



Kings Langley School News

Issue 18

A Note from the Headteacher

As you will be aware from the news, the National Education Union (NEU) have announced their intention to proceed with further formal Industrial Action on the following remaining days during the spring term:

Wednesday 1 March

Wednesday 15 March

Thursday 16 March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over the level of funding schools receive along with terms and conditions for staff amongst other matters. The disagreement is not with Kings Langley School, with our staff stating this to our leadership team, but we will be affected by the strike on the dates above.

On the first date on 1st February 2023, we were able to have more known in our planning but the action is increasing in staffing levels on the days above. We have a number of staff who are members of the NEU who did not strike on day 1 but are now likely to take action and could decide that they will support the industrial action and make themselves unavailable

School events next week

Monday 27th February

Y12x2 Lesson from
Auschwitz online Seminar -
3pm

Drama Auditions - 3.15 -
5pm

Friday 3rd March

Y12 Report home



for work on all or some of the identified days. **Colleagues do not have to share their intention with the school which will make it difficult to safely plan our provision for 1200 students.**

I would like to share with you our plans for students here at Kings Langley School for the final three days of strike actions in the spring term:

Year 11 and Year 13 students are in their final term before completing their exams and I will therefore, endeavour to maintain routine and practice for these cohorts across the entire dates as stated in my previous letter and as such for our onsite provision we will invite into school Year 11, 12 and 13.

All other year groups will move to online learning set via Microsoft TEAMS for the remaining dates above.

I ask that all cohorts in school bring with them their usual equipment and maintain the school uniform expectations during these dates. Those at home are to log on and try and follow a normal school routine within the MS TEAMS platform. Work and activities will be set either by non-striking teachers or members of the leadership team.

I once again state that teachers in school cannot cover for those colleagues who are on strike and as such we will only know on the day in question how we will cover all the lessons in school by the routes above.

Vulnerable Students - are permitted to attend school and a provision will be in place in the library and Learning Resources Centre staffed by Mrs Finlay and Ms Hill. If you require this provision please complete the following form by 9am on 28th February 2023.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjThTjIqPeV7gVPUcW75rJYb17oRfghoKctnvPS91iL9ePQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

Free School Meals - a packed lunch can be pre-ordered and collected from the school office at 3.15pm on 28th February 2023 – If you require this provision please complete the following form below by 9am on 28th February 2023.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOvxpopiNzJNpyly0ltFZFEBJiy1knt6zsrtnkfmGLrrlkg/viewform?usp=pp_url

Summary of year group information:

Year 11 - should attend school. Students will attend lessons as normal with non-striking teachers in school or be taught by senior leaders and where possible these will be subject specialists. I did enjoy teaching Year 11 Geography last time and will be again during the dates above.

Year 12 & 13 - should attend school for lessons only. If teachers are not in school, students should report to the Sixth Form Centre and undertake independent study.

For those students attending school, buses will operate as normal. Our food service will be available at normal times.

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 should remain at home for the dates above and follow the work set on Microsoft TEAMS by staff who are not striking or senior staff.

Calendar adjustments (should planned strikes go ahead)

The Online Year 12 Subject Consultation has been rescheduled to Thursday 23 March 2023 from 4.15pm-7.45pm.

The Year 7 Practical Revision Event for Parents has been rescheduled to 16 March 2023 at 6.30pm in the Main School Hall.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child(ren) in Year 7-10 for the remainder of the strike dates and/or that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

Kings Langley School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality first teaching. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Unlocking potential for life

Headteachers Commendations

Congratulations to the following students who have finished top of their form or class on LanguageNut this month.

Jack 7A, Ruby 7C, Olivia 7D, Sammy 7G, Max 7T, Maisie 7P, and Skye 7T

Abigail 8A, Victor 8C, Milo 8D, Beth 8G, Karina 8J, and Millie 8P.

Megan 9A, Eleanor 9C, Harriet 9D, Emily 9G, Sophie 9J, Oscar 9P, and Pooja 9P.

