



Kings Langley School News

Issue 4

A note from the Headteacher - Mr Fisher

This week like many of our students I have been like a child the day before Christmas with the 3G pitch construction starting on time and the true size of this facility being highlighted to all within the school. We are pleased to report this week all the snagging lists have been completed in our Sixth Form building and as such the construction team, site team and I will now be able to concentrate our efforts directly on the pitch to ensure we open this facility on schedule. We are looking for parent support with this project to ensure all the extras are in place to offer our young people world class facilities. Please can I ask parents to make any donations directly to the Just Giving Page link we are aiming to raise £25,000 and so far, have raised just under £500 so a long way to go but every little helps.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kingslangleyschool3gfootballpitch>



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School Events

Thursday 5th October

School Open evening - 5.30 - 8.30pm

Friday 6th October

School starts at 10am

Saturday 7th October

FoKLS Quiz Night

7pm—9pm

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Towards the end of last week, we hosted two very successful events which were well attended by parents and students. The first of these events was hosted by Dr Kathy Weston who launched Tooled Up with our community. All parents now have access to these amazing resources to support their child if you have not been sent a link to this resource then please contact Mrs Sharp directly on sharpa@kls.herts.sch.uk.

Once this project has been completed in March, we will be moving onto upgrading the main school networks to be in line with our new Sixth Form WiFi to support improved use of ICT and AI which we are developing with a school overseas. These are really exciting times at Kings Langley School and whilst it has been 4 years in the making for me these developments will really support us in unlocking potential in young people and our community and as such are really worth all the effort we are putting in behind the scenes.

Staying Positive

So far this year over 11,000 recognition points have been issued to students which is 87% higher than the previous year. I have asked staff to recognise and promote positivity wherever possible. This is really working to keep motivation up and build strong relationships between staff and students. As you know teacher recruitment is in crisis on so many levels. If possible, parents please take an opportunity every so often to write in one positive to a member of staff to keep the positivity going on all levels and help us retain high quality staff year in year out. I know this week I have received 5 from various parents which has both raised my motivation and also, allowed me to then share with staff to develop a positive culture to work within.

Finally, a huge well done to all our Year 7 cohort for firstly the way they have started but also their character in showing real stickability in their CATs tests this week. We told the students just to give them a really good go and that is exactly what they did. Exam invigilators complimented the year group and individuals for their conduct and resilience throughout. Well done all!



Lost Property

KS3 has a lot of lost property, if any students have lost any items they should visit before have term.

Friends of Kings Langley School - Family Quiz

By now I am sure that you will have seen the poster promoting our autumn term quiz, which promises to be both an enjoyable family event and a fundraiser for our school. If you haven't been able to get a team of 8 together, don't let that put you off, as we will be able to introduce you to other small groups on the night. If you haven't been to one of our quizzes before, please bear in mind that there is no bar, so please bring your own refreshments to enjoy at your tables, including your own glasses, plates, bowls as you wish. The tickets are £5 each, and are available from <https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/parents-information/internet-payments/> in the Fundraising section, or directly through the QR code on the posters.

There will be a raffle drawn during the evening, so all donations of prizes will be gratefully received too!

Ms Chabrel - on behalf of Friends of Kings Langley School



Unlocking potential for life



Headteachers Commendation



Congratulations to the following students who received their Duke of Edinburgh awards this week:

Zac 11D, Sonny 11J,
Niamh 11J, Abbie 11G,
Francesca 11A,
Esme 11J, and Harry
11D.



Congratulations to Harry Y11
Headteacher commendation for
for his Blue Peter Music Award.





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 25th September

Art	Katie 13OHA
Stunning tonal drawing produced outside of lessons.	
Drama	Will 12MOY
Excellent commitment to practical exploration of the set text and outstanding knowledge that demonstrates his extracurricular reading and research.	
English	Myiah 7D
Excellent work in descriptive writing, and independent work on story telling.	
Graphics	Sheryl 10A
Excellent start to year 10 Graphics.	
History	Ella 11J
Outstanding effort, concentration and quality of work.	
Library	Lewis 7D
Making great use of the library for independent study and reading.	
Modern Foreign Languages	Amie 7G
Showing great engagement and giving accurate answers during lessons and great score on Languagenut.	
Music	Roma 8J
For great answers in class and commitment to extra-curricular in choir.	
Physical Education	Jake 10J
Outstanding start to his GCSE PE course.	
Textiles	Logan 9G
Excellent fabric decorative sampling of a dinosaur.	
Year 7 Head of Year	Harriet 7D
Highest point score to date of any year 7 student on Bedrock Vocabulary platform.	

Year 11 Head of Year	Daisy 11G
Sporting superstar of the week!	
Key Stage 5 Head of Year	Grace 12ARN
Stickability!	

