



Kings Langley School News

Issue 9

A note from the Deputy Head - Mrs Jennings

**Character Theme For Next Week: Reflection and Armistice Day:
Self-awareness and honesty**

As we approach Armistice Day (November 11th) as a school we are taking time to reflect on the past, the present and our future. We remember and commemorate those who lost their lives or were affected by war through the planting of our own poppy field (courtesy of the Technology Department).



The House Captains are visiting form groups this week selling poppies for students to buy to support the Poppy Appeal which raises money for the Royal British Legion. We have hung remembrance flags around the school and will hold our traditional two minutes silence on Friday.

School events next week

Monday 14th November -

Friend of Kings Langley
School Meeting - 5pm

Dining room

Wednesday 16th November

Rotary Youth Chef
Competition Event - 6-9pm

Thursday 17th November -

Y10 Virtual Subject
Consultation Evening - 4.15 -
7.45pm



Mrs Pocklington has been delivering assemblies this week to all year groups about Armistice Day – what this means? Why is it important? What we can learn from it? This is then mirrored in form groups when students are asked to reflect on the thought for the week and consider what they can do? How aware of themselves are they and how honest are they about themselves and their behaviours, especially towards others?

Thought For The Week:

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

Theodore Roosevelt.

Character of the Week: Cher Ami, Carrier Pigeon in World War 1

On October 3, 1918, Major Whittlesey and more than 500 men were trapped in a small depression on the side of the hill. Surrounded by enemy soldiers, many were killed and wounded on the first day. By the second day, only a little more than 200 men were still alive or unwounded.

Major Whittlesey sent out several pigeons to tell his commanders where he was, and how bad the trap was. The next afternoon he had only one pigeon left, Cher Ami.

During the afternoon, the American Artillery tried to send some protection by firing hundreds of big artillery rounds into the ravine where the Germans surrounded Major Whittlesey and his men. Unfortunately, the American commanders didn't know exactly where the American soldiers were and started dropping the big shells right on top of them. It was a horrible situation that might have resulted in Major Whittlesey and all his men getting killed by their own army.

Major Whittlesey called for his last pigeon, Cher Ami. He wrote a quick and simple note, telling the men who directed the artillery guns where the Americans were located and asking them to stop. The note that was put in the canister on Cher Ami's left leg simply said:
"We are along the road parallel to 276.4. Our own artillery is dropping a barrage directly on us. For heaven's sake, stop it."

As Cher Ami tried to fly back home, the Germans saw her rising out of the brush and opened fire. For several minutes, bullets zipped through the air all around her. For a minute it looked like the little pigeon was going to fall, that she wasn't going to make it. The doomed American infantrymen were crushed, their last hope was plummeting to earth against a very heavy attack from German bullets.

Somehow Cher Ami managed to spread her wings and start climbing again, higher and higher beyond the range of the enemy guns. The little bird flew 25 miles in only 25 minutes to deliver its message. The shelling stopped, and more than 200 American lives were saved, all because the little bird would never quit trying.



Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to the following students who received their Headteacher commendations from Mr Fisher, Mr Bilton and Mr Burgin for their outstanding achievements on *Languagenut*.



Issac 7A, Porsche 7C, Phoebe 7D, Summa 7G, Marta 7J, Grace 7P, Maddie 7T, Olivia 8C, Millie 8C, Mia 8D, Jamie 8G, Elina 8J, Zoha 8P, Rosie 10D, Amy 10J, Sharleez 10P, Hannah 10G, Patrick 10G and Uzar 11A.



Headteacher Commendations

Following an incredible start to Year 7, the following students were rewarded with a breakfast with Mr Bilton, Mr Fisher and Mrs Stickley—Jack, Lewis, Irrum, Sastika and Kaylani.



Jack 7A—Form captain. Currently has 39 recognition points and an impeccable behaviour record.

Sastika 7A—Currently has 24 recognition points and an impeccable behaviour record. Achieved 666 points on Bedrock last week!

