



# Kings Langley School News

Issue 16

## Kings Langley School All Weather Pitch

Over the last few months, a considerable amount of work has been going on behind the scenes as part of our drive to enhance the provision of facilities for our students at Kings Langley. One of our targets has been the installation of an all weather surface at the back of the school building.

Inclement weather takes a large toll on our fields and our students are often prevented from accessing much of the area. The need for an all weather surface has become increasingly apparent over the last few years, and we are now very close to the final stages of completion with regards to our application.

It is hoped that, with our successful bid, we will be able to provide our students with a state-of-the-art all weather surface in 2024. Not only will it be a huge opportunity for our own students, but a fantastic community resource that will benefit so many people for many years to come.

We have opened up a Just Giving page to help enhance our provision. It is hoped that this funding will help us provide additional resources associated with the surface. If you would like to make a donation towards our project, please follow the link to our Just Giving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/KingsLangleySchool3GFootballPitch>



## School events next week

### Tuesday 7th February -

Work experience parent information evening Y12 - 6.30pm– 7pm / Y10 7pm - 7.30pm Hall

### Friday 10th February -

Y10 / Y13 Reports home

### Half term -

13th—17th February



## SAFETY FIRST: Kings Langley crossing to be Installed to make village safer for school children



Parents across Kings Langley will be pleased to hear the news that a school crossing patrol is set to be installed on a busy road in the village. Parents taking their children to the primary and secondary schools in the village regularly cross Hempstead Road, but some shared concerns over the speed of vehicles on the road.

After being contacted by a resident, Kings Langley Parish Council made it their mission to tackle the issue. They took the matter to Hertfordshire County Council and it was agreed that a school crossing patrol should be introduced.

Flashing lights alerting drivers of schoolchildren crossing are due to be installed on the road in early February, while the recruitment process for the crossing patrol has already begun. Kings Langley parish councillor Alan Johnson said the new lights and crossing official will help to improve the safety of the village.

He said: “This scheme fits with our desire to reduce parking around the school by providing other options, including improving the accessibility of a footpath to the school from the Miller & Carter car park for drivers and pedestrians. “I also understand sitting in your car with the engine idling produces more pollutants than a moving vehicle. It is particularly unhealthy for our children and the environment.”

In addition, the road will be resurfaced in order to finish the work by the newly installed dropped kerb.

### **Courteous Parking**

We have had several local residents contact the school and advise that they have been experiencing their driveways being frequently blocked and access to the side roads are jammed with vehicles, leaving little room for manoeuvre by local residents. Please can we ask that you arrange to pick your children up further away from the school, which will assist with ‘No Idling’ in the vicinity as suggested in last week’s newsletter and also helps students stay fit and healthy by getting a few more steps in both before and after school!



# Library News

## Library visit to St Laura's Care Home

A group of KLS students visited the St Laura's care home in the village last week, and enjoyed chatting to residents there about reading their favourite books, and school life. Zaria, Marta, Daniel, Elina, Liam, Emily and Samaira were fantastic ambassadors for the school they demonstrated empathy and kindness, and thoroughly enjoyed chatting with several of the lovely residents at St Laura's over tea and juice.

We plan to make this a regular outing from now on; giving more students the opportunity to visit and strengthen our links with the care home. Our thanks to Darcey Tromans, Engagement Lead at St Laura's, for helping to organise this meeting.

Ms Hill



# MFL News

## French club news

Students at French club in the last few weeks have been treated to some traditional French delicacies freshly prepared by our French Language Assistant, Léa. At the start of term, she baked a traditional 'galette des rois', a traditional cake served on 6<sup>th</sup> January each year. Hidden in one slice is a little charm called 'la fève', and whoever finds it in their slice is the King or Queen of the day! We're sure there was no foul play in seeing both fèves going to twins Phoebe and Clara!



Then, last week, ahead of the French festival La Chandeleur on 2<sup>nd</sup> February (which is the French Pancake Day) Léa prepared some delicious crêpes which were enjoyed by all. Subject ambassador Josh in 7A officially rated them as 10 out of 10!

