contrast of their drawings.

Stars of the week

















Catholic Schools' Cross Country

Well done to the 30 students who took part in the Catholic Schools Cross Country today.

One Year 5 student won the boys' Y5/6 race, one Year 4 student came fourth in the Y3/4 boys race and a Year 3 boy came 37th in his first ever race! Well done everyone.

















Monday 30th November

3.30 – 5.00pm

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