Lewis 7D—Currently has 38 recognition points and an impeccable behaviour record, he has a stanine of 8+ which means his reading age is above 17 years.

Irrum 7G —Currently has 22 recognition points and an impeccable behaviour record. He is a member of the Debating Club and the number 1 interceptor of a ball in the Y7 Netball Squad.

Kaylani 7T—In year admission to KLS, having been home educated for two years before. Currently on 18 recognition points and her form tutor speaks very highly of her work ethic. Impeccable behaviour record.



Headteacher Commendations



Congratulations to Sereena, Nicole, Emily, Talya, Felicity, James and Patrick who were awarded their Headteacher commendations this morning for their sports leadership and outstanding contribution to PE extra-curricular.



Best at Bedrock! Week 9

All of these names have been placed into a prize draw which will be drawn at the end of the term.

Highest points earned in each year group

- Freya- 7T (805 points)
- Adam- 8P (212 points)
- Oscar- 9P (104 points)
- Catherine- 10G (178 points)
- Louis- 11J (97 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Manase- 7G (300%)
- Dylan- 8J (185%)
- Paris- 9C (700%)
- Amber- 10D (64%)
- Amelia- 11C (100%)



Confident voices, strong literacy





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 8th Nov

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Art | Lilia 7J |
| For her knowledge on her colour theory and use of watercolour paints. | |
| Computer Science | Phoebe 8G |
| Excellent work with her key issues information poster on Anti-Semitism. | |
| Drama | James and Hyman 9G |
| Fantastic work on their duologue for their assessment. | |
| English | Riley 11J |
| Excellent work on creative writing. | |
| Food Technology | Kyla 10C |
| Excellent food practical. | |
| Politics | Evie 12OHA |
| Highest mark and grade in her first essay. Well done! | |
| Graphics | Stanley 10C |
| Excellent screen printing. | |
| History | Jess 11P |
| Committed to History revision, attending every single revision session on offer after school; excellent participation in lessons. | |
| Library | Sophie 8D |
| Planned and took the lead on a fun, creative activity for Reading Club. | |
| | |

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Mathematics | Sienna 10G |
| Consistently working hard in lessons. | |
| Physical Education | Carter 10G |
| For an excellent attitude to learning within PE lessons. | |
| Product Design | Archie 12OHA |
| For the extra work put in outside of lessons. | |
| Psychology | Romain 13HOU |
| Working ahead of lessons, taking notes, great demonstration of independent learning. | |
| Sociology | Kim 13ARN |
| Detailed and effective revision mind maps made. | |
| Textiles | Olivia 7A |
| Creative cushion designed and made beautifully. | |
| Year 7 Head of Year | Lewis 7D |
| Excellent work across his subjects | |

Well done to all of our students who have achieved 'student of the week'.

Artwork of the Week



Lilia 7J

The Y7s have been working on their knowledge of colour theory and use of watercolour paints. We have all looked at Henri Matisse's work 'The Goldfish'

This is Lilia's painting which is an excellent example of this, showing beautiful control of the material and strong colour mixing skills.

Very well done!



Star Baker



This weeks Star Baker is
Catherine in 10G
with her delicious marbled loaf cake



Drama News

Drama is hitting the ground running this half term with clubs for all year groups now in full flow.

This week The Senior Club (Years 9 and 10) were cast in their show which will be "The IT" by Vivienne Franzmann. The play is an ensemble performance and relies heavily on the chorus to tell the story of Grace Freemantle - Grace who (according to the chorus) is average, until the day she is not. We are really looking forward to seeing what the cast can create with this fabulous text.

The Senior School Show (Years 11, 12 and 13) have also started their rehearsals for the play "Two" by Jim Cartwright. Set in a pub, the play allows the audience to meet a whole range of characters who drop in for a drink. This student-led show is still looking for students to support with set design and publicity, so if your child is interested, please tell them to speak to one of the Drama teachers.

