



# Kings Langley School News

Issue 12

## A note from the Deputy Headteacher

- Mr Searle

Safeguarding children is one of the most important elements of our job at Kings Langley School and is something we take seriously. While there is a wealth of experience within the school, we are also keen to liaise with relevant external agencies to provide an even better service for our students. So far this half term, we have had presentations by Dan Sarginson on the topic Mental Health and Toxic Masculinity. Last week, Once Chance and the DBA Project visited to provide education on the subject of County Lines. Mental Health and County Lines are both contextual safeguarding areas we have at Kings Langley School and as such our curriculum and extended curriculum educates young people on these areas.

County Lines is where illegal drugs (and also weapons and money) are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority boundaries (although not exclusively), usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced into doing so by gangs. The 'County Line' is the mobile phone line used to take the drug orders. Importing areas (places where the drugs are taken) are reporting increased levels of violence and weapon related crimes as a result.

## School Events

### Monday 11th December

School production rehearsal  
- All day

### Tuesday 12th December

School production  
rehearsal / Primary School  
matinee performance

### Thursday 14th & Friday 15th December

School Production—7pm  
Doors open at 6.15pm

### Sunday 17th December

Sixth Form Event -  
Christmas Afternoon Tea  
2-4pm

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We know via discussions with agencies such as One Chance and our local Police Liaison Officers that County Lines is unfortunately taking place within Hertfordshire. Known county lines gangs are known to be operating in Kings Langley, Abbots Langley, Hemel Hempstead and Watford (as well as other surrounding areas).



Sadly, no one is exempt from becoming a victim of County Lines and its associated criminality and exploitation. It doesn't matter about age, gender, race, religion, post code, education status, background, upbringing or family wealth. This is why we wanted to further educate our student body on the subject of County Lines so they have a greater chance of keeping safe and not being drawn in.

One Chance and the DBA Project (Dream, Believe, Achieve) is a collaborative partnership fuelled by a collective commitment to reduce the harm and exploitation of children and young adults, through prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation. The workshops / presentations delivered were interactive, covering proactive and reactive elements, whilst heightening crucial awareness around the subject of County Lines. These were all aimed at reducing the number of victims of such crimes. Please talk with your child about the workshops last week and continue to develop their knowledge on this subject. We are pleased to have had emails from parents commending the approach we are taking and feedback is always useful on any other areas parents would like us to focus on.



We intend to utilise the Dream, Believe, Achieve, mentoring organisation more regularly in the future to continue to offer support to our students.

Another contemporary contextual safeguarding area in schools is the topic of vaping, and as a result, we have secured an external expert to come in and address our students early in the New Year. This will further enhance the assemblies held last term and our PSHE programme. We are also developing our approach of a new area we have been highlighted to in "snus". Snus has been used by a large number of premier league football players and as such students around the country are now trying this. I share with you a few articles on this matter and of course we will be taking time to discuss this issue with our student body and educating them around the dangers of its use:

[Investigation into nicotine-based snus use by professional footballers | UK News | Sky News](#)

[What is 'snus' and why are so many Premier League footballers using it? PFA launch research study into substance | talkSPORT](#)

[David James: Former England goalkeeper concerned snus is 'detrimental' to players' performances - BBC Sport](#)

