



# *Kings Langley School News*

Issue 24

## **A note from the Headteacher**

Welcome back! I hope all of our community had a great Easter break. We start by thanking those staff for giving up time over the holidays to run interventions for exam year groups, for running trips and finally for their work on our various building and infrastructure projects that continue over the school holidays.

It has been great this week to hear about the wonderful experiences and memories that the ski trip created for young people. I know parents who had children on the trip would have been concerned about the news at the ferry port over Easter of long delays and border issues. However, the students were a credit to the school showing stickability on their 30+ hour journey. The skiing and events were well received by all and I know from speaking to staff it was a great trip with polite and courteous students who gave it their all on the slopes. Thank you to those parents who have written in to compliment the school and staff on this trip and a huge thank you from myself and the Governors to those staff who gave up their time to support the trip and a particular thank you to Mr Shephard

## **School Events**

### **Tuesday 25th April**

Y11 History revision event  
3.15pm - 5pm - Hall

### **Wednesday 26th April**

Junior Maths Challenge

### **Thursday 27th April**

Y11 Art GCSE exam

### **Monday 1st May**

Bank holiday - School closed




and Miss Donovan for all their efforts leading the trip with all their preparations and efforts clearly paying off.



Progress over Easter continues with our building programme and parents dropping off each morning can clearly see our new Sixth Form and Community Centre taking shape with the roof beams going on over Easter and now the roof is starting to be completed. We have bi-weekly meetings with the contractor and as such we remain confident now the weather has improved that it will be completed by the end of the summer term. This will allow our team time to ensure the fit out is completed over the summer holidays to open in September.








Finally, we have had some better weather and as such we are able to open up our school fields this week. The sense of pleasure I get from this cannot be underestimated as it creates a real sense of space in the school for young people. The all-weather surface which we are hopeful will enable us to have this sense of space all year round. As mentioned in previous newsletters planning permission is now granted and an agreed contractor in place and we remain hopeful we will open this full-size facility in January 2024. As we open our field to create some space, we will remind students who suffer from allergies, such as hay fever that the indoor spaces such as the main hall remain open as a space for them to take a break during the hay fever season. I would like to remind parents that as we move into the summer months, please ensure your child attends school with a water bottle to refill during the day and sun cream to apply or reapply when necessary.

## **No Idling**

I would like to remind our community about “Idling when waiting in your car”. We would like to ask for your support in helping to improve air quality when waiting on the school site or on the roads in the vicinity of the school, therefore please can we ask vehicle owners to turn their engines off whilst they wait. If you are going to be waiting in your car for more than 30 seconds, please remember to turn your car’s engine off. You will not only improve our air, you will also save money in fuel and vehicle wear and tear costs!

## **Why should you support ‘No Idling’?**

Idling harms our health: vehicle exhaust fumes are damaging to everyone’s health, but it especially affects children, who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. By turning off your engine, you can improve the quality of air students, parents and staff and the wider community breathe. Idling pollutes the air we breathe: an idling engine produces unnecessary pollution and can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. By not idling, you reduce the level of harmful emissions being released into the atmosphere. Keep money in your wallet and save fuel: despite the popular story that idling your car uses less fuel than turning it off and restarting – idling actually costs you money. It is more fuel efficient to turn off your engine if you are going to be sitting more than 30 seconds and this will also reduce the wear and tear on your engine.



You can help reduce air pollution around the school by doing the following:

- Turn off your engine when dropping off or picking up from school.
- Take up cycling and walk where you can, or think about choosing public transport over using your car.
- Share car journeys where possible.
- Drop your child further away from the school and encourage them to walk the last part of the journey, which helps to lessen the environmental impact during the very busy period around the local area at drop off and collection times.

Together, we can make a real difference and improve the quality of air we all breathe.

## **SOCS**

To all parents and carers, with the introduction of our new software SOCS, we encourage all parents to log in and create a new account. SOCS is a safeguarding tool that enables the School to monitor where the pupil is and the activities that they are participating in. As previously communicated, if you do not have a SOCS login, you will not be able to attend a trip/activity.