Lower School Club continues to run on a Monday after school in the Activity Studio. Open to all in Years 7 and 8, it is a great opportunity to meet friends across the years and forms and to develop your performance skills. If your child hasn't tried it yet - then what is stopping them?



A-Level Art



Students in Mr Tubb's A-Level Art group have begun exploring oil paints and the artwork of artist Ryan Hewett.

It is fantastic to see student broaden their painting skills, working on large canvases on easels and developing their wider understanding of contemporary paintings.

Our eleven Yr12 Fine Art students are enjoying working with a different painting medium and at a much larger scale.



Sports News

District Cross Country

This week saw a number of KLS students take part in the very competitive District Cross Country Championships that was held at Abbots Hill School. Conditions were variable across the two days of competition, but our students showed great resilience to earn some very creditable results. The outstanding performance came from Oliver (11P) who won the Year 11 Boys race by over 300m in a very dominant display of running. Other notable performances came from Ruby (7A) who was 5th in the Year 7 Girls, Rob (7G) who was 9th in the Year 7 Boys, Lewis (8C) who was 3rd in the Year 8 Boys, Grace (9D) who was 3rd in the Year 9 Girls, and William (9P) who was 5th in the Year 9 Boys. The Year 8 Boys Team also finished as runners-up in the team trophy. Huge congratulations to all our runners who took part.



PE footwear

The weather can be unpredictable and as a result we may need to change PE lessons to ensure the safety of our students. Please can you ensure that if your child is on a lesson that requires studded boots (football and rugby) that they also have trainers with them each day they have PE. In addition, as the field gets softer it is essential that your child has boots for football and rugby. If there is a financial reason why this may not be possible please get in touch with your child's PE teacher who will be able to help.

We are currently running low on the spare trainers that we provide for students. If you have any trainers that you no longer wear or no longer fit, we would love to take them off your hands. Please ask your child to bring them in a carrier bag to the PE changing rooms – all sizes from size 2 upwards are needed.

Football rebooted

At Kings Langley School we have partnered with Football Rebooted to rehome at least one million pairs of quality football boots across the UK, to stop them ending up in landfill. There's no better time to take part in football's biggest environmental movement - Football Rebooted. Please drop your boots into the box in the PE corridor.



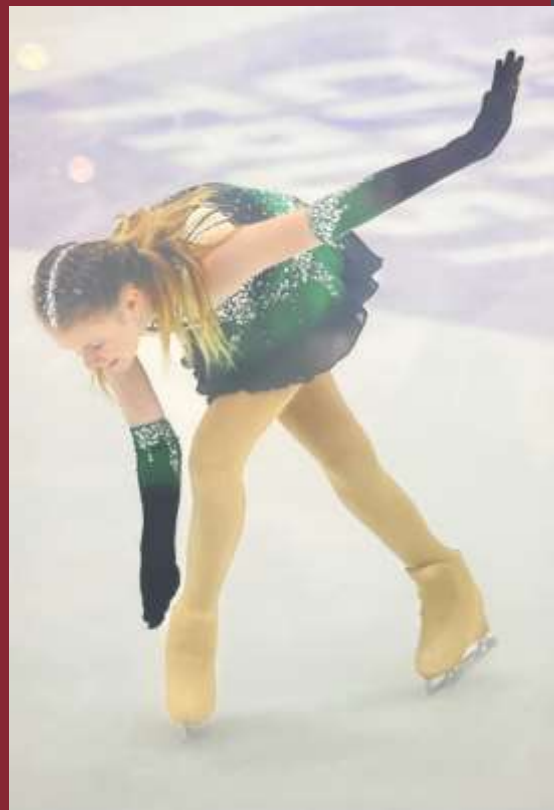
Sports News

One of our Year 8 students (Sienna 8J) competed in a National Ice-Skating competition last week.