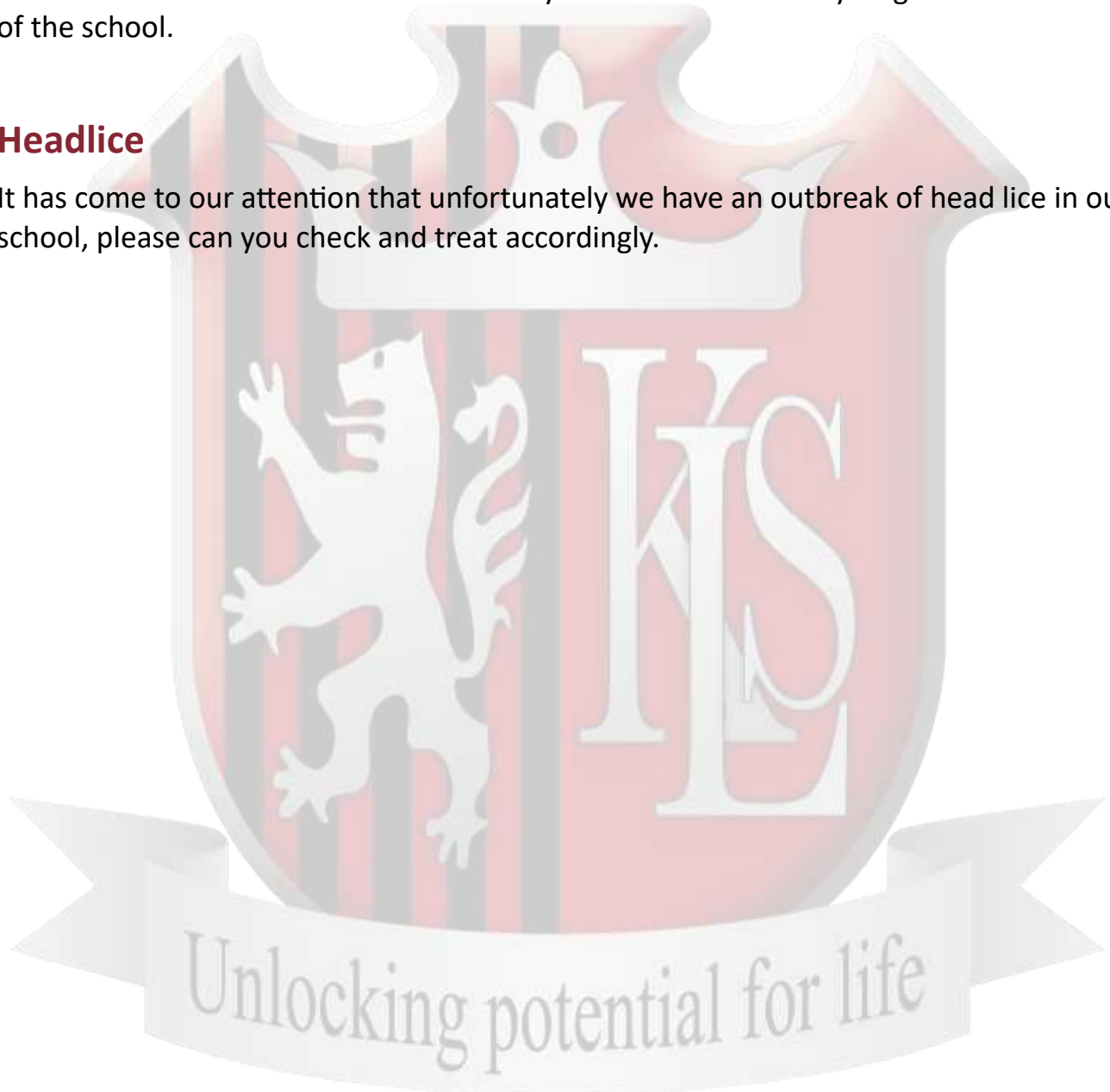
## Lost property

If your child has lost any items of uniform, equipment, or jewellery the school will be placing the items of property outside reception under the covered area from 8.20am on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.

Please come and have a look and take any items that belong to your child. Any unclaimed items after this date will be recycled in our school recycling bin at the front of the school.

## Headlice

It has come to our attention that unfortunately we have an outbreak of head lice in our school, please can you check and treat accordingly.



# Headteacher Commendations



Congratulations to Bobby 9D for coming 2nd in the Rotary Club Watford young chef competition.



Congratulations to the following students:  
Ruby 10D, Tymofii 10A and Gus 10C who were finalists in The Rotary Chef competition last week.



