



Kings Langley School News

Issue 11

A note from Mrs Finlay

I am Mrs Finlay and am delighted to introduce myself; I began working at Kings Langley School in September 2022. My role is Achievement for All Lead, and I am fortunate to support students to aspire more and therefore achieve better. I also have the pleasure of working with teachers to help in the continuous development of our teaching practice, ensuring that our students have the best curriculum and the best lessons to improve their knowledge and thinking. Prior to working at KLS, I worked as a senior leader in schools in Hertfordshire and across London.

A key role I play is in evaluating the experience our students have at school, to identify areas for improvement in all the opportunities we afford to them. I thoroughly enjoy working with the students every day, both in their lessons and outside of their lessons – they bring variety to my day and seeing them happy in school is my utmost goal. You, as their parents and carers, are a vital part of their lives and I look forward to working with you to ensure that we are supporting your child to believe in themselves, and encouraging them to be ambitious, brave,

School events next week

Monday 5th December -

FoKLS Christmas Market
Hall / Dining room 5.30-8pm

Thursday 8th December -

Y10 Practical Revision &
Reading Event - Parents /
Students Hall 6.30 - 7.30pm
& Y10

Friday 9th December -

Y13 English Conference
Library 10.30-3pm
Y12/13 Othello Theatre
Trip—5.30—10.30pm
Y7—Reports home.

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and determined to achieve.

I believe in parent partnerships and our communication is key to this. As staff, we are privileged to have a role in nurturing and supporting your child; if there is more that you feel we can do or if there are things that we should be aware of to better support your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Headteacher Commendations



Last week the Rotary Chef competition was hosted by our School, congratulations to year 10 students Dylan and Amrit who participated in the event. This week they were presented with their Headteacher commendations and a book by Miss Scanlan and Mr Fisher.



Last week Mr Tubb and Mr Fisher presented the following students with their colour awards - Fatima 11J who achieved her sports bronze award and Serena 11J who achieved her bronze sports award and her gold community and civic award. Congratulations to them both.



Headteacher Commendations



Poppy Competition

Inaara 9D 1st place - (lest we forget box with model cross/poppies)

Jack 7A 2nd place

Aya 8D- 3rd place

Runners up

Olivia Davies 7A

Pheobe Laventure 7A

Cameron Langley 7T



Headteacher Commendations



First Prize Autumn Bedrock Tasks
winner- Betsy - 8A

Second Prize Autumn Bedrock
Tasks winner- Jess - 7G

Third Prize Autumn Bedrock Tasks
winner- Poppy-Lucia - 8G

Fourth Prize Autumn Bedrock Tasks
winner- Dylan - 8J

Kings Langley School was delighted to be notified by Bedrock Learning about the Year 7 students categorised as being in the top 25% for vocabulary engagement on this online platform since the start of September.

These students celebrated with a special Headteacher's breakfast.



Headteacher Commendations



Katie 7P -For her outstanding cushion product

Marta 7J - For her outstanding use of the sewing machine
and supporting her classmates



Best at Bedrock! Week 13

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 (218points)
- **Adam- 8P (229 points)**
- Oscar- 9P (128 points)
- Morgan- 10A (71 points)
- Henry- 11J (52 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Adam- 7D (462%)
- Adam- 8P (173%)
- Elise- 9G (355%)
- **Gabriella- 10P (1440%)**
- Oliver- 11P (488%)



Confident voices, strong literacy





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 28th Nov

Art	Katy Y11
Beautiful drawing skills and highly skilled control with materials.	
Drama	Benjamin 9P
For his excellent work on his exam dialogue. He secured his lines perfectly and was enthusiastic and focused throughout.	
English	Kairo 7A
For writing a great detailed story in his exam.	
Food Technology	Esme 10J
Excellent food practical.	
Politics	Olivia 7A
The first student to submit their entry to the Parliament Week poster competition!	
Graphics	Eleanor 9C
Super brand development work.	
History	Summa-Louise 7C
A phenomenal effort in revision for her History assessment; I've never seen so many flashcards!	
Library	Benjamin 7G
Making a fantastic start as a new member of the Library Leaders!	
Mathematics	Jasmine 12LIY
Excellent understanding and communication of a tricky topic in statistics, which helped her class to come up with a better method to answer questions on histograms.	

Music	Jack 7A
For showing great personal investment by practicing the piano during his lunchtimes. Well done!	
Product Design	Raman 12SHH
Excellent prototype development work.	
Philosophy, Religion and Ethics	Tudor 10C
Asking the most insightful and thought-provoking questions.	
Textiles	Chloe 11G
Progress with NEA.	

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

Rotary Young Chef competition 2022

On the 16th November Kings Langley school were delighted to once again be the host school for the Rotary Clubs of Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead's annual Young Chef competition. 12 students from across 6 schools entered into the competition to cook a two course meal costing no more than £20 for two people in two hours. The judges this year were Nic Leon, executive Chef at Leon Catering and Grant Young Executive Chef at Fine Dine In. The competition was amazing with some incredible dishes being made to an extremely high standard.