Giovanna 10Fr, Niamh 10SpC, and Catherine 10SpD,

Fares 11FrC, Abigail 11FrD, Sienna 11SpC, and

Sereena 11J



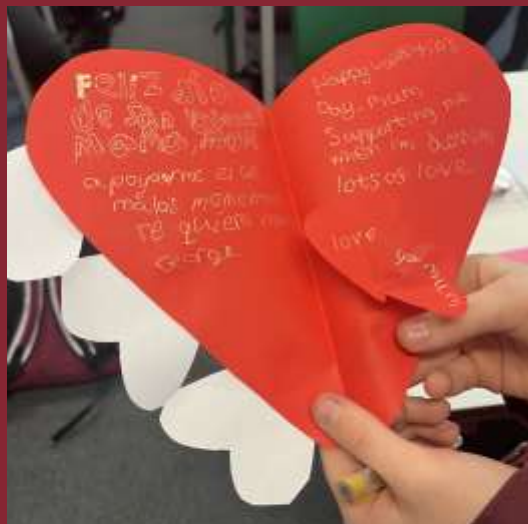
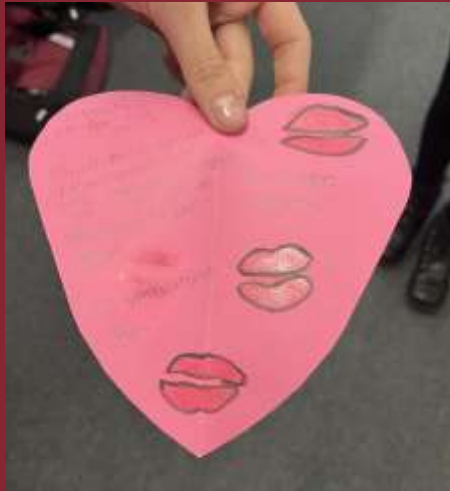
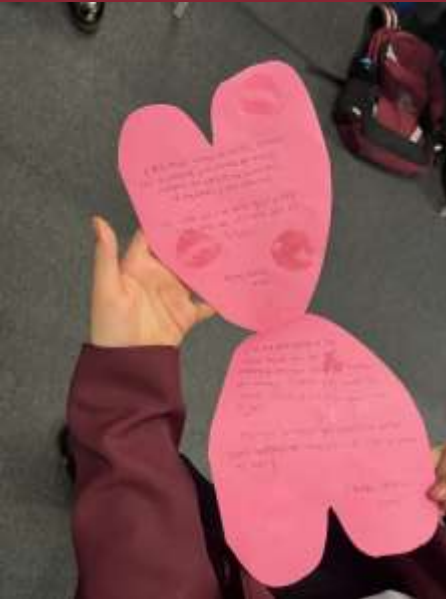
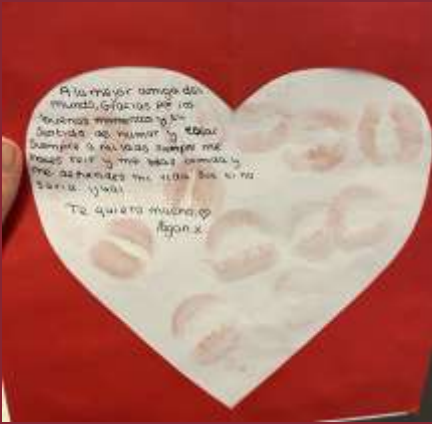
French Blooklet Competition

On the Friday before half term, our French FLA Lea Hedge hosted a Blooklet competition for Y7 students in the computer room. Congratulations to Phoebe, Lachie and overall winner Lucy, who all displayed great determination and strong French skills to secure places on the podium.



Spanish Valentines Cards

On the Friday before half term, students in Y8 Spanish were invited to create Valentines cards for their friends or family members. Mr Burgin was incredibly impressed by the range of language and creative skills that students displayed through their work. Here are a few photographs of their wonderful creations. Well done to all the students involved.



Cookery Club

Chocolate Cup Cakes

Ingredients

- 115g butter, softened
- 115g caster sugar
- 2 medium eggs, lightly beaten
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- 90g self-raising flour
- 25g cocoa powder
- 1-2tbsp milk



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Fan 160C/Gas Mark 4. Line a 12-hole bun tray with 12 paper cases.
2. Place the butter and sugar in a mixing bowl and beat together until very pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs, a spoonful at a time. Beat well after each addition and if the mixture begins to curdle add a spoonful of the measured flour.
3. Beat in the vanilla extract then sift over the flour and cocoa powder and fold in gently with a metal spoon. Fold in enough of the milk to get a soft dropping consistency. Divide the mixture between the paper cases. Bake for 15-20mins until risen, golden and springy to the touch.
4. Leave the fairy cakes in the tray for about 5mins then transfer to a cooling rack and leave to cool completely.