# Headteacher Commendations



Cerys Y7 kindly donated her Christmas cake to KLS to raise money for the school. Such a lovely gesture.

Congratulations to Harry 11C and his brother Jack 9A for supporting the community by helping at his primary school's Christmas Advent Market last weekend.



We have now made decisions on the in-school winners for the Lego Wild Cities competition.

Congratulations however should go to all who entered, well done to you all.

A massive well done to our school winners and I have been informed by the competition organisers that they are close to making a public announcement – so watch this space!

1<sup>st</sup> place: Alice 7G

2<sup>nd</sup> place: James 7P

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Joshua 8A

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Joshua 8A



# STEM - Christmas Cake Competition



The winners of this years Christmas Cake competition are;-

1st Lottie 9A - the peoples winner at last nights fair, a real show stopper.

Joint 1st Mia and Hatte 7D

2<sup>nd</sup> Grace 7D

3<sup>rd</sup> Senna and Verity 7C

## Runners up

Roma 8J

Cerys 7G

There were 17 cakes entered from students in Years 7-9.

Well done to all the students for their fantastic efforts.



# 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

- Mia- 7D (135 points)
- Elsie- 8A (176 points)
- **Adam- 9P (186 points)**
- Justin- 10G (132 points)
- Edward- 11G (110 points)

## Highest progress made in each year group

- Archie- 7C (88%)
- **Sammy- 8G (488%)**
- Connor- 9D (281%)
- **Henry- 10J (488%)**
- **Olivia- 11D (488%)**



Confident voices, strong literacy







# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

## Students of the Week w/c 4th Dec

<b>Art</b>	Kian 10C
Consistently showing engagement in lessons and great character.	
<b>Drama</b>	Emma 8D
Brilliant enthusiasm in drama so far this year.	
<b>English</b>	Mia 11C
Amazing trial exam results for both Language and Literature. Concise, empathic and sensitive responses.	
<b>Graphics</b>	Sheryl 10A
Outstanding prototype development work.	
<b>History</b>	The 13 Remembrance Assembly Speakers
The following students delivered 6 assemblies to staff and their peers exploring the global impact of Remembrance. These students researched and told the stories of individuals around the world who contributed to the armed forces during WWI: Tom 8C, Isaac 8C [Director], Ella 9P [Sound Engineer], Joseph 9A, Olivia 9G, Maddie 9P, Izzy 9P, Tymon 10G, Adam 10G, Kalilah 13LIY, Nathan 13SCO, Aaliyah 13SCO, Harry 13SCO.	
<b>Mathematics</b>	Lucy 10D
Excellent engagement in recent Maths lessons. Showing great stickability!	
<b>Modern Foreign Languages</b>	Zac 8T
Working really hard in his Spanish lessons recently.	
<b>PHSE</b>	Elise 7C
Excellent participation in resilience lessons. Keep it up!	
<b>Physical Education</b>	Lilliella 13ELL
Exemplary dedication to her A Level PE studies.	
<b>Product Design</b>	Klan 10C
For excellent design work in class.	

<b>Psychology</b>	Izabela 12MOY
For achieving constantly high grades including her last assessment.	
<b>Philosophy, Religion, Ethics</b>	Riyaan 9A
Superb work in an assessment.	
<b>Science</b>	Harry 10A
Working really hard on chemistry calculations, and always giving good quality verbal answers in Biology.	
<b>Sociology</b>	Keren 13ELL
For continuous engagement and excellent work ethic.	
<b>Textiles</b>	Kiera 10A
Practical work for her Gingerbread House.	
<b>Year 7 Head of Year</b>	Cerys 7G
Empathy and kindness – making a cake for others to enjoy.	
<b>Year 11 Head of Year</b>	Esme 11J
Consistently showing great character and determination.	

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

# Drama News

It is here! It is (almost) finally here! Show week is on the horizon and this feels like the perfect time to look back at how far we have come and remind you to get your tickets booked!

