



Kings Langley School News

Issue 25

A note from the Headteacher

We come to the end of a busy term with much to celebrate in our students, school and community achievements.

As a school we see ourselves as a community school and want to continue to invest in our community whether that be facilities or events. Following work this academic year, we are now able to offer significantly enhanced facilities to our wider community for use such as the school site, 3G pitch and Sixth Form Centre all soon to be supported by an amazing catering offer, significantly improved digital strategy through improved communication lines, Wi-Fi and infrastructure taking place over the summer term. It is not just our facilities it's the events we hold that have recently been praised externally not only through the wide range of clubs and opportunities but also as we continue to welcome more and more families in to events such as our community Iftar celebration this week.

I would like to continue to reach out to all of our community to try and help us celebrate future events for all faiths and communities. If you would like to talk with me about these please contact the school and Mrs Woodhouse will book in an appointment to discuss how best to approach each event. We are already in initial conversations with other faiths about events for the winter term but I look forward to trying to accommodate more.

School Events

Monday 15th March

Return to School 8.40am


Tuesday 16th March

Y12 Geography field trip departs

Friday 19th March

Music Ambassador Event
- Lunchtime

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As we end the term, I would like to remind parents with my quest to start the day after a break with pure positivity where every child attends with everything needed to be successful. Please can I ask that all parents check on uniform, school shoes, school equipment and PE kits, etc to ensure your child attends school ready so we can start on a positive first day back. A plea if your child does have a need/want to have false/gel/acrylic nails over the holidays please build in time for them to be removed before the first day back. <https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/>

Finally, we thank those staff who are leaving us at Easter for all their hard work and welcome new staff or returning staff to the school. Ms Salter is moving to a school much closer to home in Pinner, Ms Yarrow is joining the school she went to as a student much closer to her home location and Mrs Johnson Putt is moving to a school in St Albans. Like all schools our support staff play a vital role. So we would like to thank Mrs Hughes (our Data Manager) for many years of service behind the scenes. We would like to once again thank all of the staff leaving for their unique contributions to school life.

We welcome Ms Murphy in the English department, Ms Coughlan to our PE department and welcome back Mrs Bryne who will take up a roll in the technology department after Easter.

It leaves me to say thank you for all your support of the school and I hope our entire community have a restful and enjoyable break.


A message from Ms Salter

Thank you for your kindness and support throughout my development and time teaching at KLS.

To be able to leave with the well wishes and support from colleagues and understanding and empathy from students feels a privilege.

I am looking forward to this next professional step in a new environment teaching nearer to London, applying and building on the skills developed amongst the opportunities here.

These four years have certainly gone by in a flash- thank you for that too!



Kings Langley School Community Iftar 2024



On Tuesday 26th March, Kings Langley School held our Annual Community Iftar hosting approximately 150 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. This is our second Iftar and after the huge success of last year, it was important for us all to ensure that we had another fabulous evening breaking bread together and enjoying being part of one community.



Tuesday'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 including samosas, pilau rice, pakoras, chicken tikka and kebabs, all of which was home cooked. The community really pitched in as could be seen by the heavily laden and glorious dessert table! Whilst many people were fasting, this was not mandatory but the

whole community broke fast together at 6.26pm, 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.

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 **'Save The Children'** charity.

Amongst our guests were previous Kings Langley staff and students which is testament to the fact that Kings Langley School is very much about the individual whether they still attend or work at our school or not.



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.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the following people;

- All the students, friends and family for the scrumptious desserts.
- Uzair for the beautiful recitation of the adhaan.
- Syed for leading the Maghrib prayers.
- Our wonderful student volunteers for all the decorating and planning.
- Mr. Davies for the help with the setting up and cleaning up.
- Miss Scanlan for the full use of her area so we could prepare the food.
- Mr. Fisher for his unwavering support from the initial idea to the execution.
- Mrs. Stickley Chair of Governors for her enthusiastic support.
- Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Harris for all your help and support.
- All of our wonderful staff who came along, enjoyed and supported the KLS community.
- Mrs. Ashraf who organised the Community Iftar and coordinated all the students.