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# 100% Attendance Awards



Congratulations to the following Students who have achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term 2023

7A	Phoebe	Shana	Madeline	Risika	Ruby
7C	Lesley	Amy	Isaac	Louie	Clara
	Diva	Ruby			
7D	Tom	Amber	Mia		
7G	Manase	Barney	Jess	Ava	Sammy
	Summer	James	Sanvi	George	Emily
	Millie				
7J	Harriet	Will	Joshua	Matthew	Eliana
	Irrum	Holly	Eleanor		
7P	Abi	Nathan	Charlie	Amelia	Connor
	Evan				
7T	Holly	Hadley	Hayden	Jack	Mia
	Cameron	Sam			
8A	Joseph	Alex	Jack	William	
8C	Daisy	Harry	Archie	Abigail	Annabelle
8D	Sophie	Macey	Tara	Freddie	Mia
	Molly	Max			
8G	Samim	Jake	Alice	Jack	Sophia
	Arlo	Logan	Poppy-Lucia	Beth	Rebeca
	Otto				
8J	Joshua				
8P	Jack	Sam	George	Adam	Molly
	Daisy				



9A	Charlie	Harry	Sheryl	Riley	
9C	Zaria	Maxim	Myles		
9D	Leila	Oliver	Toprak	Ignas	Henry
	Sousan				
9G	Tymon	Zente	Cerys	Thomas	Rosie
	Luke	James			
9J	James	Roman			
9P	Pooja	Riley	Sienna	Ethan	
10A	Harry	Charlie	Lois		
10C	Grace	Mohammed	Rehman		
10D	Miles	Luca	Dhillan	Bobby	Denisa
	Alfie	Samuel	Dee		
10G	Jai	Benjamin	Areeb		
10J	Amrit	Ella	Harley	Riccardo	Ava
	Pavlo	Oliver			
10P	Aaron	Nicole	Dexter	Chase	
11A	Jessica	Laycy	Adam	Dominic	Lewis
11D	Liam	Reuel	Umar	Harry	James
	Bence	Meghann			
11G	Grace	Harry	Mia	Hannah	Megan
	Owain				
11J	Jamie	Joe	Max	Jacob	Maryam
	Nicole	Alexus	Sereena	Amelie	
11P	Ryan	Mason	Jessica	Freddie	Edward
	Sienna	Katy			





# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

## Students of the Week w/c 17th April

<b>English</b>	Henry 8G
For his hard work and selflessness in class – a fantastic student.	
<b>Politics</b>	Samaira 12LIY
Exceptional organisation and commitment to independent learning, even during the holidays.	
<b>History</b>	Emily 11G
Unwavering continued commitment to history revision.	
<b>Library</b>	Izzy 8P
Continued commitment to volunteering her time to work in the library.	
<b>PHSE</b>	Roman 7J
Excellent participation during resilience lessons.	
<b>Psychology</b>	Aidan 12OHA
For an outstanding essay in psychology achieving the highest grade. Well done!	
<b>Philosophy, Religion, Ethics</b>	Joseph 8A
Thoughtful responses to challenging theological questions.	
<b>Sociology</b>	Millie 13HOU
For an outstanding essay in sociology achieving the highest grade. Well done!	
<b>Year 10 Head of Year</b>	Aaron 10P
Resilience to return from an injury with a positive mindset	
<b>Key Stage 5 Head of Year</b>	Archie 13HOU
For securing a degree apprenticeship as a quantity surveyor.	

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

# Kings Langley School Community Iftar

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Kings Langley School hosted our inaugural Community Iftar hosting nearly 200 staff, members of the community and students and their families. The event was organised and led by staff and ably assisted by a group of student volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure that Kings Langley School is a school that appreciates and supports diversity, inclusion and character.



Last night's event celebrated the importance of charity, community and prayer all three elements that link closely with our character virtues of empathy, stickability and self-regulation. Guests participated in henna painting, a quiz and enjoyed some wonderful food, much of which was generously gifted by students' families. Whilst many people were fasting, this was not mandatory but the whole community broke fast together at 8.07pm, following on from the call to prayer, making this an event promoting unity and equality.

The iftar event was the perfect opportunity for the Kings Langley School community to get together, learn about another culture and faith whilst re-enforcing strong links within our community through a shared appreciation of developing strong character traits and love of celebration and food! The joy, happiness and feeling of togetherness was almost palpable.