Matilda Junior is coming to Kings Langley on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Doors will open at 6.15pm so our lovely audience can have a little festive bite to eat and a warming drink before settling in for a thoroughly entertaining evening. But for something that will be almost over this time next week, let's just reflect on what it has taken to create this show:

We have:

2 rounds of auditions

2820 minutes of after school rehearsals

2 full day of the weekend rehearsals

58 music cues

60 head shot photographs

62 measurements for costumes

8 pages of a programme

44 students

2 music teachers

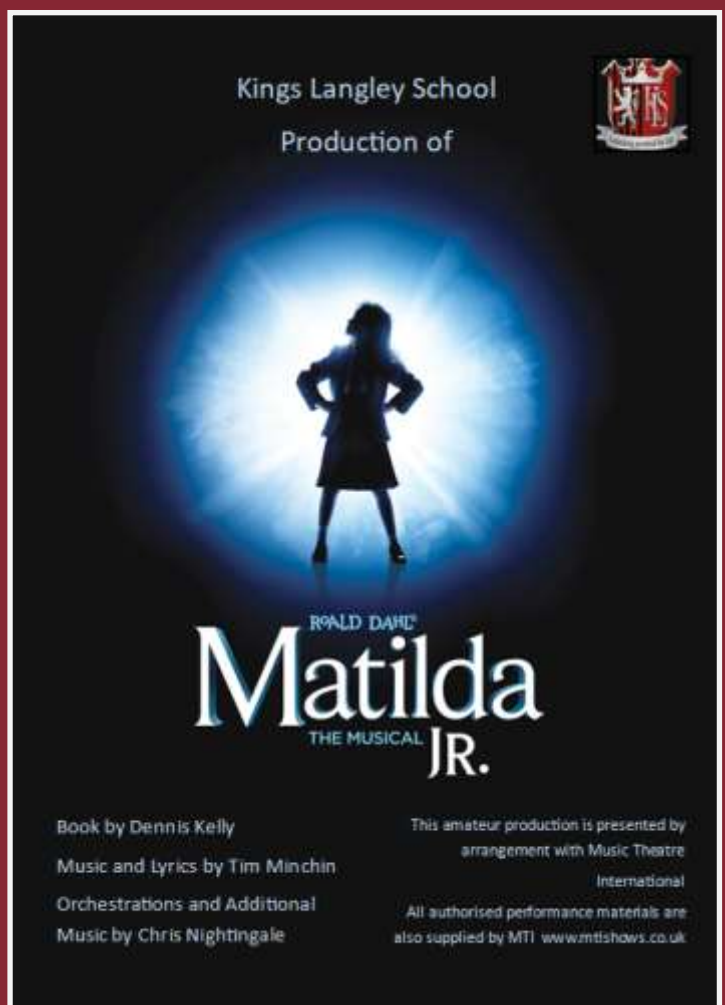
3 drama teachers

1 caretaker

2 grown adults trying to work out how to work a new lighting desk

An uncountable number of fantastic moments, team work, camaraderie, laughs (and hopefully no tears!)

All for 1 dress rehearsal to 2 primary schools and 2 performances.



Mrs Carr

# Rotary Young Chef Competition 2023

On the 29th November Kings Langley School were delighted to host The Rotary Clubs of Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead's annual Young Chef competition. 11 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. During the competition students made some incredible dishes to an extremely high standard.

Gus, Ruby and Tymofii from year 10 were chosen by the rotary judges to represent Kings Langley school.



Gus made a lamb apricot tagine and a raspberry ice cream.

Ruby made chicken stuffed with mozzarella wrapped in Parma ham with new potatoes and asparagus and for dessert lemon tarts.



Tymofii made shepherd's purses and moochi.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the evening and learnt a lot from the judges. Congratulations to all for a superb evening and thanks to the design and technology team for their support in this event.



