



Kings Langley School News

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Staff Versus Sixth Form Football Challenge

On the 9th of May our new 3G pitch was graced by an entertaining match between the staff and the sixth form. The



match, which kicked off at 3.45pm was witnessed by over two hundred onlookers with proceeds going to three charities: - Cancer Research, DENS, and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. The event was

organised by Mr Raine who did a great job.

This was a close encounter which was ultimately decided in a penalty shoot out following a 3-3 draw in 'normal' time. The first half was a 2-2 draw between the staff and Year 12 and the second half a 1-1 draw between the staff and Year 13. The match was played in good spirit although two staff were yellow carded by referee Peter Gibbins for late tackles. Given that the average age of the staff team was 53 years and 7 months a draw was a remarkable achievement to take the challenge to a penalty shoot out.



School Events

Monday 20th May

Drama Rehearsal 3.15pm - 5pm

Thursday 23rd May

Drama Rehearsal 3.15pm - 5pm

Half Term -

27th May - 31st May

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The Year 12 started the match very strongly and scored within three minutes after a fine move by Reuel 12MOY who then finished clinically. The next ten minutes saw the Year 12 dominating midfield. They played some good football but were thwarted by 'enforcer' Mr Newman in midfield and the well drilled staff defence with Mr Higgins and Mr Scott in fine form. Mrs Gill was displaying great tactical awareness and tenacity. The staff played on the counterattack and the Kings Langley Klopp [Mr Dilks] would have been delighted with his tactics paying

dividends through two goals from Mr Raine who scored in glorious fashion. Both sides were exposed by the ball inside the full backs for marauding wingers to run on to. The staff were starting to compete well in midfield, but their defence was breached before half time. Another fine goal to entertain the throngs, this time from the legendary Uzair 12MOY. Both sides had further chances, but the goalkeeping was of a high standard. Between the sticks for the students was Ben 12DLK who captained his team in a buccaneer fashion. In goal for the staff was the ever alert and suitably agile Mr Sharp. We arrived at half time level.



Refreshments for the fans were provided by a team of Year 12 girls who continue to impress with their organisation and commitment to fund raising. Thank you, ladies.



In the second half the staff were opposed by Year 13. The students were quickly in charge and deservedly scored through the impressive Thomas 13SCO. At this stage of the match the students were dominating midfield and played fluent and incisive football, much to the pleasure of their impressive young manager, Owain 12ARN. However, the students

were let down by poor decision making and hesitant first touches when in threatening attacking positions.

For most of this half the weary staff team battled like gladiators to stay in the match. The Year 13 continued to be wasteful in the final third and paid the price a few minutes before the end of scheduled time when Mr Sharp showed a goal poachers instinct with a magical dipping 25-yard scissor kick volley. So, to penalties.

The students proved to be better penalty takers and when Joe 13SCO scored his spot kick in the fashion of a chief executioner the match came to a conclusion. Congratulations to the students on their victory.



Congratulations also to my illustrious colleagues who gave their all for the cause but fell at the last hurdle. They are already training for the fixture in 2025 and Mr Dilks has been given a 12-month contract with a 24-month extension if the staff win. Owain 12ARN may stay on as manager of the students' team if he can resist the approach from Bayern Munich. Our Head Students were prominent at the event with Oliver 12JNN offering two assists and Adaya 12ARN showing potential as a BBC major events presenter.

In conclusion, this was a very successful event by any measure.

Mr Shephard



Headteacher Commendations



Rugby

Congratulations to Olivia 9G who plays for the 'Old Albanians' rugby team in St Albans. They have won their Hertfordshire league, remaining undefeated for the whole season, and winning the County Cup with Olivia being awarded 'Player of the Match' in the final.

LanguageNut top performers in April





Congratulations to the following top performing LanguageNut students for April:

Imogen 7A, Verity 7C, Connor 7D, Alice 7G, Mia 7J, and Jaden 7P.

Emily 8A, Daisy 8C, Eduard 8D, George 8G, Ariella 8J, Abi 8P, and Freya 8T.

Nicole and Daisy 9A, Victor 9C, Jack 9D, Casper 9G, Elina 9J, and Adam 9P.

10A Sheryl, 10D Inaara, 10G Justin, and Emily 10G.



Maths challenge



In the recent Junior Maths Challenge, 4 students achieved gold, and their scores have earned them a place in the next round of the competition. Congratulations to Ben 7A, Tom 8D, Lucy 8C and Max 8P.





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 13th May

Drama	Olivia 9G
A wonderful and detailed costume design for the text we have been exploring.	
English	Will 10A
Great demonstration of empathy in class, really good to see.	
Geography	Gianluca 7P
Doing exceptionally well in his Geography EOY exam, thus evidencing great progress.	
Politics	Dominic 12ARN
For persevering with time constraints in his first trial examination, completing two high-standard essays in full.	
Graphics	Isla 9A
Excellent practical work.	
Library	Terri 12MOY
Phenomenal attitude and effort on her EPQ initial ideas.	
Modern Foreign Languages	Benji 9J
Brilliant work ethic and attention to detail when working in Spanish.	
Music	Millie 8D
For excellent work and stickability in learning new skills in music.	
PSHE	Terri 12MOY
Excellent contributions during PSHE lessons. Keep it up!	
Physical Education	Alice 7G
Fantastic effort and participation in our hurdles lesson.	
Product Design	Abigail 9C
Excellent practical work.	
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Joseph 8J
Fantastic attitude and sharing excellent ideas.	