Dylan and Amrit year 10 were chosen by the rotary judges to represent Kings Langley school. Amrit made sun dried tomato and chilli rigatoni with garlic bread and three flavours of dark chocolate truffles. Dylan made beef burger with potato fries and lemon drizzle cake.



Both our students produced excellent quality dishes and we are delighted to announce that Amrit came second overall in the competition just beaten by Jasper from Hemel Hempstead school.

Congratulations to all for a superb evening and thanks to the design and technology staff team for their support in this event.



Into the 6th Form

On Wednesday 23rd November we held a very successful and well attended 'Into the Sixth Form' open evening where we welcomed both our own Yr11 students and external students to find out what KLS Sixth Form has to offer.

We are excited to receive applications for September 2023 intake. Applications are now open and can be found by visiting the admissions section of the sixth form area of the school website:

[Admissions - Kings Langley \(kls.herts.sch.uk\)](https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk)



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Sports News

Rugby League

Congratulations to Sonny (10J) on his efforts with London Broncos RFL. After a successful trial, Sonny has been awarded a temporary scholarship until the end of the year where he will have the opportunity to be given a full scholarship.



Star Baker

Esme 10J

Chilli & pesto



Recipe of the week by Food Ambassador Bobby - 8D



Carrot cakes

Ingredients

200g self raising flour
1tsp of baking soda
175g of soft dark brown sugar
1tsp of cinnamon
2 eggs
150 ml of sunflower oil
50 ml of milk
200 grams grated carrots

Method

Mix the dry ingredients together.

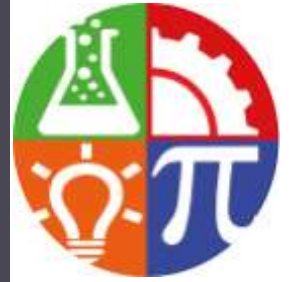
Then mix the wet ingredients in a jug and add it to the dry ingredients.

Then add the carrots.

Bake at 180/160 fan /
gas mark 5 for 20-22 minutes.



STEM Challenge



On which number the Car is parked?



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?

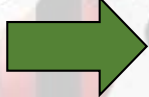
Answer: They all made right-hand turns.



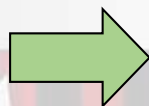
Attendance Ladder

MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!

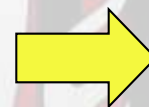
4 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



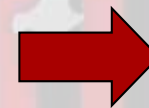
9 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



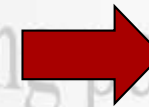
11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



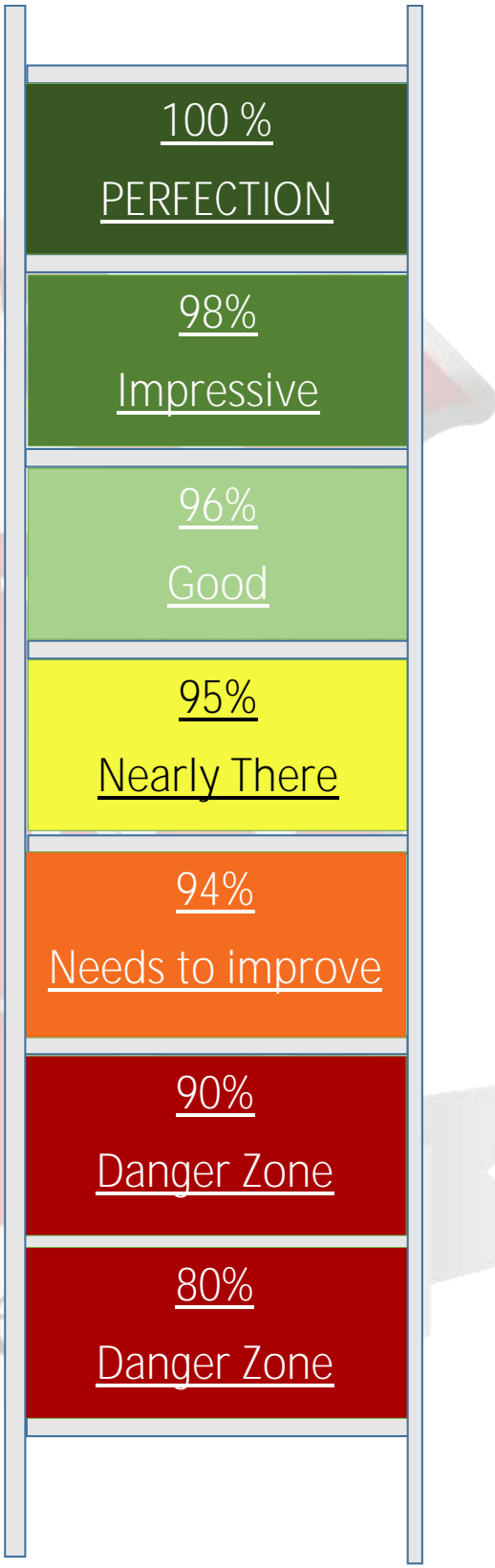
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