## Rotary Chef Watford 2023



Congratulations to Bobby 9D for coming 2nd in the Rotary Club Watford young chef competition cooking his butter chicken and raspberry and white chocolate cheese cake.

The contestants were assessed on costing, planning, healthy choice of dishes, correct use of knives and equipment, range of skills used, hygiene, presentation of meals, and taste of meals. The chefs were hugely impressed by the skills he showed and with his food. Well done to Bobby for entering the competition and coming second.



Miss Scanlan.



# Visit to University of Hertfordshire Psychology Department

All the Y12 and Y13 psychology students went on a learning visit to the psychology department at the University of Hertfordshire. Lecturers and researchers at the University presented their findings from their research on a variety of topics which the students found interesting. The subjects are not included in their current specification but represented issues in the real world. They were able to ask questions and engage with the staff which they also enjoyed as they were knowledgeable and highly qualified in their fields.

Topics presented included :

Time	Session	Speaker
9.30-9.35	Welcome	
9.35-10.10	Nonverbal behaviour in the real world	Dan Gurney
10.10-10.45	What Occupational Psychology (and Lego) can teach us about teamwork	Colleen Addicott
10.45-11.15	Break	
11.15-11.50	Psychology and applied health research: What it means to living with a long-term disease and how we can change people's lives	David Wellsted
11.50-12.25	Anxiety disorders and prevention of internet addiction in young people	Natalie Hall
12.25-12.30	Wrap up	



Y12 students talking to Dr Colleen Addicott, Occupational Psychologist in the department of psychology.

The visit also resulted in the school possibly taking part in the research for the Bootstrap project being run at the University.



## Knitting Club News

Ms Hill and the members of KLS Knitting Club would like to say a **huge** thank you to Amy 8C's Auntie Caroline, who donated an enormous stash of wool to the club! This is incredibly generous and gives our students lots of options for their next projects! The money saved on buying yarn has also allowed us to use club fees to pay for more specialist supplies for students to try, such as knitting looms and circular needles.

Knitting Club meets every Thursday, after school, in the library. Everyone is welcome, from beginner to expert, and we can provide all the supplies you need.

As well as knitting, current club members are enjoying working on crochet, weaving, and other skills!



## Friends of Kings Langley School



### Kings Langley Lights Switch On

Many thanks to all the students, their families and Kings Langley School colleagues who donated prizes to the tombola stall that was run on a very cold Saturday in December. We raised £375 from this stall, which once again proved to be very popular with current and former students, as well as residents of the village of course. In particular, thanks for their sterling efforts go to Harry, (Year 11), Max (Year 9), Emily (Year 8) and Elise (Year 7), as well as Mark Broadbent and Annys Green, our two parent helpers and colleagues, Mr Shephard, Mr Hashman and Mrs Wright. Some of this group are pictured above, in the lull between setting up and our first customers!

### Music Department Christmas Performances

The last week has been a busy one in the music department as we prepared for two performances. On Saturday we were delighted to have been invited to the Kings Langley Christmas Light Switch On and on Monday a pop-up performance at the Friends of Kings Langley Christmas Market entertained shoppers while they visited the stalls. Performers sang and played a range of Christmas pieces from the traditional Once In Royal David City with a beautiful opening solo from Elise in Year 7, to the energetic choir performance of Slade's Merry Christmas Everybody.





Our Year 10 musicians gave us a performance of Last Christmas with solo vocals from Scarlett and Zaria, piano accompaniment from Eleanor and guitar solo from Gerry. Alessandra and Ruby performed Rocking Around the Christmas Tree, and there were two more stunning solo performances from some of our Year 11 musicians; Jay and Sybella. Well done to all our performers who showed their dedication and resilience by overcoming nerves and sub-zero temperatures to give our audience a musical start to their advent.