And last, but by no means least, all our wonderful community who came along to celebrate this special occasion with us. Thank you and we hope to see you next year.

Mrs Butt



Best at Bedrock! Week 26

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

- Zahra- 7G (130 points)
- Sastika- 8A (120 points)
- **Adam- 9P (184 points)**
- Koburn- 10G (52 points)
- Morgan- 11A (51 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Archie- 7A (72%)
- Max- 8P (355%)
- Adam- 9P (289%)
- Lily- 10A (270%)
- **Edward- 11G (1440%)**





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 25th March

Drama	Olivia, Rosie and Ruby 9A
For a great documentary theatre scene that used all the techniques we have been working on.	
English	Dylan 9J
Asking really thought provoking questions and giving detailed, well considered answers in discussion.	
Food Technology	Sienna 9C
For showing stickability and giving everything a go in her food lesson.	
Geography	Nickhya 11J
A gracious student who consistently aspires to achieve in geography, working diligently.	
Politics	Evie 13OHA
For her tireless work and effort in Politics. A model student – well done!	
Graphics	Teddy 9C
Excellent practical work.	
History	Abbie 7J
Unbelievably amazing model concentric castle built as a homework project.	
Library	Lois 8A
A consistently positive, friendly presence in the library at break times.	
Mathematics	Raquelle 11C
Fantastic engagement and effort during morning Maths intervention!	
Physical Education	Dylan 10C
Outstanding sports leadership at the recent Dacorum Year 5 & 6 Football Festival.	
Product Design	Mahi 8G
For fantastic effort in class.	

Psychology	Aidan 13OHA
For great effort in his studies and producing work of a very high standard.	
Science	Charlotte 9J
Superb entry for the British Science week poster competition!	
Sociology	Izabela 12MOY
For maintaining a strong work ethic and always giving her best effort in class.	
Textiles	Joshua 8A
Excellent monster idea and making.	
Year 7 Head of Year	Elle 7J
For winning the Hertfordshire International Women's day 7 a-side tournament.	
Year 11 Head of Year	Amrit 11J
Consistently doing the right thing and showing fantastic character traits.	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	Adaya 12ARN, Oliver12JNN, Jessica 12MOY, Sereena 12JNN, Edward 12JNN, Syed 12DLK
For stepping out of your comfort zone to run in the Head Student Campaign.	

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

Headteacher Commendations



Football

Congratulations to the following students:

Ruby (8A), Freya (8T), Maddie (7D), Tessa (8G), Marnie (7C), Elle (7J) and Teagan (7C) for winning the Hertfordshire International Women's Day 7-a-side Tournament.



Futsal

Congratulations to the following students:

Ruby (8A), Daisy (9C), Molly (9P), Annie (9C), Sophie (9D), Sasha (9C) - for winning the Hertfordshire U/14 Girls County Futsal Championships.



Kings Langley Sixth Form

Student Leadership Team 2024

Head Students

The Student Leadership Team are elected students from the Sixth Form. The Head Students lead this team and are supported by the Deputy Head Students and Assistant Head Students.

They act and speak on behalf of the students of the school and Sixth Form and are representatives of the student community.



Oliver



Adaya

Deputy Head Students



Jessica



Sereena

Assistant Head Students



Syed



Edward

Bronze - Silver - Gold - Platinum - Diamond

KLS Colour Awards

Flourishing through opportunities and personal development



Ask your form tutor and subject teachers about how you can achieve these awards

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

Friday 22nd March, saw the coming together of the Duke of Edinburgh Silver participants for their assessed expedition. Having successfully completed their practice expedition a fortnight earlier, there was a sense of preparedness among the group with a deserved air of confidence. Little did they know what the weekend had in store for them.



As before, the 6am start from Kings Langley School had taken its toll and some were asleep before we reached our familiar breakfast spot at Cobham Services. After taking on some food the group departed and headed to the South Coast, where Eastbourne Station was the intended start point. The group which included Mr Astley and Mr Jakubowski met Becky, of Wildside Outdoors, who would be both running the expedition and assessing the group. The fate of the assessed expedition, for which so much work had gone towards, rested on the

group of seven to impress Becky with their navigation and camping skills.