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)



DECEMBER 2022

The Library

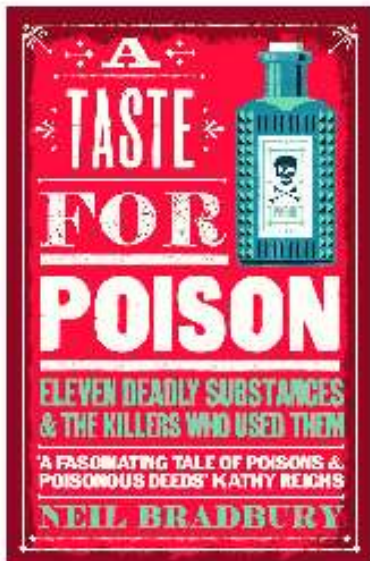
Books of the Month



Key Stage 3

All the Jingle Ladies by Beth Garrod

Molly hates Christmas. And it's not even her fault. Her mum and dad had the biggest ever Christmas single when she was a child, complete with video evidence of Molly in a hideous Christmas costume joyfully singing the mortifying last line that EVERYBODY knows. Molly has spent her life trying to play it down but then the song is used in the hottest new Christmas film. It's only November and it's already EVERYWHERE. And when Molly meets a cute guy at the premier, how can she stop him from working out who she is? But Molly isn't the only one hiding her real identity... will her Christmas romance turn out to have a Hollywood ending?



Key Stage 4 and 5

A Taste for Poison by Neil Bradbury

As any reader of murder mysteries can tell you, poison is one of the most enduring — and popular — weapons of choice for a scheming murderer. It can be slipped into a drink, smeared onto the tip of an arrow or the handle of a door, even filtered through the air we breathe. But how exactly do these poisons work to break our bodies down, and what can we learn from the damage they inflict?

Alongside real-life accounts of murderers and their crimes — some notorious, some forgotten, some still unsolved — are the equally compelling stories of the poisons involved: eleven molecules of death that work their way through the human body and, paradoxically, illuminate the way in which our bodies function.

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Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Online Coffee Morning for Mums, Dads & Carers

Tuesday 6th December 2022
10.30am- 12pm

- Does your child's school avoidance affect you as a Parent/ Carer?
- Would you like a safe space to share your experiences with others?

Jo, Carina and Sahira our SEND School Family Workers will be hosting an informal online coffee morning for you to share experiences and support each other.



Booking is required and you will receive the online link directly from the SEND School Family Workers nearer the date.

Booking Link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotional-based-school-avoidance-online-coffee-morning-dacorum-pc-only-tickets-460838890527>

Fully funded by DSPLB for Dacorum families only.



House Competition Christmas Cakes



Competition:

Are you a STAR Baker. Design and make a Christmas cake or set of cakes.

You may choose any style and size of cake with any form of decoration

Competition details:

Students should bring in their completed cakes on Monday 5th December to Miss Scanlan in G205 Food room by 8:30am. Your cake will need to have a label to go next to it with your name and form.

Several prizes are up for grabs as well as house points for entering. Cakes will be judged by Mrs Borrowdale and Miss Scanlan during the day (5th December) and then in the evening at the School Christmas Market.

You will be able to take your cake home at 8pm on the evening of the 5th December from the Christmas Market.






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CYCLING ACADEMY

Tailored for 16-18 year old Junior Cyclists | With options for 18+

TALENT DISCOVERY DAY

Road, Track, Time Trial, MTB XC and Cross



For Year 10 & 11 students that are curious about how good they might be on a bike!

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER **10-12PM**

No experience needed.

 Oaklands College St Albans Campus, Sports Zone.
 No bike required

 Email cycling@oaklands.ac.uk to register your interest.







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SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER **13:30-15:30PM**

No experience needed.

 St Albans Cycle Hub, Cotton Mill Community Centre. Bike and helmet required

 Email cycling@oaklands.ac.uk to register your interest.






Children welcome -
a festive event for all
the family



KINGS LANGLEY SCHOOL

Invite you to join us at
our forthcoming

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Monday 5th December 2022

6pm - 8.30pm

A variety of stalls offering everything from fashion accessories, candles, a wide range of jewellery, cosmetics, handmade cards, gifts, plants and home accessories, unique artwork, hand made bunting, shabby chic, sweets, decorations, books, children's crafts, pocket money items, refreshments, raffle and much more...

£1 entry, children under 10 free

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Kings Langley,
Herts, WD4 9HN*

POST-18 OPTIONS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

STARTS WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Session 1 (period 5) - Considering your opportunities at Post-18 and how to become the best applicant (degree apprenticeships, UCAS, Oxbridge, careers, etc.

Session 2 (period 6) - Oxbridge interview preparation activities

3.15pm-3.45pm—UCAS drop-in surgery

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE SIXTH FORM STUDY AREA

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