Drama News

Auditions for the
Kings Langley School Summer Show
Open to All
on Monday 27th February
3.15-5pm
Activity Studio

*Humans and fairies all mixed up in a
wood in the 1980s. What could go
wrong?*

We need lead actors, supporting
actors, dancers and stage crew!

Rehearsals every Monday from
Monday 6th March

Show date: Thursday 6th July 2023

1980
SHAKESPEARE'S
A
MIDSUMMER
NIGHT'S
DREAM



Audition Details

You will be given a short piece of
the text from the play to rehearse
and perform.

If you want to audition as a
dancer, you will be taught a short
sequence to perform. Please
bring PE kit to change into and be
prepared to stay until 5pm

If you want a lead role you will need to
be able to stay until 5pm.

If you are interested in working back
stage, you need to come and sign up
and will only need to stay until 3.45pm



Drama News

****STOP PRESS!** We are opening this trip to year 8 students! Log into Scopay and get in quick whilst there are still tickets!**

Year 8 & 9 Theatre Trip!

We are pleased to announce a trip for Year 8 & 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 17

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

- Sastika- 7A (76 points)
- Ava- 8D (82 points)
- **Oliver- 9C (124 points)**
- Babarafunmi- 10C (112 points)
- Grace- 11G (42 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- **Purdey- 7T (809%)**
- Connor- 8D (159%)
- Amy- 9J (100%)
- Edward- 10G (1900%)
- Oliver- 11P (186%)





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 20th Feb

Drama	Riley 7D
Excellent vocal skills used in a drama piece.	
English	Michael 11C
Excellent effort in recent Language and Literature mocks.	
Food Technology	Esme 10J
Perfect buffet food practical.	
Politics	Evie 12OHA
Focused and effective revision for her mock exam, utilising all of the resources provided making the most of practice questions and past papers, as well as using feedback and exemplars from previous	
Graphics	Sebastian 10G
Excellent 2D Design work.	
Mathematics	Diva 7C
Excellent effort and motivation to challenge herself in lessons.	
Product Design	Chloe 13MCK
For being the first to finish their NEA making.	
Psychology	Aidan 12OHA
For excellent trial exam results. Well done.	
Sociology	Keren 12ELL
For excellent trial exam results. Well done.	
Year 7 Head of Year	Casper 7J
Ongoing stickability and active engagement in English lessons.	
Year 10 Head of Year	Will 10A
Consistently having a positive attitude to school.	

STEM Challenge



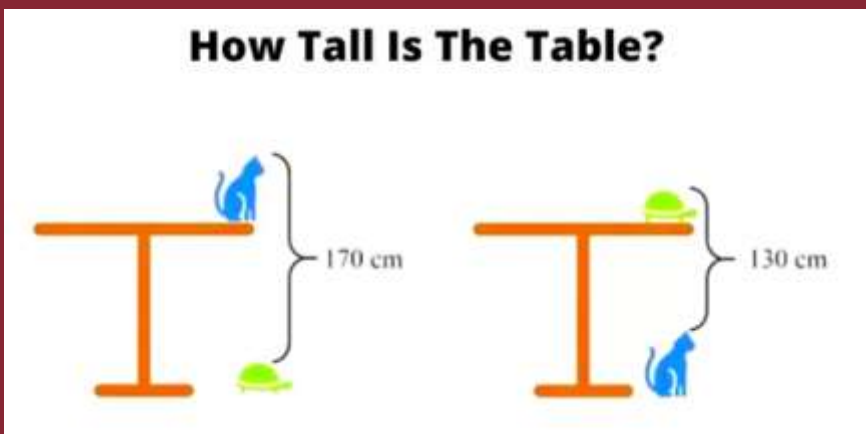
This weeks STEM challenge is provided by Harry 10C

Which number should replace the question mark?



Answer next week.

Last week's answer:



Answer:

$$170\text{cm} + 130\text{cm} = 300$$

$$300 / 2 = 150$$

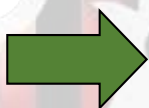
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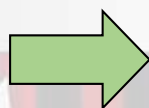
Attendance Ladder

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

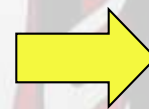
4 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