A brief introduction and kit check preceded their departure towards the green, and mercifully somewhat dry, hills of the south downs to west of the town. Immediately, a steep and intimidating incline had to be conquered, taking our explorers from sea level up into the murky low-level clouds that shrouded the landscape. The fog and cloud cover was so thick that Ella commented that she “couldn’t see her fingers on the end of her hands”.

After adding a few new kilometres to their experience of the South Downs Way, eventually the charming village of Alfriston came into view and all that was left to do was to pitch tents and cook dinner under a rosy, pink sunset.

The first night was bitterly cold with the temperature dropping to a frigid 3 degrees Celsius. The farmers’ fields and wildlife surrounding provided ample noise pollution that when combined with the chattering teeth prevented any meaningful sleep.



Dawn for day two was very fresh, but spirits were high “Team Optimism” as they had called themselves, very aptly sprang into action and decamped in good time. The weather forecast predicted rain later in the day but mostly clear skies. The weather forecast was lying.

During the 15 kilometres covered on day two we experienced by almost every type of weather the British south coast had to offer. Layers were shed as the sun came out and then grappled back on just as quickly as clouds hid the heat behind them. The rain came in half hour intervals with each outburst making terrain incrementally more difficult to cover. As the group ate lunch in the shadow of large hill sloping down towards the coast and the sea, a particularly large and dark cloud loomed overhead. The cloud released an ammunition of hail which sent everyone beneath scrambling for cover. Not 20 minutes after the hail had paused, thunder and lightning were spotted by Mr Astley and Mr Jakubowski on the other side of the hill. As the potential threat was radioed in, the hail resumed its barrage. As shown, Areeb was not impressed...



Through the challenging conditions, the group only made one navigation error, which Becky noticed and after a quick impromptu lesson on how walkie talkies work, were directed back on track. A very successful day overall, facing the great British weather head on in the face and departing victorious in round one. Round two started at around 11pm when everyone had retired to the presumed safety of their tents. A slightly warmer night, but still fairly Baltic 5 degrees Celsius, was accompanied by gale force winds. Mr Astley and Mr Jakubowski, both very experienced campers, agreed that it was the strongest winds they had ever camped in. It was only by some miracle that in the morning all the tents were in one piece and still where they



After two nights of poor sleep and defying the most severe elements that could have been experienced, the morning of day three had the group feeling fatigued. But as always, the mood of Team Optimism was well, optimistic. After all, they had completed five days and five nights of expedition across the weekend and only 15 kilometres remained to the finish line.



A straight walk, ascending and descending the hills of the South Downs back to Eastbourne Station laid in store. As if sensing the excitement and relief of the group, even the sun made a show, basking the south coast in glorious warmth all day. Lunch was taken on a charming, idyllic village green. Under the heat of the sun, Mr Astley and Mr Jakubowski even caught up on some shut eye, resting on a park bench. The group eagerly departed, with the aches and pains now at the back of their mind as they embarked on the final stretch of their journey.



At 4pm on the Sunday, Eastbourne station came into view. Bags were finally dropped off weary backs and hips. Layers were taken off. Most fell to ground from sheer exhaustion. Becky announced they had all passed their expedition! The realisation that the journey had come to a successful end settled over the group. The achievement was well deserved and the team of individually determined and brilliant people, had passed as a group.

A long and tiring journey home left many to fall asleep through Mr Jakubowski's playlist. Parents were prompt to pick up their exhausted but accomplished children. The saga ended at 7pm.

Congratulations to Abbie, Adaya, Alan, Areeb, Ella, Ethan and Francesca for a truly inspirational journey. Sincerest thanks to Mr Higgins and Mr Jakubowski for giving their weekends to help Mr Astley run the program.

DofE Gold next year anyone?



