



Kings Langley School News

Issue 14

News from The Brilliant Club

Over the last term and for the remainder of this term, a selected group of students have been working on an extended project focused on sustainable tourism. As part of The Brilliant Club, the students commenced the project by visiting the University of Cambridge before taking part in a series of seminars and tutorials about tourism's sustainability. They carefully considered its economical, ecological and cultural impact on both visitors and host regions. For the last 6 weeks, our students have been working on their dissertations, showcasing their knowledge about a country or city of their choosing, researching and developing their evaluative skills to be able to judge how sustainable tourism is in the area of their choosing. This has been a real opportunity for our students to be exposed to University style teaching and expectations, as well as having the opportunity to nurture their own independence. They have become experts in an in-depth case study and now look forward to the final amendments before their submission. Students will be attending a graduation event later in February to celebrate their tremendous hard work; we look forward to celebrating with them as we are so proud of them.

School events next week

Monday 23rd January -
Y7-9 flu vaccinations catch up.

Tuesday 24th January -
Student Leadership
Conference 3.30pm - 4pm

Wednesday 25th January -
Youth Forum Event -
Hall 4pm - 6pm

Thursday 26th January -
Year 9 Holocaust Memorial
Day Survivor Visit P3&4
Year 11 Virtual Subject
Consultation
Evening 4.15pm—7.45pm

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As part of our support for parents and families, we hold regular parent information evenings on a range of different topics. Our next parent event is being held on **Wednesday 1st February** at Kings Langley School on the theme of **Supporting Young People's Confidence, Self Esteem and Supporting Positive Mental Health.**

As a school we are conscious that many of our children can be affected by low self esteem and levels of anxiety and the challenge we all face is how to support this to avoid it escalating from pretty harmless tendencies ('a bit on the anxious side') into behaviour that is concerning.

This informal evening will give parents and carers the opportunity to learn some useful tips and techniques that will help you support your child in further developing their confidence so they can succeed in and out of school. In particular, during the evening we will cover the following:

- What is self esteem and why do so many young people lack it;
- Understanding anxiety and stress in Children;
- The important role of Parents and Carers during the teenage years;
- The power of positive language and communication;
- Developing confidence through empathy and assertiveness;
- Teenagers and the importance of sleep.

If you would like to reserve a place on this evening, please email familyservices@kls.herts.sch.uk.



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Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to Fatima 11J on her achievement of gold and platinum colour awards for community and civic action.



Congratulations to our reading superstars who were Bedrock winners for the Autumn term.

Ava 7A and Freya 7T



Congratulations to our Christmas cake winners who received their Headteacher commendations from Mr Fisher and Ms Scanlan.

The winners: Sadie, Evie and Chloe 8J.

Third Place: Madeleine 7A, Daisy 7C , Archie 8P, and Pheobe 7A





Congratulations to Samaira & Sahar who received a Headteacher's commendations for their amazing video celebrating International Day for people with disabilities.

Congratulations to Alex, Michael and Max who received their Headteacher commendations for their outstanding performances at the Regional Trampoline Championships.





Congratulations to Alex, Tom and Joseph for their efforts in the recent Rotary Youth Speaks Competition.



Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Community awards for helping the Friends of Kings Langley.

11J: Daniel, Fatima, Alexis , 9G: Elise, 7A: Emily, Josh, and James.





Serena 11J - Bedrock National prize draw winner for Autumn term who won an Amazon voucher.

Jess 7G and Poppy 8G- for their outstanding Winter Literacy projects which they both completed over the Christmas holidays.



Congratulations to Daniel, Tristan, Adam and Harry Y11 who were nominated for a Headteacher commendation by Mrs Harris for their excellent AV work at the Christmas concert.



Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their Headteacher commendations for their achievements in Languagenut in November: Jess Y7, George Y7, Oscar Y8, Maxim Y9, Archie Y9, Emily Y9 and Jamie Y11





Congratulations to the top Y10 students for attitude to learning who were rewarded with a celebration breakfast with Mr Langston, Mrs Butt and Mrs Jennings.



On Friday 13th January students from year 7 G, J, P, T were invited to take part in an online competition on the Blooket website. The session was run by our Spanish Foreign Language Assistant, Ione, who was ably assisted by Mr. Burgin. The winners of the competition were Cooper in 7G and Sam in 7T, who will both receive recognition points and a Headteacher's commendation. The session was well attended, but there is always room for improvement, and we hope to repeat the sessions for French students in the next few weeks. Overall, a fabulous time was had by the students and towards the end the competition we had even garnered an enthusiastic crowd of fans.



Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term.