We were also incredibly lucky to host our special guest at the event- Naughty Boy (world famous DJ and participant of last year's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here) who broke bread with our guests and spoke to us all about the value of community.







Charity being an important element of not only Ramadan but also our ethos at Kings Langley School, ticket sales and donations will go to the Syria and Turkey earthquake fund. I am very proud to announce that we raised nearly £1500 for this very worthwhile cause.

At the end of the evening, the guests and hosts were all buzzing from the success of the event and are now looking forward to our next Community iftar next year. We

hope to see you there!

Mrs Butt -Principal Assistant Headteacher





### *A huge thank you to...*

The Gogah family for the dates and the water  
Fatima, Zuha, Mia, Sasha, Govani family, Choudary family and Le Desserts- Hemel  
for the scrumptious desserts  
Uzair for the beautiful recitation of the adhaan  
Syed for leading the Maghrib prayers  
Our wonderful student volunteers, Carli, Kalilah, Woody, Ariana, Samaira, Miriam,  
Maryam, Umar, Uzair, Syed, Jannah, Nuha, Sam, Maria, Areeb, Nabil, Aaliyah and  
Ailya for all the decorating and planning  
The Samad family for the gorgeous chicken platters  
Mr. Davies for the help with the setting up  
The Butt family for the generous and delicious food  
The Koseoglu family for the mouth-watering Turkish platters  
Mr. Fisher for his unwavering support from the initial idea to the execution  
Mrs. Stickley- Chair of Governors for her enthusiastic support  
Mrs. Jennings for hosting the drinks bar  
Our special guest Naughty Boy for injecting some stardom into our event  
All of our wonderful staff who came along, enjoyed and supported the KLS  
community  
Mrs. Ashraf, Mrs. Butt and Miss. Donovan who organised our first ever Community  
Iftar!  
And last, but by no means least, all our wonderful community who came along to  
celebrate this special occasion with us.



Kings Langley School Community Iftar 2023

*Thank you!*



# Drama News

## A Level Drama Performance

This week saw the culmination of the A Level Drama students' hard work as they performed their final extract for their component 3 exam. The course demands they perform three extracts from contrasting plays over the course of their study. Their final extract was from the play "Broke" by The Paper Birds Theatre Company. They had to use the philosophies of one influential theatre practitioner to create their performance. This year's group chose Bertolt Brecht to develop their ideas. His philosophies of creating dialectic theatre that is a force for change definitely made this a powerful and thought provoking performance.





# Magistrates Mock Trial Competition

By Isabelle, 8P

On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023, I and eight other students (Joseph 8P, Daniel 8C, Elina 8J, Karina 8J, Paige 8P, Zoha 8P, Olivia 8G and Ella 8P ) travelled to the Stevenage Magistrates' Court for a Magistrates' competition between us and four other schools.



During the competition, the prosecution side from one school would compete against the defence side of another school. The other half of both teams (both defence and prosecution) would act as magistrates for the trial. Each person would be scored out of ten, and so the school with the most points in total would win. Simple.

At the beginning of the first trial, the prosecuting side of Kings Langley went against the defence side of Sir John Lawes School. I can testify that everyone was nervous (in other words panic-stricken) when their turn to stand and speak came. The trial went smoothly, and we were all pleased with our performance. After approximately ten minutes, the magistrates re-entered, and the head magistrate declared that the defendant was not guilty. This was followed by an explanation of what the sentence would have been, had the defendant been found guilty – 6 months to 1 year and 6 months.

The first trial was followed by a lunch break, in which nothing much occurred. We were ushered into the next courtroom for the second trial. During this, the defence side of our school competed against the prosecution side of the Nobel school. Yet again, the prosecution and the defence from the previous trial acted as magistrates. Our school did significantly better in this trial, and the verdict was in our favour; not guilty. Again, they went through the possible sentences if the defendant was found guilty.

At the conclusion of this trial, all four schools gathered in the first courtroom for the winning school to be named: Sir John Lawes School. It was a wonderful experience for everyone who took part in this year's Magistrates' competition and, we are all looking forward to doing it again next year!