The competition was called Young Stars 2022 and only elite skaters from across the UK were invited to the event in Sheffield.

It was with delight that KLS have been notified that Sienna achieved a personal best score and was placed 3rd out of 60 skaters.

This is an incredible achievement, considering it is only Sienna's 2nd formal competition. All the staff and students offer Sienna our heartfelt congratulations and we look forward to following her progress in this sport at an elite level.



FoKLS NEWS

The Friends are a group of parents and staff who provide fundraising opportunities for the school and social events for all to get involved with. Each term there is a particular focus, the Christmas market, the quiz, a car boot sale, or a celebration of the arts. On set days each term, the Friends run a second hand uniform shop from donations received, of both PE kit and school uniform. We also run fundraising stalls at the annual summer carnival on Kings Langley common and the Christmas lights switch on in Kings Langley High Street. There is steady income to the school by being a member of the school lottery, shopping on Amazon through the 'Amazon button' on our school website and donating unwanted textiles and shoes to our clothing bank, at the entrance to our car park.

The money raised goes to support the work of the departments, for the 'added extras' that improve teaching and learning experiences and engagement by students. For example, prizes for STEM and library competitions, sports equipment, house colours for sports day, 3-D printer for Technology, kinaesthetic teaching sets for Maths, an Arts iPad and weather measuring equipment. What was 'restarted' as a group to equip our new school building in 2016 has developed into a group that enriches the life and community experience of Kings Langley School, whilst developing and maintaining local links too.

The Friends of KLS will be meeting on Monday 14th November at 5pm in the school dining room. If you would like to be involved, you are warmly invited to come along. If you would like any further information, please email Mr Hashman at hashmanl@kls.herts.sch.uk

We are pleased to announce that for the first time since November 2019, the Kings Langley Christmas lights switch on is happening as a community event on **Saturday 26th November**. We have booked to have a fundraising stall with a bottle and sweets tombola. So, please could you donate any unwanted bottles of soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, shampoo, shower gel and bags or boxes of sweets to our stall. Donations can be left in reception and will be collected in form time by students from the 11J and 9C tutor groups too. Also, please do come along to Kings Langley High Street, on the afternoon of 26th November, from **3:15 – 6:15pm**, to support the stall and listen to our music students entertaining from the stage too.



Building on the very successful Christmas market last year, we are back to hosting a Christmas market on the evening of **Monday 5th December, 6:00 – 8:30pm**. It is £1 to enter, but children under the age of 10 are free. We have already received bookings from 40 local stall holders so there will be a wide variety of gifts to buy. It promises to be a good evening. The Friends of Kings Langley School will also be running a stall of second hand uniform and PE kit to sell to parents at this event.

Ms Chabrel, on behalf of Friends of Kings Langley School



Numeracy club

Do you want to improve your numeracy skills? Then come and join us at numeracy club!

We want to help you develop your numeracy skills through fun activities and games. Come and see if you can beat your friends at bingo, numeracy hangman, noughts and crosses and many more fun activities. Regular attenders will receive a certificate from the Headteacher and winners of the games could win prizes.

Year 7s and 8s welcome.

Every Wednesday lunchtime 1pm-1:30pm in S210 (run by sixth formers)



Into the Sixth Form Open Evening

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 6.30pm - 8.30pm



- ◆ Find out about the courses we offer
- ◆ Learn about A-Level subjects
- ◆ Speak to subject specialists
- ◆ Find out about our new sixth form building which will be ready for 23rd September.
- ◆ Speak to current students of the sixth form
- ◆ Hear about the successes and destinations of past students of the sixth form
- ◆ Find out why KLS Sixth Form can further unlock your potential and take you towards your career aspirations

The Head of Sixth Form talk will start at 7.15pm.