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

Best at Bedrock! Week 4

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

- **Sophie—7D (183 points)**
- **Sastika—8A (129 points)**
- **Elina - 9J (90 points)**
- **James - 10 (107 points)**
- **Nico—11P (49 points)**

Highest progress made in each year group

- **Kayla - 7P (86%)**
- **Sastika - 8A (600%)**
- **Jack - 9G (288%)**
- **Scarlett - 10P (207%)**
- **Tudor - 11C (1900%)**



Music News

Individual Music Lessons

Interested in learning an instrument? You can access individual instrumental lessons at Kings Langley School. Lessons are provided by the Hertfordshire Music Service.

- To apply for lessons go to the following website <https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>
- Click on "Music Lessons"
- Sign up for an account on their portal
- Follow the steps through, making sure you choose Kings Langley School as the location for lessons.

Drum Lessons now available

We have received enquiries about the availability of drum lessons. We are pleased to tell you that a new drum teacher has been recruited and lessons are now available through the portal described above. If you tried at the beginning of term and were unable to access lessons, please do try again now.

New music equipment

The arrival of a new computer suite full of music software means that we can now offer composition support to all of those completing GCSE. Composition Support Group will run after school on Fridays and is currently open to Year 11 and 13 Music Students. Attendance can be on a week-by-week basis, but students must sign up with Mrs Warren to show their intention to attend.

Mrs E Warren



Library News



October 1st marks the start of this year's 'Banned Books Week' in the United States, celebrating the freedom to read without censorship. Over the past few years, there has been a concerning increase in calls for censorship at UK libraries, with a recent survey showing that one third of UK librarians have been asked to censor or remove books. Having recently updated our KLS Library Policy in line with guidance from the School Library Association and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, we wanted to share our school approach to this issue and reassure our community that Kings Langley School students have the freedom to read as widely as they like.

Our school library supports students from Year 7 to 13, alongside staff and other community members, across a broad range of age, ability, and life experience. Every student is an individual, with their own interests, maturity, reading ability, and emotional boundaries. As such, there are always going to be books on our shelves that may be upsetting or otherwise unsuitable for some readers, but which should still be available for the benefit of others. We do not prevent students from reading or borrowing any book they are interested in, but the librarian can give advice on choosing the right book and share appropriate warnings with students about challenging material (where this information is available). Within a growing collection of over 8000 books, however, we cannot be aware of every potential issue, and students are always welcome to choose their books without staff input.

When selecting new books for the library we consult reputable reviews, industry experts, and seek recommendations from our staff and students. Our priority is to ensure students have access to a broad, diverse and rich collection of high-quality resources to support their learning and character development. We want to make sure every aspect of our school community sees themselves reflected in the books available, whilst also introducing students to the wider world and building empathy for those living lives unlike their own. We do not knowingly keep any book on our shelves that is discriminatory, offensive, or otherwise in conflict with our values as a school, unless it is of educational use. For example, our students need access to a variety of views on controversial subjects in history and politics, such as the British Empire.



Books generally marketed to adults are shelved separately, in our Sixth Form section, but are still available to lower school students by request. For example, Jane Austen is primarily read by our A Level English students, but we would certainly never want to prevent a keen reader from enjoying *Pride and Prejudice* at a young age! The only resources we do restrict by age are DVDs, for which we use the ratings given by the British Board of Film Classification – this is a legal requirement, so we cannot lend DVDs to students below the age listed, even with parental consent.

If you have any concerns about your child's reading, it is best to discuss it with them directly. Talking about their reading with you will also help develop their literacy and oracy skills! Students and their families can also browse our online library catalogue at <https://uk.accessit.online/kng16> to see all the titles currently available in our collection. You can also contact the library by email if you have any questions: library@kls.herts.sch.uk



Sport News



The school continues to develop girls' netball, with practice sessions after school every Friday for Years 7-9 inclusive.

What is particularly wonderful to see is the older students in both Key Stages 4 and 5 volunteering to help coach and also referee some of the matches.

All are welcome to join!



Artwork of the week



Katie 130HA

Katie produced this stunning tonal drawing from direct observation as part of her explorations into our 'throwaway culture'.

Katie is creating an amazing series of artwork using a variety of materials, techniques and processes, concentrating on realism.

Sports News

Sports Awards Evening

Our annual Sports Awards evening was held last week to celebrate the numerous student sporting achievements over the last twelve months. It was a fantastic evening, and one in which we were able to personally thank all our students for their commitment and efforts.