Magistrate Mock Trial Court Report: 9th March

Venue; Stevenage Magistrates Court

Court reporter: Joshua, 8A

Court artist : Brian, 8T



This is a live news report of the trial of Jo Godwin at Stevenage Magistrate's court

There are several schools taking part today. We are in Court 2, Kings Langley are defending first. The organisers of the competition are getting everything ready for the court session. The legal adviser is writing the names of all the four lawyers. Magistrates are now ready. No more questions asked, court in session.

Joe Goodwin pleads not guilty. Joe Goodwin is kept in the 'box'

Prosecution Lawyer: (Opening Speech) 'Chris Wheeler was assaulted by Joe Goodwin, there were road works ahead and the automated navigation system chose a different route,' this annoyed Joe Goodwin saying, 'You are only doing this for money'. They then parked 10 minutes away from station where the driver got out and tried to pull Joe Goodwin but his seatbelt was still on so Chris Wheeler fell over and Joe Goodwin got out and allegedly kicked Chris Wheeler.'

Chris Wheeler (taxi driver) ; *'I have been a taxi driver for many years',* 'I have had 4 more rides before I picked Joe Goodwin up' Joe Goodwin's behaviour was very disrespectful towards the driver partly because he was intoxicated. Then Joe Goodwin refused to exit the car, Joe Goodwin was **thought to have spat at Chris Wheeler showing disrespectful behaviour.**



Chris Wheeler was kicked in the abdomen causing actual body harm. The event traumatised him, and he doesn't want to continue to be a taxi driver after this event. He was ten minutes away from the train station before Joe Goodwin cancelled the ride.

Riley Carter, a witness is called out to testify.

Usher: 'repeat after me, I will tell the truth and nothing but the truth'.

Prosecution Lawyer: (asking Chris Wheeler) What were you doing that evening?

Riley Carter : Walking by the store

Would you agree that Chris Wheeler is a good taxi driver? :

Riley Carter Yes

The witness said that she saw the passenger exiting the car and tried to run away. However, she DID NOT see Joe Goodwin kick Chris Wheeler.

Defence Lawyer: There was poor visibility that night. How sure are you that it was them?

Riley Carter: 'I do not know for certain.'

Police officer: Jo Goodwin had been brought in before for attempted assault. He responded with 'No comment' for every question. The CCTV footage was '*accidentally deleted by the staff*'

Joe Goodwin exits the box:

Usher: repeat after me, I will tell the truth and nothing but the truth

Joe Goodwin: I am a gardener and my pronouns are '*he/him*'

Lawyer: How familiar are you with the route?

Joe Goodwin: I've used this route before so I knew how much it should cost, but I didn't know where I was so I asked where I was and threatened to cancel the ride which led to him to pull over.

Lawyer: When you were having dinner how much did you drink?

Joe Goodwin: I don't remember.

Lawyer: If you don't know that means you could be accused of being '*intoxicated*'

Lawyer: You could have reported this why didn't you call 999?

Joe Goodwin: I didn't think of it at that time,

Lawyer: No more questions

Joe Goodwin returns to the box.

2nd defense witness called to the stand Dani Carter.

Usher: repeat after me, I will tell the truth and nothing but the truth

Dani Carter: My name is Dani Carter and my preferred pronouns are '*she/her*'

Lawyer: How did watching the event make you feel?



Dani: Watching this event made me worried and frightened. My hands were full so I went to drop the items. I came back in about a minute, the passenger (Joe Goodwin) wasn't clearly visible.

Lawyer: You stated that you could hear shouting from the driver, should it be the other way round?

Dani: Not the way I saw it.

Lawyer: Why didn't you call 999?

Dani Carter: I wanted to de-escalate the situation first.

I didn't see Joe kick the driver (Chris Wheeler). When I was with them at the end, I saw Chris Wheeler injured.

No further Questions.

Defence lawyer: (closing statement). We will now sum up all of the evidence from both sides Chris Wheeler chose a longer route than necessary as there were many shorter routes than the one he choose. There are several problems with this case as there wasn't clear visibility. Joe Goodwin is innocent until proven guilty.