If you would like any information about the evening or about sixth form, please email 6form@kls.herts.sch.uk or speak to Mr Tubb, Principal Assistant Head & Head of Sixth Form

POST-18 OPTIONS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

STARTS WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Session 1 (period 5) - Considering your opportunities at Post-18 and how to become the best applicant (degree apprenticeships, UCAS, Oxbridge, careers, etc.

Session 2 (period 6) - Oxbridge interview preparation activities

3.15pm-3.45pm—UCAS drop-in surgery

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE SIXTH FORM STUDY AREA

DELIVERED BY AN EXTERNAL PROVIDER

WITH VAST EXPERIENCE & PROVEN RECORD OF SUCCESS

STEM Challenge



This week's challenge:

Four people arrive at a river with a narrow bridge that can only hold two people at a time. It's night time and they have one torch that has to be used when crossing the bridge. Person A can cross the bridge in one minute, B in two minutes, C in five minutes, and D in eight minutes. When two people cross the bridge together, they must move at the slower person's pace. Can they all get across the bridge in 15 minutes or less?



Answer next week.

Last week's Answer:

You are in a cabin and it is pitch black. You have one match on you. Which do you light first, the newspaper, the lamp, the candle, or the fire?

Answer: The match.



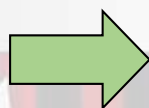
Attendance Ladder

*MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!*

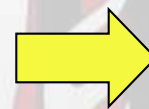
4 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



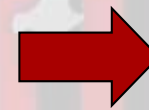
9 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



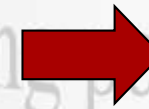
11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



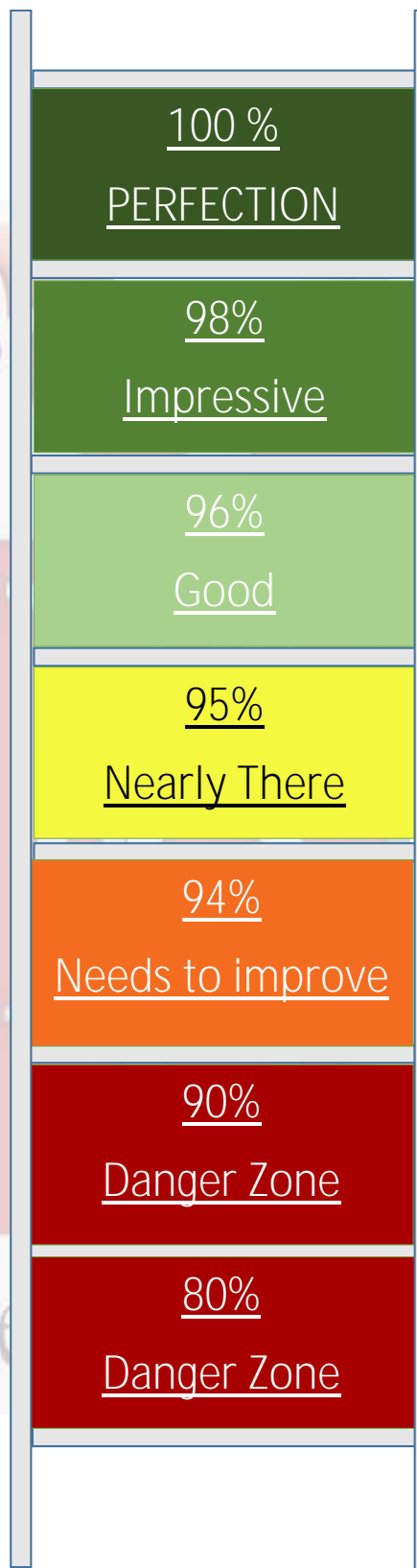
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



2 MONTHS
OFF EACH YEAR



Nationally, only 35% of students who miss between 10% - 20% of school go on to achieve 5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 4 (A* - C)





House Competition

House logos

Competition:

Each of the 7 houses need a logo to represent them. Produce either a logo for an individual house or a set of logos for all 7 houses. Think about what your house will represent and our school character traits. The winning designs will be made into banners and appear at events and on the school website

Competition details:

Students should submit their designs with their full name and form on every entry, to Miss Scanlan no later than **FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER**. You may enter as many house designs as you wish.

