



Kings Langley School News

Issue 27

A note from the Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Jennings

With half term approaching, I am hoping that we are taking some well-deserved moments to relax, with sunscreen applied, to enjoy the sunshine. Those precious moments to think of nothing, but to listen to the sounds around us whether it be the bees buzzing or the next-door neighbours' lawnmower! It is in those minutes that we find peace and our minds can wander, often to the big questions such as What have I accomplished today, this week/ month or even year?.

**"Summertime is
always the best of
what might be."**

CHARLES BOWDEN

Taking time to think through our achievements and pat ourselves on the back is important for our well-being, our self-esteem and generally for a feel-good factor! However reflecting takes time and practise, and praising ourselves on our accomplishments can be difficult and embarrassing for many people. Sometimes we need an external perspective or nudge from someone such as a parent or a friend to help us do this. So, I ask you how often do you reflect, or ask your children to consider their positive successes?

School Events


Monday 2nd June—Return
to school 8.40am

Wednesday 4th June -
Y12 PE Uni of Essex Trip
Lyon Trip Parent meeting
6pm-7pm

Thursday 5th June -
County Athletics St Albans
4.45pm - 6.45pm

Friday 6th June -
Y9 & Y12 - Report home
6pm





This half term, I hope you will ask your children to consider their triumphs over the last two and a half terms. Then challenge them to add more to that list over the remaining school year. What clubs have they shied away from? What awards have they not pursued? How can they conquer any subject anxieties or behavioural fears? To help potentially get them started, maybe try looking at the extra-curricular clubs that are on offer this term. The choices of clubs are larger than ever previously and can be found at <https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/assets/Extra-Curricular-Summer-2025.pdf>

It would be great to see some more students achieving our awards and wearing our beautiful badges on their blazers. I am sure there are activities that students have already completed which just need identifying and getting signed off which will start them down this path. The awards can be found here <https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/assets/Colours-Booklet-V2.pdf>

Taking opportunities such as entering the STEM Fair competitions after half term, getting involved in the next drama production, being part of the school's athletics team or form team in sports day will all be great achievements. It will help them broaden their horizons, contribute to their skills and will become part of their future as they record them in Unifrog to use as part of their CV later, as well as reaping the rewards such as award badges now.

So, as you sit back, with your sunscreen on, adding to the tan lines, I ask "What are your good times? Those of your children?" and most importantly "What now?"

Enjoy the break!

Local Parent and Carers Newsletter—please click on the link below:

<https://dacorumspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/PARENTSCARERS-Summer-1-2025.pdf>





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 19th May

Art	Charlotte 10J
Showing full commitment to the subject and being up to date with her artwork.	
Business Studies	Matteo 12BRY
Constant stickability in and out of the classroom, as well as always being empathetic.	
Computer Science	Leo 7C
Showing excellent stickability and challenging himself on the trickiest of tasks.	
Drama	Brinley 7G
Excellent work on his revision for the written exam.	
History	Oliver 10D
Outstanding performance in the Cold War test.	
MFL	Joshua 9A
Stickability and putting himself out of his comfort zone.	
Music	Harry 9A
For showing great curiosity and engagement with 'Soundtrap' our online sequencing software. It's great to see you making your own music.	
Politics	Alex 12LIY
Effective revision techniques that focused on practice questions as part of revision, not just content, leading to well-structured and explained exam essays.	
Library	Georgia 8J
The first person to enter the library's STEM competition!	
Physical Education	Sophie 10D
Outstanding attendance at extra-curricular activities and for representing the school with pride.	
Psychology	Esme 12BRY
For outstanding efforts in both written work and classroom contribution.	

Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Holly 9D
Excellent effort in all PRE lessons. Keep it up!	
Sociology	Jai 12BRY
For huge progress made in the subject.	
Year 7 Head of Year	James 7J
An outstanding number of Recognition Points and excellent conduct since September.	
Year 8 Head of Year	Beck 8J
Showing stickability and passion for football on a regular basis and winning with his team.	
Year 9 Head of Year	Holly 9T
Showing great empathy towards her peers; helping her friends through challenging times by being a constant source of support. Holly really epitomises the values of Kings Langley School.	
Year 9 Head of Year	Roma 9J
Setting a new school record in triple jump at the County League Athletics.	
KS5 Head of Year	Sybella 12ANE
Utilising her private study time.	

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

Headteacher's Commendations

This week the following students celebrated their achievements with a celebratory breakfast with Mr Fisher.

Risha 7J - Library Leaders Bronze Award

Zoe 7J - Library Leaders Bronze Award

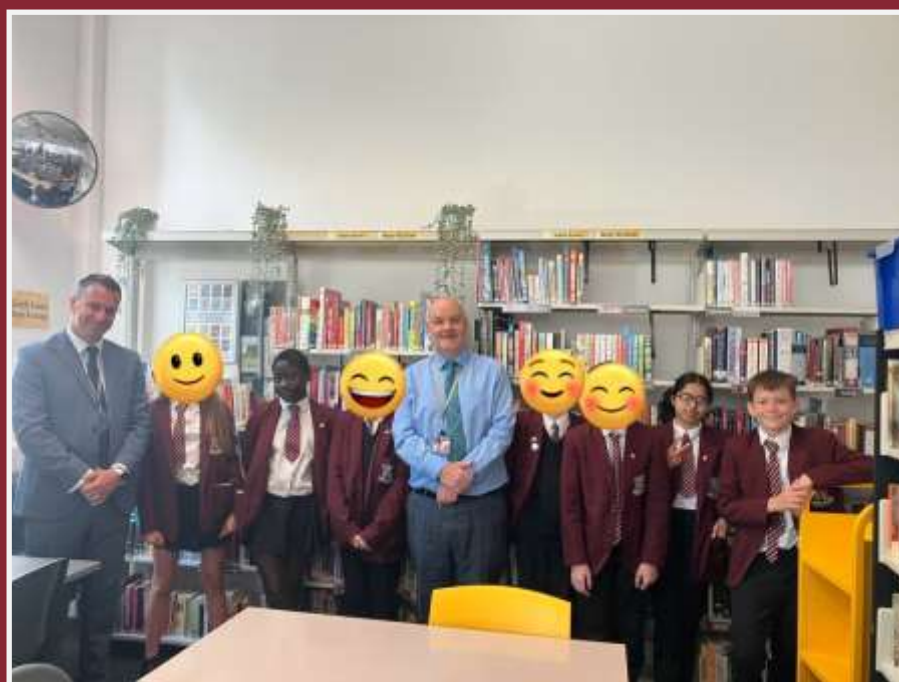
Gethin 7A - High Recognition Points

Oscar 7G - Library Leaders Bronze Award

Scarlett 7J - Library Leaders Bronze Award

Jordan 7P - Library Leaders Bronze Award

Cassia 7G - High Recognition Points

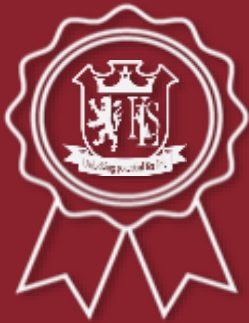


KLS Colour Awards

Flourishing through opportunities and personal development

Do you play for a team (inside or outside of school), learn musical instruments, volunteer, do charity work, belong to the School Council, are you an avid reader...check your planner today to see what awards you can achieve.

Get recognition for the things you do inside and outside of school



Click here to
read more info
and to claim
your awards

Diamond

Platinum

Gold

Silver

Bronze

A-Level Art Trip to London

On Tuesday 13th May Mr Tubb and Miss Arnold took the Yr12s to London to explore The National Gallery and The National Portrait Gallery to support their growing art knowledge and to experience the value of seeing artwork up close and personal.