7A	Olivia Risika	Ava	Phoebe	James	Emily	Lois
7C	Lesley Isaac	Olly Ruby	Isaac Dylan	Diva	Tom	
7D	Phoebe	Lizzie	Amber	Olivia	Holly	
7G	Manase	Tessa	George	Millie		
7J	Marta	Jasmine	Lillia	Irrum	Joseph	
7P	Katie Chloe	Abi	Daisy-Rose	Nathan	Toby	
7T	Purdey	Samuel	Kaylani			
8C	Lucas	Monica	Annabelle			
8D	Mia	Molly				
8G	Jake	Jack	Jack	Arthur	Abbie	Kye
8J	Sadie	Evie	Megan			
8P	Jack	Archie				
9A	Harry					
9C	Myles					
9D	Millie					
9G	Zente	Thomas	Rosie	Aidan		
9J	James Maksim	Sienna Freddie	Amy	Stefan	Roman	
9P	William	Charlotte	Oscar	Riley	Sienna	

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10A Harry Sophie
10C Mia Babarafunmi
10D Samuel
10G Edward Catherine
10J Harley Ethan
10P Luke

11A Jessica Uzair Dominic Emilia
11C Madeline Tevin Harrison
11D Liam
11G Grace Hannah Megan Owain
11J Jamie Joe Max Benjamin
11P Ryan Oliver Freddie Tristan Millie
Edward Charlie



Artwork of the week



Mikeila - Y11

Just before Christmas the year 11 students completed their mock examinations based on the theme of natural forms. They were able to choose the subject matter, materials and which artists influenced their own creative outcome. This is Mikeila's finished painting showing excellent observational skills and use of materials.



Character of the Week

Character Theme For Next Week: Tolerance and Co-operation

This week and next week our assemblies are focusing on tackling prejudice, with a particular focus of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. As a school we have been working very hard on challenging intolerance whether it is spoken word or action. Whilst sanctions are appropriate, it is also important that we teach students about the meanings of words or how certain actions are perceived.

The work of some of our student leaders, particularly the students involved in the Bold Voices group have been helping students that have made prejudicial comments by meeting with them. As part of the meeting the students discuss the meanings of words used and discuss what types of impact these words have. More often than not, these discussions have a larger impression than sanctions or conversations with teachers, as students realise this is not “a school thing” – it is a bigger picture, and one that their peers believe is extremely important.

We are asking all students to report acts of intolerance whether it is linked to race, gender, age, religion etc. as it is important that we understand where our students need further teaching and support in making changes to their intolerant behaviours.

Thought For The Week:

Open-minded people do not impose their beliefs on others. They accept that we all have a different perspective on life, and do their own thing in peace without judgement.

Steven Aitchson



Character of the Week: Alfred Dreyfus, Jewish artillery captain (1859-1935)



A scandal that rocked France in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Dreyfus affair involved a Jewish artillery captain in the French army, Alfred Dreyfus (1859-1935), who was falsely convicted of passing military secrets to the Germans. In 1894, after a French spy at the German Embassy in Paris discovered a ripped-up letter in a waste basket with handwriting said to resemble that of Dreyfus, he was court-martialled, found guilty of treason and sentenced to life behind bars on Devil's Island off of French Guiana. In a public ceremony in Paris following his conviction, Dreyfus had the insignia torn from his uniform and his sword broken and was paraded before a crowd that shouted, "Death to Judas, death to the Jew."

In 1896, the new head of the army's intelligence unit, Georges Picquart, uncovered evidence pointing to another French military officer, Major Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, as the real traitor. However, when Picquart told his bosses what he'd discovered he was discouraged from continuing his investigation, transferred to North Africa and later imprisoned. Nevertheless, word about Esterhazy's possible guilt began to circulate. In 1898, he was court-martialled but quickly found not guilty; he later fled the country. After Esterhazy's acquittal, a French newspaper published an open letter titled "J'Accuse...!" by well-known author Emile Zola in which he defended Dreyfus and accused the military of a major cover-up in the case. As a result, Zola was convicted of libel, although he escaped to England and later managed to return to France.

The Dreyfus affair deeply divided France, not just over the fate of the man at its centre but also over a range of issues, including politics, religion and national identity. In 1899, Dreyfus was court-martialled for a second time and found guilty. Although he was pardoned days later by the French president, it wasn't until 1906 that Dreyfus officially was exonerated and reinstated in the army.



Drama News

Year 9 Theatre Trip!