9 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



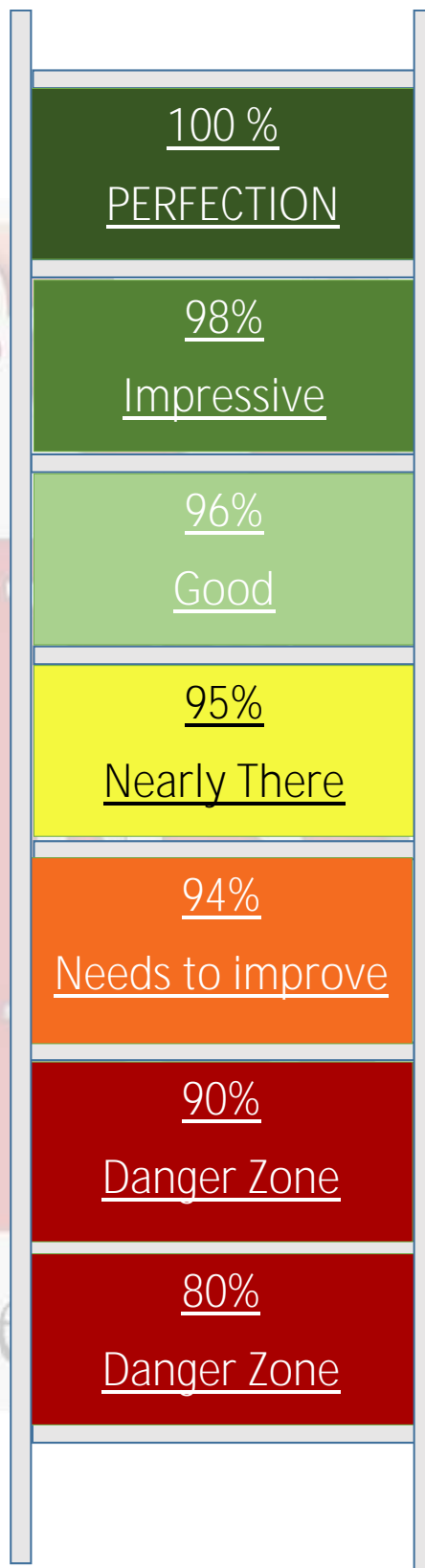
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



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)





School of
CHARACTER



- Brand new school build completed September 2016
- Good School with Outstanding Features (Ofsted 2018)
- Pupils are well-behaved and courteous (Ofsted 2018)
- Impressive award winning curriculum on character education (Ofsted 2018)
- A commitment to continuing professional development
- A full programme of induction and support for all new staff
- Platinum Arts Mark Status

KINGS LANGLEY SCHOOL

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Email: admin@kls.herts.sch.uk

Exam Invigilators

Pay Details: £9.50 per hour (plus holiday pay) – term time only on a flexible, variable hours contract basis.

We are seeking to appoint a number of highly motivated, reliable and flexible exam invigilators to assist with examinations at the school. Whilst school experience would be desirable, we welcome applications from enthusiastic individuals with an eye for detail, good communication skills and who are able to relate well to young people.

Candidates will need to be flexible to attend on a casual basis during examination periods.

Closing date for applications: 28th February 2023

The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check



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Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Nearly half of young people
in Hertfordshire are **Worried**
about the **way they look**



ReAL BodiEs

IN HERTS

EVERY BODY FOR EVERYBODY

Useful resources for 11-18 year olds
as well as parents/carers can
be found on the Just Talk website

 **JUSTTALK**

www.justtalkherts.org



With Youth

Children & Young People's Digital Wellbeing Service

If you are between the ages of 5-18 or a parent/caregiver of a 5-18 year old, message us or call us to get help with any issues that are affecting your wellbeing.

We can talk about what you are experiencing and offer you support, information and advice through one-to-one and group sessions.

You can get help straight away, no referral needed. To find out more, or to talk to one of our team:

Instant message us at www.withyouth.org

Or call us on **0208 189 8400**

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Kings Langley Players present
the award winning comedy

UP N UNDER BY JOHN GODBER

9th-11th March 7:45pm



*Olivier Award-winning 'Up N Under' is
action packed, fast and 'totally hysterical'*
The Observer

Theatre at The Nap, Kings Langley, WD4 8ET

UP N UNDER BY JOHN GODBER



This classic Olivier Award-Winning
Comedy follows amateur rugby league
minnows, The Wheatsheaf Arms in their
quest to beat arch rivals, The Collars Arms.
Join ex-professional Arthur as he enlists
the help of female fitness guru Hazel, in
an effort to lick the boozy lads into shape.

9th-11th March 7:45pm

Box Office www.klp.org.uk or call 0333 666 3366

The box office is run by Ticketsource and is a booking line only. An additional
£1.50 telephone service fee will be added

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