This trip highlighted to students the value of developing their appreciation of more diverse artwork and provided the opportunity to consider their personal areas of interest as they begin to form their written essays on an area of their choosing.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to be within touching distance of some epic artists including Leonardo da Vinci, Caravaggio, Van Gogh, Raphael, Monet, Durer, Degas, Delaroche, as well as viewing the newly installed portrait paintings of King Charles and Queen Camilla, both by Paul S. Benney—truly captivating and mesmerising.

Whilst the students were eager to enter the galleries, missing an opportunity to get a group photo, Mr Tubb and Miss Arnold settled for a selfie in the glorious sunshine in front of The National Gallery.



Music News

The music department is pleased to be able to offer a series of free-of-charge drum taster lessons with our peripatetic teacher. Depending on uptake, this could be one, two or three sessions. If you would be interested in your child receiving a free session, please contact Mrs Harris on harrisl@kls.herts.sch.uk Places will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Sponsorship Training update



As we continue to train for the Rat Race on Saturday 14th June, a number of staff and parents were involved in the Hemel Hempstead 10km Race last week: involvement ranging from spectating, volunteering to hand out refreshments, and supporting at the finish line.

Mr Bilton, Mr Raine, and Mr Langston ran the actual race, with the youngest member of staff (easy to work out!) coming a very creditable 6th place.





Request for Sponsorship

On Saturday 14 June, Mr Bilton (Kings Langley School) and Mr Garvey (St Clement Danes School) are taking part in an event called Rat Race: The Wall.

This is a famous 26-hour endurance cross country running race from Carlisle to Newcastle, across 70 miles of Hadrian's Wall.

Those of you who know these members of staff will understand the comic potential of this attempt. This will be enhanced by the fact that they will be wearing kilts, in honour of their Scottish heritage, and running on what they perceive to be the 'right' side of the Wall.

They are raising money for two amazing charitable causes:

- Breast Cancer – an awful disease, which has affected many people.
- Trikes for Felix and his friends: these are local children with very severe disabilities, all of whom attend a specialist school in Bushey. Felix is 6 years old but has the cognitive ability of 18 months. He is unable to walk, or talk, and needs permanent care round the clock. The trikes are specialist mobile 'bikes' which help the children straighten and strengthen the muscles in their lower limbs, as well as bringing them huge joy. We are hoping to be able to purchase two trikes for the school. Felix's mother Mrs Warren was a teacher at SCD for many years and now teaches at KLS.

We know money is tight for people, but if anyone could spare a few pounds to these great causes, all of us at both Kings Langley and St Clement Danes would be very grateful. The link is below, and pictures from their ordeal will be uploaded shortly after the race!

Members of staff will be present at sections of the course in Northumbria, to offer them tea, encouragement and pain relief.

Thank You

Lucy 9C (School Council, Year 9)

Please click on the link below to donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andrew-bilton-1>



Dutch Students Visit KLS

On Wednesday 7th May our school was visited by 40 students from Scala College, The Netherlands. Our school has taken part in this exchange for more than 20 years!

The day before, teachers chose a few students to represent KLS (this included 40 year 8s and a few year 10s and 12s). Around lunch time, the year 10 girls participated in teaching our visitors how to play rounders on Kings Langley Common. They later headed to our school and were joined by the year 8s and 12s. Our students split in to groups and, as half toured round the school, the others enjoyed a quiz back in the hall.

The tour lasted the whole of period 5. The Dutch students found the school very intriguing and big even though their school has 5 floors! Our friends from the Netherlands also found our uniform very unusual as they do not need to wear one. Their favorite rooms seemed to be food technology and our music rooms. This was due to the equipment we have in there.

After the tour finished, we headed back to the main hall for a quiz on the UK and the Netherlands. The quiz was extremely fun and brought us all together by working in a team. Lastly we ended by taking a group photo outside.

Both of the schools had an amazing time, and some KLS students made new friends and have agreed to stay in contact.

Megan and Masha 8A



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As a Tooled Up member, you will be familiar with our wide range of evidence-based resources designed to support children's wellbeing and resilience. As part of that support, we also want to ensure that parents and carers thrive, as when you are feeling your best, your children are more likely to flourish too.