We are pleased to announce a trip for Year 9 students to the production of “**The Play That Goes Wrong**” at the **Duchess Theatre**. This is a long running production that has won multiple awards. The classic whodunit story follows a murder at a country manor. However, with the performers all being part of the accident prone Cornley Drama Society, everything that can go wrong, does.

We have booked tickets for the evening production on **Thursday 20th April 2023**. We will leave school at **5.15pm sharp** and return at approximately 10.45pm. The cost of the trip is **£36.00 per person**. If you would like your child to attend, please pay using the online system. We have 45 tickets available and they will be issued on a **first come, first served basis**. If you require financial support, please contact Miss. Abbott, Mrs. Finlay or Mrs. Sharp.



Best at Bedrock! Week 15

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 (157 points)
- Adam- 8P (90 points)
- Oscar- 9P (77 points)
- Babarafunmi- 10C (64 points)
- Maryam- 11J (65 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Will- 7D (555%)
- Archie- 8C (350%)
- Oscar- 9P (1560%)
- **Edward- 10G (1900%)**
- Harrison- 11D (167%)



Confident voices, strong literacy





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 12th Dec

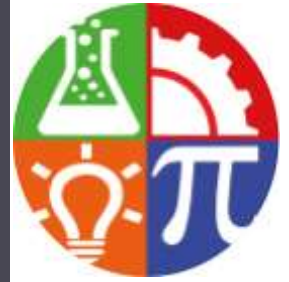
Drama	Lucy 9D
Her quiet determination and persistence in lessons.	
English	Georgia 11P
For a fantastic level of effort and commitment to her GCSEs in English Language and English Literature.	
Food Technology	Mia 7T
Excellent work in all practicals and very supportive to other students and staff.	
Government & Politics	Anastasiya 13MCG
Demonstrating fantastic independent learning skills in preparation for her examinations.	
Graphics	Max 8G
Super POSD development work.	
PHSE	Tom 7D
For your excellent contributions in PSHE/Resilience lessons! Well done.	
Product Design	Charlotte 8J
Super POSD development work.	
Psychology	Olivia 13HOU
For personal investment and perseverance in her A levels in the face of personal challenges, demonstrating commitment and courage. Well done.	
Religious Education	Abbie 10G
For your excellent effort in your year 10 GCSE Religious studies assessment.	

Textiles	Sienna 8G
Amazing monster toy made in class.	
Year 7 Head of Year	Vincent 7D
Demonstrating curiosity & stickability in class.	
Year 10 Head of Year	Tudor 9C
Always shows a 'can do' attitude to all challenges that he faces in school.	

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

STEM Challenge

8,549,176,320



What makes this number unique?

Answer next week.

Last term's answer:

You are in a cookie factory, and need to make a huge batch of chocolate chip cookies. The recipe calls for exactly 4 cups of sugar. Problem is that you have two buckets. One bucket holds 5 cups, the other 3 cups. Using these buckets, how can you measure exactly 4 cups of sugar?



Answer:

This is possible, and there are two ways to do it:
Solution 1: Fill the 3-cup bucket and pour it into the 5-cup bucket. Fill the 3-cup bucket again, and pour it into the 5-cup bucket until the 5-cup bucket is full. That will leave exactly 1 cup of sugar in the 3-cup bucket. Dump out the 5-cup bucket, and dump the 1 cup from the 3-cup bucket into the empty 5-cup bucket.

This leaves 1 cup in the 5-cup bucket.

Now fill the 3-cup bucket again and add it to the 5-cup bucket. Now you have exactly 4 cups of sugar in the 5-cup bucket!

Solution 2: Fill the 5-cup bucket. Pour it into the 3-cup bucket. This leaves 2 cups in the 5-cup bucket. Dump out the 3-cup bucket. Now pour the 2 cups from the 5 cup into the 3 cup. Refill the 5 cup. Now pour the 5 cup into the 3 cup until the 3 cup is full. That will leave exactly 4 cups in the 5-cup bucket!



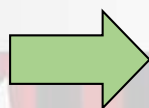
Attendance Ladder

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

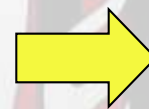
4 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



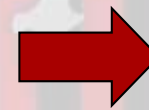
9 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



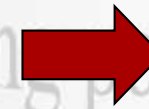
11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