French club is open to all on a Friday lunchtime in F303 (Mr Hashman's classroom).



## Languagenut – KLS in the top 3!

Towards the end of last year, we started to use Languagenut across the school both in lessons and at home as it provides an engaging way to practise French and Spanish, with immediate feedback and the added bonus of being able to compete against your friends!

Throughout February, Languagenut are running a competition with Amazon vouchers available to the top 50 students on the platform at the end of the month. So far, Kings Langley students have made a fantastic start as their collective points put us in the top three out of hundreds of schools using the platform worldwide. It's fantastic to see their engagement with the platform alongside their enthusiasm for language learning in the classroom and on our trips abroad.

Keep up the great work and let's hope we have some prize winners at the end of the month!



# 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 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you want to find out more about the show, please visit <https://www.mischiefcomedy.com/> or speak to your Drama teacher.



# Best at Bedrock! Week 16

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 (135 points)
- **Ava- 8D (179 points)**
- Oscar- 9P (81 points)
- Sharleez- 10P (74 points)
- Jessica- 11P (45 points)

## Highest progress made in each year group

- Risika- 7A (281%)
- **Jack- 8D (438%)**
- Oscar- 9P (177%)
- Jaydyn- 10C (381%)
- Charlie- 11C (167%)



Confident voices, strong literacy





# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

## Students of the Week w/c 30th Jan

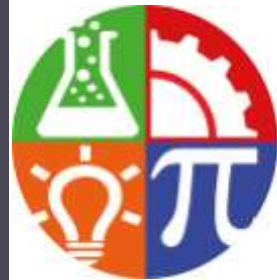
<b>Drama</b>	Josh 7A
For his fantastic work on medieval theatre – learning lines in a really short rehearsal time and being the perfect “Everyman”.	
<b>English</b>	Antonius 10C
Even though Antonius started the academic year only a few months ago, his exam performance highlights his understanding of the English language and appreciate of writer’s motive.	
<b>Food Technology</b>	Mia Belle 11D
Effort and success with food practicals.	
<b>Politics</b>	Marcus 12SHH
Clear evidence of continuous revision and commitment to the mock exams.	
<b>Graphics</b>	Eleanor 9C
Highest mark on the Graphics end of rotation assessment.	
<b>Library</b>	Eleanor 7J
Enthusiastic and friendly customer service at the library desk.	
<b>Mathematics</b>	Pavlo 10J
Consistent hard work and excellent results on trial papers.	
<b>Modern Foreign Languages</b>	Beth 8G
Top performer at the school on LanguageNut in January. Well done, Beth.	
<b>Product Design</b>	Hasnain-Ali 12ELL
Excellent result on the year 12 exam.	
<b>Psychology</b>	Daisy 12LIY
For excellent personal investment in psychology, thorough revision for her trials doing past papers and asking for feedback. Well done.	



<b>Sociology</b>	Maia 13ARN
For aspirational communication and personal investment in always asking questions to clarify her understanding and what is expected of her in the subject. Well done.	
<b>Textiles</b>	Amber 7D
For producing a lovely cushion design.	
<b>Year 10 Head of Year</b>	Amy 10J
Consistently shows a great attitude to learning.	
<b>Key Stage 5 Head of Year</b>	Nathan 12SHH
For his willingness to volunteer whatever is asked from him.	

**Well done to all of our students who have**

# STEM Challenge



This weeks STEM challenge has been supplied by STEM ambassador Harry 10C

Strike



Which pins must be knocked over to score exactly 100 points?

(Hint: there are three!)

Answer next week.

Last week's answer:

Symbol sums

$$2 \square 1 \square 6 \square 6 = 48$$

+ - × ÷

Answer:

$$2 \times 1 + 6 \times 6 = 48$$

+ - × ÷



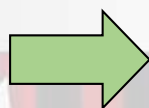
# Attendance Ladder

MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =  
MORE TIME TO LEARN!