# STEM Challenge



A stone of 2 kg and an iron balance of 2 kg weight are kept on each side of a scale — and immersed in water.

Will the scale remain balanced or will tilt to one of the sides?



Answer next week

Last terms answer:

**Crack the code using the clues**



Enter code

<b>2 9 1</b>	ONE DIGIT IS RIGHT AND IS IN ITS PLACE
<b>2 4 5</b>	ONE DIGIT IS RIGHT BUT IS IN THE WRONG PLACE
<b>4 6 3</b>	TWO DIGITS ARE RIGHT BUT BOTH ARE IN WRONG PLACE
<b>5 7 8</b>	NO DIGIT IS CORRECT
<b>5 6 9</b>	ONE DIGIT IS RIGHT BUT IN THE WRONG PLACE

The code is 394



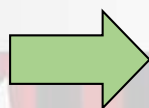
# Attendance Ladder

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

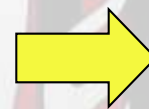
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7 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



9 SCHOOL DAYS  
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11 SCHOOL DAYS  
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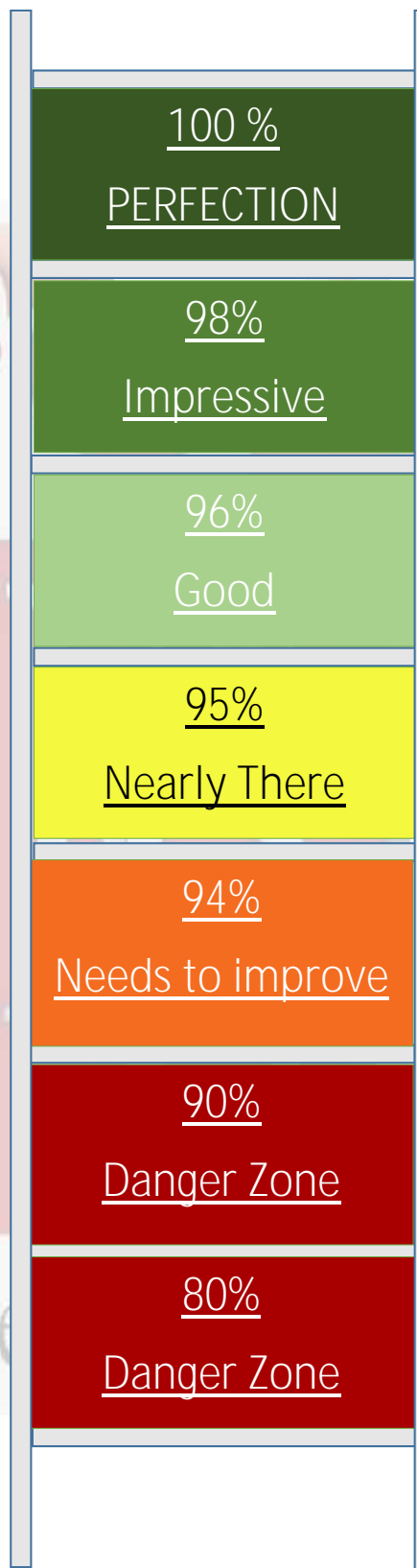
19 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



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)





**KLS FOOD TECH**  
**KING CHARLES**  
**CORONATION DISH**  
**COMPETITION**

**Bake or Cook Your Dish**  
**By May 6th 2023**

**WHICH KLS STUDENT WILL BE CROWNED ?**

**YOU GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

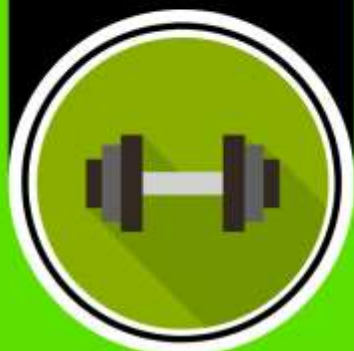
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- Receive advice about nutrition



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- Improves mental health
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- Encourages positivity
- Provides motivation
- Increase happiness
- Make friends



SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP



**FIRST SESSION  
THURSDAY 4TH MAY**





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](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-school)

This week's jackpot winning number is

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