Science	James 10G
Engaging fully in lessons and participating in every single lesson.	
Textiles	Charlotte 9J
Excellent design work for her bunting ideas.	
Year 7 Head of Year	Ben 7A
Gold certificate in the Junior Mathematical Challenge and achieving a place in the Junior Kangaroo 2024 follow-on round.	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	KS5 students
All the Y12 & Y13 students who not only took part in the teacher v student football match but to all of those who helped organise the event and volunteered selling refreshments.	

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

Artwork of the Week



The year 7's have been completing their clay heads which were inspired by their own self portrait drawings and facial expressions. They have all done a fantastic job of this project and here are a few to appreciate.

Year 7G



Junior Mathematical Challenge 2024 Results

At the end of April, 153 Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge 2024. 60 of those students have achieved excellent results, earning either a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate.

Congratulations to the follow students for achieving:

Gold

Ben 7A

Tom 8D, Lucy 8C, and Max 8P

Silver

Jude 7A, George 7P, Henry 7P, Sofia 7J, Buddy 7C, Willow 7C, Gianluca 7P, Amie 7G, and Jonah 7P,

Kairo 8A, Justina 8J, Mahi 8G, Purdey 8T, Millie 8D, Oscar 8G, and Thomas 8J,

Bronze

Teagan 7C, Oscar 7J, Daniel 7P, Beth 7J, Sophie 7D, Verity 7C, Connor 7D, Daniella 7A and Austin 7C.

Harvey 8J, George 8G, Holly 8T, Barney 8G, Nathan 8D, Olivia 8D, Irrum 8J, Ava 8A, Dylan 8C, William 8A, Matthew 8J, Lois 8A, Taylor 8T, James 8G, Max 8J, Jake 8A, Jacob 8C, Eduard 8D, Jess 8G, Lyra 8T, Roma 8J, Hadley 8T, Millie 8G, Alexander 8C, George 8J, Holly 8J, Charlie 8P, Joshua 8A, Evan 8J, Manase 8G, and Harrison 8C.

Huge congratulations especially to Ben 7A, Tom 8D, Lucy 8C, and Max 8P for achieving a gold certificate which puts them in the top 8% of the country as well as qualifying for a place in the Junior Kangaroo 2024, which is a follow-up round from the Junior Mathematical Challenge. Entry to the challenge is by invitation only and is based on a qualifying score. This is a huge achievement and as a school we are very proud. The date of the Junior Kangaroo is 11th June 2024, we wish Ben, Tom, Lucy and Max all the best of luck in the follow-on round!



Miss Li

KS5 Lead Practitioner of Maths.

Geography News

Competition time! - The Geography Department wish to recognise the outstanding work of the next generation of geographers and are pleased to announce they will be submitting entries for not just one, but two prestigious competitions.

The **RGS Young Geographer of the Year 2024** competition involves creating a poster on '#ChooseGeography'. Promoting the value of geography in study and workplaces.

The **GA Physical Geography Photography Competition** involves capturing a photograph of nature and an accompanying 250 word summary of the power of geography in your photo.

Prizes include a fancy awards evening in London!

See the advertisement posters for further details. For entries or questions, please speak to Mr Sylvester.



Physical geography student competition



Theme

The theme of the competition is 'The power of physical geography'.

This year's competition challenges students to discover evidence of the power of physical geography when out and about, capture it in a photograph and explain why and how their example illustrates the power of physical geography in an accompanying caption (up to 250 words).



**If you know
you can
do better...
then do
better.**

2016 winning entry



2023 winning entry



Young Geographer of the Year 2024 Competition



The Young Geographer of the Year competition 2024 theme is:

Choose Geography

The Society invites you to create your own Choose Geography poster to promote the value of choosing geography at school, in further study and in the workplace, linking geographical skills to real people and jobs that make a difference. We are looking for eye catching, creative and informative posters that promote geography as an excellent choice, highlighting its relevance and demonstrating how studying geography can help you understand the world we live in and the 'big issues' that we face as a society.



Design & Technology News

Mr. P Slade (Governor for Design and Technology) dropped in to check out (and test out) the F24 kit car club this week. Students updated him on our progress and how they have overcome some complex engineering challenges. We now have the car back running and will be looking at final modifications to the nose cone with a view to getting to some race events early in the next academic year.





STEM Challenge

This weeks challenge:

Paul's father keeps his fishing boat at the dock. The boat has a ladder that hangs over the side, almost touching the water. The rungs are 20cms apart. How many rungs are underwater during high tide when the water raises 30cms?

Answer next week.

Last weeks answer:

What building has the most stories?

A library.

The following jackpot winning number for this week is:

772654

Our supporter won £30.00 in the draw!

If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-school>



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