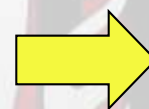
4 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



9 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



11 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



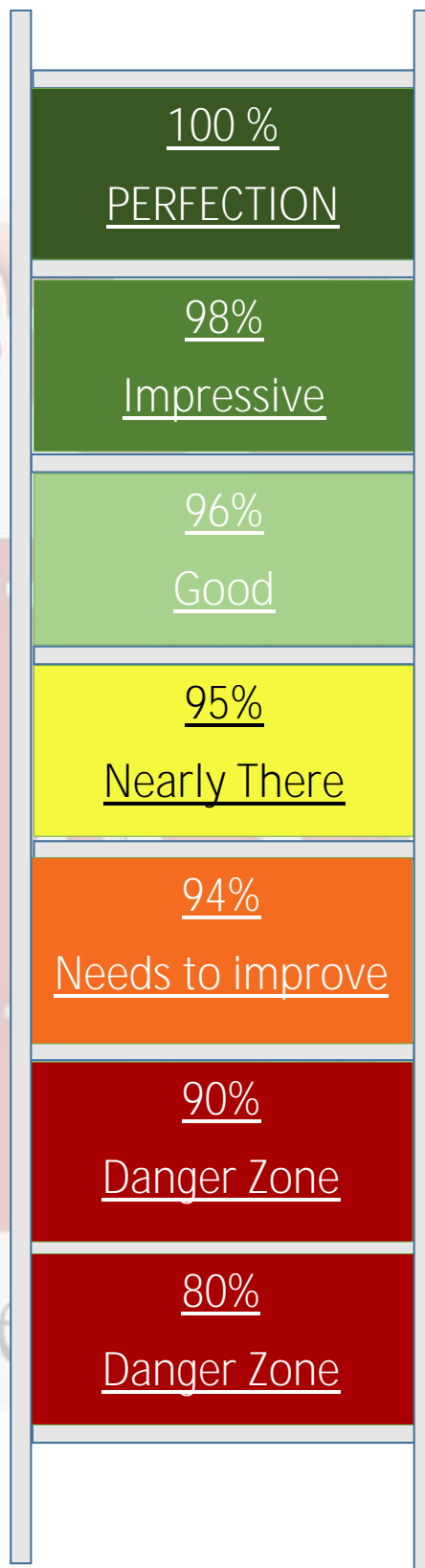
19 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



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)



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## The Library

# Books of the Month



### Key Stage 3

*A Different Kind of Freedom: A Romani Story* by Richard O'Neill

A gripping football-filled adventure based in the Romani community of 19th-century Sheffield. This action-packed story is told through the eyes of young Lijah, as he navigates life and discovers football and the legendary Rab Howell.

*"Quick history of Rab Howell: born in a wagon on a camp like yours about thirty years ago. He played for United and England, and was one of the best players I ever saw."*



### Key Stage 4 and 5

*The Climate Book* edited by Greta Thunberg

We still have time to change the world. You might think it's an impossible task, but there is hope - but only if we listen to the science before it's too late.

In *The Climate Book*, Greta Thunberg has gathered the wisdom of over one hundred experts - geophysicists, oceanographers and meteorologists; engineers, economists and mathematicians; historians, philosophers and indigenous leaders - to equip us all with the knowledge we need to combat climate disaster. Alongside them, she shares her own stories of demonstrating and uncovering greenwashing around the world, revealing how much we have been kept in the dark. This is one of our biggest challenges, she shows, but also our greatest source of hope.

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# 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

**756826**

**One of our supporters won £28.50 in the draw!**

Have a great weekend everyone!

Unlocking potential for life



# Friends of Kings Langley School Second hand Uniform & PE Kit

**SALE**



**Saturday 4th February, Saturday 18th March  
Saturday 20th May  
9-11am**

**Thursday 15th June  
6.30- 7.30pm**

**G213 - Drama / Tea & Coffee served.**





All Saint's

# SUPPER CLUB

Every Wednesday 4-6pm  
throughout December, January & February



***Join us in All Saint's Church Hall for a weekly supper club where you can enjoy a hot meal for free through the coldest months. All welcome - no need to book.***

***All Saints Church, Church Lane, Kings Langley WD4 8JS***