Mrs E. Warren – Head of Music





# STEM Challenge

## This week's challenge:

How can you cut a round cake into 8 pieces using only 3 cuts of the knife:



## Last week's challenge:

There is a barrel with no lid and some juice in it. "This barrel of juice is more than half full," says the woman. "No, it's not," says the man. "It's less than half full." Without any measuring implements and without removing any juice from the barrel, how can they easily determine who is correct?

## Answer:

Tilt the barrel until the juice barely touches the lip of the barrel. If the bottom of the barrel is visible then it is less than half full. If the barrel bottom is still completely covered by the juice, then it is more than half full.



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**

This weeks jackpot winning numbers are:

**107586**

**One of our supporters 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>



## FA Cup Heroes

Kings Langley School would like to congratulate ex-students Ben Goodliffe and George Langston. Now professional footballers, they have both qualified for the FA Cup Third Round with their teams Sutton United and Eastleigh FC respectively.

This is an enormous achievement, one everyone at the school is immensely proud of. We wish both boys every success on their road to Wembley!

## NETBALL NEWS

Despite cold temperatures and windy conditions, the girls braved the elements to train outside again on Friday after school. On this occasion, we had Year 7 and Year 8 playing together, with Year 9 girls acting as coaches and referees, which was lovely to see. We have new members joining us each week, and all are welcome. It is a great way to keep fit, make new friends, and study the game under a world class



The Year 8 Netball Team then showed resilience and hard work to beat Astley Cooper 13-11 last Monday, after a long drawn-out game. The Player of the Match was Emily, who is our captain. Well done to her, and her excellent leadership!



# HOUSE POINTS

House Points combine recognition points, participation in House events, completion of KLS Colour Awards, and points for competitions.

The current House points totals for week ending 8th December 2023 are:

**A = 480**

**C = 514**

**D = 475**

**G = 597**

**J = 454**

**P = 525**

**T = 442**

This means that the current House winning the House Points total is:

**G**

Congratulations to G House.



Kings Langley School would like to help those less fortunate this Christmas and are coordinating a food bank collection to help those in need.

Run in partnership with the Trussell Trust, DENS Foodbank provides emergency food parcels to anyone who is struggling in the community, not just those who are homeless.

Students will be able to drop off any donations from Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December up until Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December to the boxes outside G201 every morning. Students from 7G will also be visiting tutor groups during next week to collect any donations.

Items we are looking to collect include tinned food, biscuits, chocolate, custard, cereal bars, jelly, long life fruit juice etc

Thank you very much in advance for your support and kind donations.

Mr Housego and 7G



# Christmas Shoe Box

## Appeal 2023

**If you want to experience the true meaning of Christmas, give something to someone who can offer nothing in return.**

We invite Sixth Form students to fill a shoe box with Christmas treats and high-need items for those less fortunate. By giving a shoe box of Christmas treats, you could transform someone or their families Christmas experience.

Please bring in your shoe box, wrapped up and looking Christmassy, and place under the Christmas trees in the Sixth Form building no later than **Monday 18th December.**

Parcels will be taken to All Saints Church, Kings Langley to be distributed to those in need in our local community and within our own school community.

*Chocolates/sweets, small gifts/trinkets, long-life Christmas food, smellies, Christmas items like crackers, party poppers, etc. Don't forget the pets at Christmas too!*



# Inter-form Christmas Character Competition

Tis the season to be jolly...and competitive!

Christmas is a time for celebration and to be thinking of others not only in our own school community but within our local community. What better to spread some Christmas cheer across the school and beyond.

We have strong links with our local care home and we will donate all wreaths to them at the completion of this competition. Our local care home in Kings Langley does a fantastic job and this is lovely way of maintaining links for them with the young people in our community.

Miss Arnold challenges your form to produce a creative Christmas wreath as part of an inter-form competition. The wreaths should be on display on the form room door on the Christmas Jumper Day (19<sup>th</sup> of December) so the whole school community can see the range of wreaths produced.

Once judged the wreaths will be delivered to the residents of St. Laura's Care Home, Kings Langley, to have on display on resident's doors. Spreading some Christmas cheer.