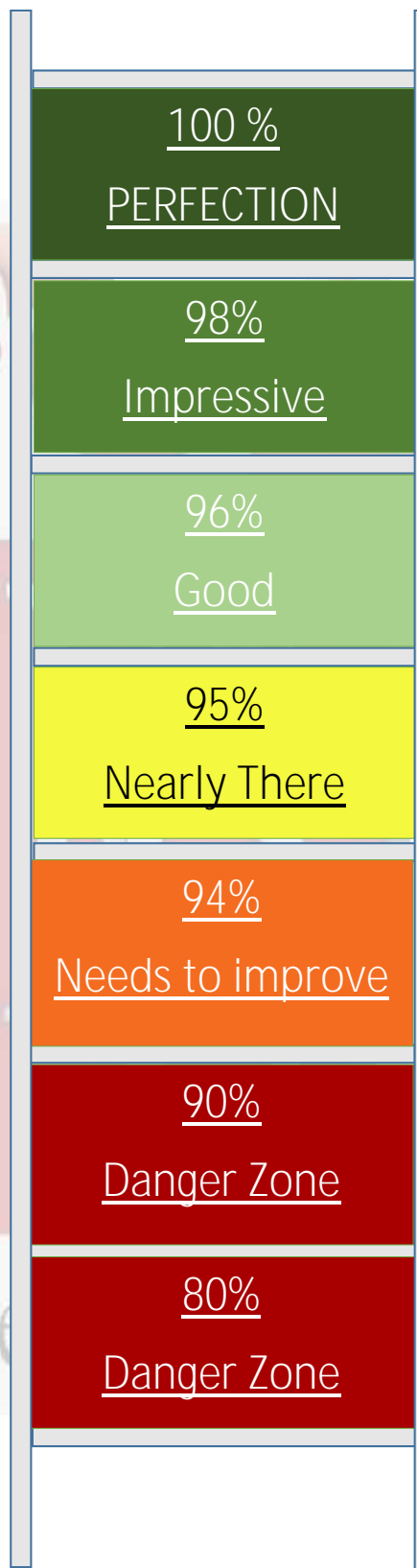
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



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)



The Library

Books of the Month

Key Stage 3

Hazel Hill is Gonna Win This One by Maggie Horne



Hazel Hill is too busy for friends. No, really. She needs to focus on beating her nemesis, the gorgeous and smart Ella Quinn, in order to win the school-wide speech competition after last year's embarrassing hyperbole/hyperbowl mishap that cost her first place. But when Hazel discovers Ella is being harassed by popular golden boy, Tyler Harris, she has to choose between winning and doing the right thing. No one would believe that a nice boy like Tyler would harass and intimidate a nice girl like Ella, but Hazel knows the truth—and she's determined to prove it.

Key Stage 4 and 5

Sensory: Life on the Spectrum edited by Bex Ollerton



An anthology featuring comics from thirty autistic creators about their experiences of living in a world that doesn't always understand or accept them. *Sensory: Life on the Spectrum* contains illustrated explorations of everything from life pre-diagnosis to tips on how to explain autism to someone who doesn't have it, to suggestions for how to soothe yourself when you're feeling overstimulated. With unique, vibrant comic-style illustrations and the emotional depth and vulnerability of memoir, this book depicts these varied experiences with the kind of insight that only those who have lived them can have.

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

**1 DAY CHAMPION COURSE
FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF
8 TO 18-YEAR-OLDS
FREE TRAINING
09:30AM - 16:00PM**



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- AN UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND HOW THEY CAN AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE
- ABILITY TO SPOT SIGNS OF MENTAL ILL HEALTH IN YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUIDE THEM TO A PLACE OF SUPPORT
- KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE TO ADVOCATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
- SKILLS TO SUPPORT POSITIVE WELLBEING

COURSE STRUCTURE

SESSION 1- ABOUT, WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL ILL HEALTH, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION, DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE.

SESSION 2 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS: ANXIETY, SELF-HARM, EATING DISORDERS, PSYCHOSIS, RECOVERY, RESILIENCE

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JOIN OUR FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES COURSES TO MAKE
HEALTHY HABITS TOGETHER, AND HAVE FUN DOING IT!

HOBLETTS MANOR JUNIOR SCHOOL
THURSDAYS 17:30 - 19:30

For 12 weeks
From Thursday 19th January 2023

To be eligible for a free place, your family must live/go to school/be registered with a GP in Hertfordshire and include one child aged 5-15 who is above their ideal healthy weight.



Healthy eating



Fun activities

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

This week's results are in!

Remember to check your email to see if you've won!

If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-school>

This week's jackpot winning number is

824372

One of our supporters won £28.80 in the draw!

Total funds raised

£38.40

Tickets in this weeks draw

96

Have a great weekend everyone!

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JFK School/ Hemel Hempstead

Mixed abilities welcome

Girls and Boys

Fa Futsal qualified coaches

Monday 5:30 - 6:30 U7 - 11

Friday 5:00 - 6:00 U12 - 14



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