Legal adviser summarises the law about the case. Magistrates leave the room to decide if Joe Goodwin is guilty for assault.

Magistrates re-enter the court. They announce their verdict; **Joe Goodwin** is found guilty for assault on Chris Wheeler.

Senior magistrate; sentences for these crimes are from 36 weeks of custody to 1.5 years in custody excluding community service.



SOAR BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

Narayah 8T



Narayah said "I am so proud of myself and my teammates for our performance at the SOAR British Championship competition. It took a lot of hard work and dedication to reach this level, and I'm thrilled with how far we've come. Dancing means everything to me, and I'm determined to continue improving and moving forward with it. This was the hardest competition we have danced in but our hard work paid off, and I'm really happy with my performance. I'm grateful for the support of my family and coaches, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for our team going forward."



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Quick Guide to Neurodiversity

This week is **Neurodiversity Celebration Week**, and what better way to mark the occasion than by sharing some of the insights from our own expert resources! If you want an overview of everything we have within Tooled Up on neurodiversity, the great starting point is our [quick guide](#).

What are some of the most popular Tooled Up resources related to this theme? Dr Sophia Mooncey's [webinar](#) on autism offers a wealth of supportive tips for parents and carers. Parents can also learn more about 'masking' and



The Autistic Child: What Every Parent and Carer Should Know

other coping strategies that young people might employ in their daily lives in this [edition](#) of Wednesday Wisdom.



Wednesday Wisdom: Masking

Dr Schramm's [article](#) on "10 things for parents to know about ADHD" has been read over 1000 times and our [webinar](#) on positively parenting a child with ADHD by Dr Vilas Sawrikar has had very positive feedback from parents.



Top 10 Things to Know about ADHD Treatment



ADHD Positive Parenting Toolkit

Teachers have told us that the [webinar](#) we hosted with Dr Mary Hanley of Durham University was a **game-changer in terms of understanding how to support autistic children in the classroom**, and they relished Gemma Goldenberg's [work](#) on the benefit of outdoor learning for reducing children's stress levels.



Autism in the Classroom



The Impact of Outdoor Learning



Wednesday Wisdom: Trailblazers



Kindness and Resilience



STEM Challenge

This weeks challenge:

How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket?



Answer next term.

Last week's answer:

You're standing in a hallway with three light switches on the wall, each of which turns on a different lamp inside a closed room. You can't see inside the room, and you cannot open the door except to enter the room. You can enter the room only once, and when you do, all the lamps must be turned off. How can you tell which switch turns on which lamp?

Turn on the right switch and leave it on for two minutes. After two minutes, turn on the middle switch and leave it on for one minute. When that minute is up, turn off both switches and enter the room. One light bulb will be hot (1st switch) and one will be warm (2nd switch). The cold bulb will correspond to the switch you didn't turn on.



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The following jackpot winning number for this week is:

782451

Our supporter won £30.00 in the draw!

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)

Please find below information in relation to Watford Football Club Community Sports and Education Trust, we are very excited to be able to host one of the Easter Football Holiday Courses on Kings Langley School's new 3G football pitch. The course at Kings Langley School will run from Tuesday 2 April 2024 – Friday 5 April 2024 from 10am-3pm.

[Kings Langley Holiday Course 2023/2024 | Watford Community Sports & Education Trust \(watfordfccsetrust.com\)](https://www.watfordfccsetrust.com)

WatfordFC community **WATFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS & EDUCATION TRUST**
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 102228

Easter Half Term Football Holiday Courses

Fun & educational football sessions for participants aged 6-13

Watford, Harpenden, and Kings Langley
10am-3pm

1-2-1 sessions also available between 3.10pm-4.00pm

Week 1
Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th April
(Kings Langley will only run during week 1)

Week 2
Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April

£25.00 per day.
£10.00 discount if you book all five days.

*"Best camp (my child) has ever done."
-Parent, holiday course participant.*



Congratulations to Daniella in 7A who has won the Easter Bunny that 8A was raffling off for their STEM fundraising for Action aid with the name she chose of Berry.