Try to be as inclusive as possible and think 'outside the box'. How can your wreath project the spirit of Christmas and recognise how the wreath could make our vulnerable neighbours, smile and feel happy.

Requirements:

- Your form wreath should have a theme that creatively communicates **'In the spirit of Christmas'**.
- Wreaths must be no larger than 75cm in diameter.
- Include the Character Education badge and school emblem.
- Written explanation on the theme for your wreath and on which door it will be displayed should be submitted to Miss Arnold by MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 9am, in room F205.

Christmas tubs of sweets will be delivered to the form of the winning wreath on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (last day of term)



If possible, it would be lovely to see everyone in the form group involved, there are lots of ideas out there to be searched.



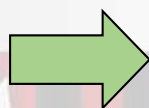
# Attendance Ladder

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

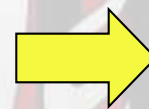
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OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS  
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9 SCHOOL DAYS  
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11 SCHOOL DAYS  
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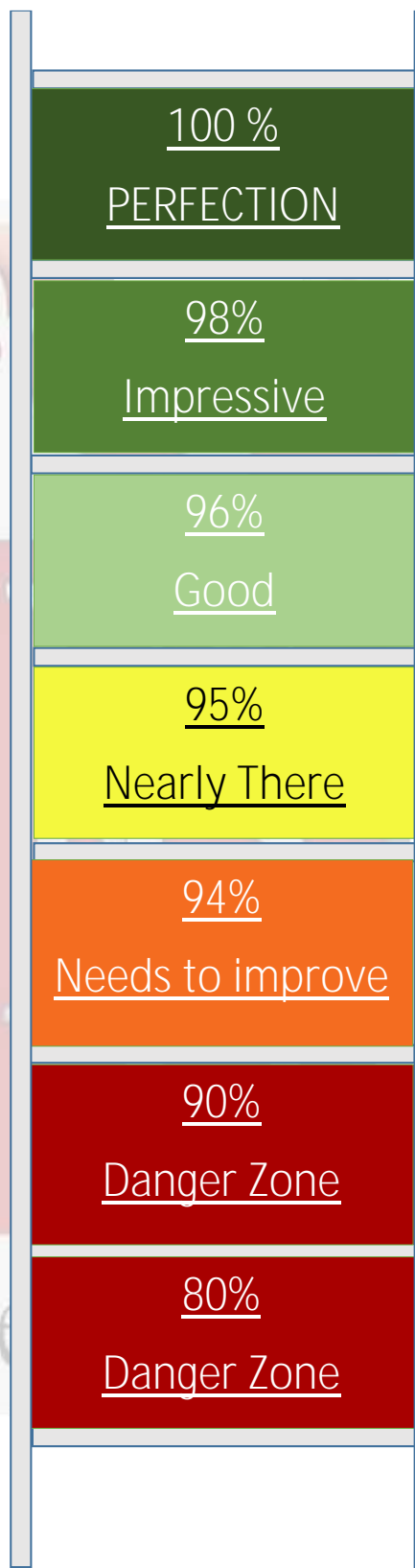
19 SCHOOL DAYS  
OFF EACH YEAR



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)





# *Kings Langley Sixth Form*

Applications now open



Apply online:

[www.kls.herts.sch.uk/  
sixth-form/](http://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/sixth-form/)

**Application**

**deadline:**

**Friday 15th**

**December**



## Bedrock Young Authors Competition 2023

**Take us on a journey with you...**

Theme: Journeys

Entries close: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Word Count: 200 words

For ages: 6-16



- Your story featured in the Bedrock digital library
- £250 book voucher for your school
- A Bedrock goodie bag



- £100 book voucher for your school
- A Bedrock goodie bag

Winners will be announced 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

You can enter as many times as you like in either category, fiction or non-fiction.

Please email your entries to Mrs Butt by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with your name, age, form and story name.