Designs can be produced in whatever material and media you wish including line drawings, CAD, Watercolours, crayons, Paints, Collage, Graphic pens, Photography

| HOUSES | COLOUR |
|----------------------|--------|
| A St. ANDREW | |
| C St. CHRISTOPHER | |
| D St. DAVID | |
| G St George | |
| J St. Joseph | |
| P St. Patrick | |
| T St. Teresa | |





House Competition Christmas Cakes



Competition:

Are you a STAR Baker. Design and make a Christmas cake or set of cakes.

You may choose any style and size of cake and any form of decoration

Competition details:

Students should bring in their completed cakes on **Monday 5th December** to Miss Scanlan in G205 Food room by 8:30am. Your cake will need to have a label to go next to it with your name and form.

Several prizes are up for grabs as well as house points for entering. Cakes will be judged by Mrs Borrowdale and Miss Scanlan during the day (5th December) and then in the evening at the School Christmas Market the cakes will also be judged by those visiting the fair.

You will be able to take your cake home at 8pm on the evening of the 5th December from the Christmas Market.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2022

Solos and Student Bands

AUDITIONS OPEN!



Day 1: Thursday 17th November

Day 2: Thursday 1st December


In F214 at lunchtimes

Black Friday is Looming

and who doesn't like a bargain on Amazon 😊 !

You can raise funds for the school without leaving your sofa:

There are two ways to raise funds through your Amazon shopping:

From the Schools Website use the Amazon Link:  Click on the Amazon Logo under Quick Links to access your amazon account. 5% of your purchase will be donated to Kings Langley School. (on selected purchases)

Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of selected purchases to your chosen Charity. You can chose Kings Langley School as your chosen charity on Amazon Smile:

- Search for smile.amazon.co.uk
- Log in with your usual amazon account ID and Password. (You should now be in your usual amazon account)
- Click on Smile Amazon (top left corner) to choose your charity.
- Find Kings Langley School and select.

Remember to go through Amazon Smile to raise funds for the School.

Stationery Shop

'School Ready' pencil case with all equipment— £5

Pens — 10p, black, blue, red, purple or green ink

Pencil — 10p

Rubber — 10p

Ruler — 20p (15cm) or 30p (30cm)

Protractor — 20p

Document folder — 20p

Highlighter — 30p

Compasses — 50p

Fineliner pen — 50p

Sticky notes — 50p

Scissors — 50p

Dividers — 50p for ten, or 10p each

Plastic wallets — 50p for ten, or 10p each

Plastic book covers — 50p, A4 or A5

Whiteboards — 50p

Whiteboard pens — 50p thin nib, or £1 thick nib

Whiteboard rubbers — 50p

Exercise books — 20p mini, 50p A5, or 70p A4 (lined, blank or squared)

Glue stick — 60p

Clear pencil case — 80p small, £1 large, or £2 tough

Revision cards — £1 small, £2 large, or 2p each (white or multicoloured)

Colouring pens or pencils — £2

4-colour pens — £2.50

Hole punch — £2.50

Earphones — £3

USB drives — £5, 16gb

Scientific calculators — £10



Available in the library



Children welcome -
a festive event for all
the family



KINGS LANGLEY SCHOOL

Invite you to join us at
our forthcoming

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Monday 5th December 2022

6pm - 8.30pm

A variety of stalls offering everything from fashion accessories, candles, a wide range of jewellery, cosmetics, handmade cards, gifts, plants and home accessories, unique artwork, hand made bunting, shabby chic, sweets, decorations, books, children's crafts, pocket money items, refreshments, raffle and much more...

£1 entry, children under 10 free

*Kings Langley School, Love Lane,
Kings Langley,
Herts, WD4 9HN*