The rush of daily life means that focusing on your own wellbeing can often take a back seat. That's why Tooled Up has created a host of resources specifically aimed at you. These cover a range of topics including relationships and mental health, and we've included some examples below.

How can couples with busy lives stay connected? As parents, how can you ensure that your relationship remains healthy, loving and strong? Watch this webinar with relationship therapist Sue Wintgens on [The Importance Of Connection for Couples.](#)

Adult life is full of unexpected twists and challenges. Our instinct is to keep on going but is there a better way to handle wobbles and worries? This article on [Coping With Change and Uncertainty.](#) collates links to all the Tooled Up resources that can help adults manage anxieties and become emotionally resilient.

Many parents may be experiencing or have questions about the menopause. It's no surprise then, that the expert webinars we've hosted on this topic are among the most popular. In this session with Dr Gauri Seth, explore how menopause affects family life and learn practical strategies to support your loved ones during this time of change: [Menopause, The Brain, and How to Support the Family System.](#)

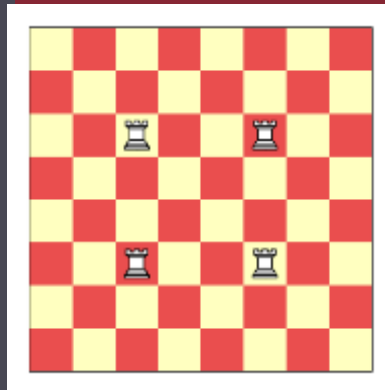




STEM Challenge

This week's challenge:

How many squares of any size on this chessboard do not contain a rook?



Answer next week.

Last Week's answer:

Four cars come to a four-way stop, all coming from a different direction. They can't decide who got there first, so they all go forward at the same time. They do not crash into each other, but all four cars go. How is this possible?

Answer:

They all made right-hand turns.



This week's jackpot winning number was:

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One of our supporters won £25.80 in the draw!

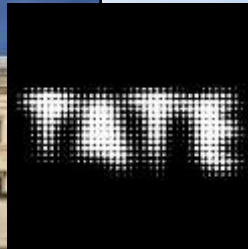


Summer Art Competition

WIN ART MATERIALS

VISITING LOCAL
EVENTS & GALLERIES

NATIONAL
PORTRAIT
GALLERY



Take a photo of where you have been
this summer -

Galleries and local events

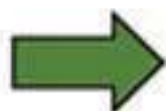
THE MOST EVENTS VISITED WINS!



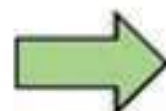
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MORE TIME TO LEARN!**

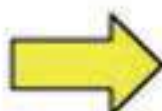
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OFF EACH YEAR



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OFF EACH YEAR



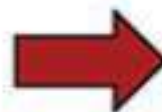
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OFF EACH YEAR



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)





Friends of Kings Langley School Second Hand Uniform & PE Kit

SALE

Blazers, Bags or
/ Shoes £6
All other items £3



Thursday 12th June
from 5.30pm - 6.30pm

In the hall.



Family Lives Summer Term Programme 2025

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 15 May to 26 June 9.30am - 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4 June to 9 July 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Friday 6 June to 11 July, 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 10 June to 15 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Tuesday 24 June 9.30am - 11.30am

A workshop that helps parents understand ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Date TBC

A workshop that explores different types of conflict between couples and families.

For more information, please contact Louise or Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701**, or email **services@familylives.org.uk**. Please scan our QR code for our referral form.





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10 MILE

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The poster features a background image of a sunlit forest path. At the bottom, there are two smaller images: one showing a group of people walking on a path, and another showing a man and a woman running. The text is primarily in white and yellow, with black text for the date and location. The DENS logo is in a yellow box. The Safraan logo is in white. The distance options are in white circles. The website URL is in large yellow letters. The supporting organizations are in white text with their respective logos.