We were joined by Mrs Judy Hashman as our special guest. Mrs Hashman is a former American/English badminton player who won more major international titles than any other player of her era. Competing in the 1950s and 1960s, she remains the most successful female player in the All England Open Badminton Championships, winning a record 10 singles and 7 doubles titles. She also won 31 titles in the US Open Championships, plus numerous other titles across the world. She led the USA teams that won three successive world team championships. She has appeared as a castaway on the BBC Radio programme Desert Island Discs and featured in the Guinness Book of World Records in the 1970s. She has been inducted into the International Badminton Hall of Fame, the US Badminton Hall of Fame, the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame. Mrs Hashman's speech was truly inspirational and her wise words were something we will remember for a very long time.



Congratulations to the following students on their awards:

Year 7 Sportsperson of the Year - Zayne (8D)

Year 8 Sportsperson of the Year - Sophie (9D)

Year 9 Sportsperson of the Year - Grace (10D)

Year 10 Sportsperson of the Year - Daisy (11G)

Year 11 Sportsperson of the Year - Alexis

Judy Hashman Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship - Amelia (8P)

Young Leader of the Year - Nicole (12JNN)

Young Official of the Year - Emily (10P)

Team of the Year - Year 7A Boys Football

Overall Sportsperson of the Year - Daisy (11G)



STEM Challenge

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 can't 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?

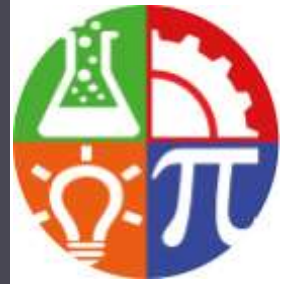
Answer next week.

Last weeks answer:

The water level in a reservoir is low, but doubles every day. It takes 60 days to fill the reservoir. How long does it take for the reservoir to become half full?

Answer:

Answer-59 days. If the water level doubles every day, the reservoir on any given day was half the size the day prior. If the reservoir is full on day 60, that means it was half full on day 59, not on day 30.



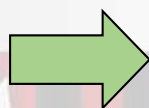
Attendance Ladder

MORE TIME IN SCHOOL =
MORE TIME TO LEARN!

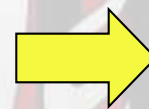
4 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



7 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



9 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



11 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



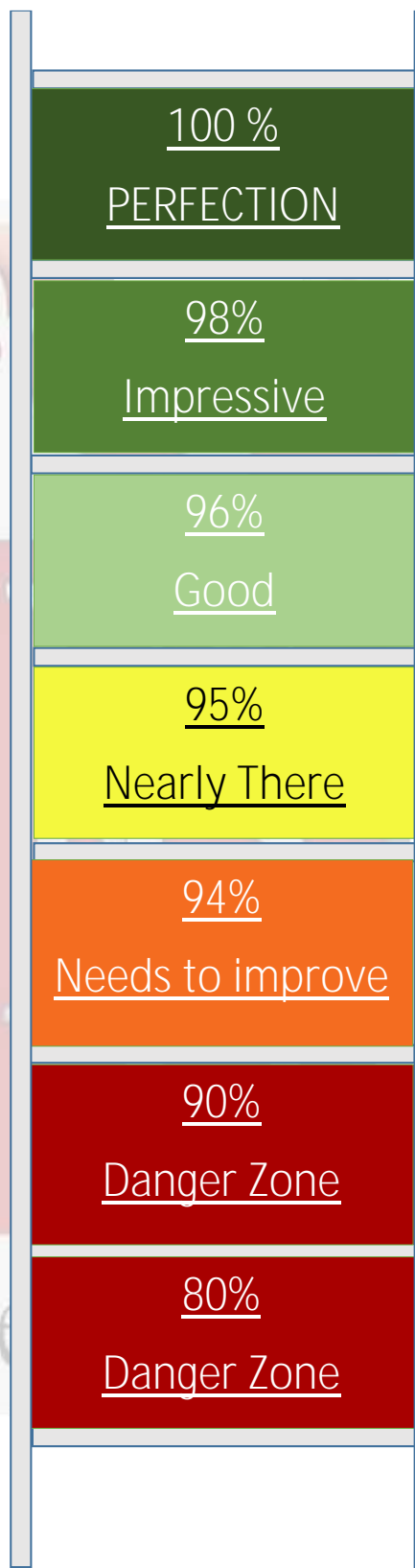
19 SCHOOL DAYS
OFF EACH YEAR



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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Family Quiz Night

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7pm for 7:30pm start

Maximum of 8 people per team

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BYO refreshments



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18.15-19.15: JUNIOR BOXING (10-16 YEARS OLD)
19.30-21.00: SENIOR BOXING (16 YEARS +)

WEDNESDAY

17.00-18.00: MINIS BOXING (5-9 YEARS OLD)
18.15-19.15: JUNIOR GIRLS BOXING (10-16 YEARS OLD)
19.30-20.30: WOMENS BOXING (16 YEARS +)

THURSDAY

17.00-18.00: MINIS BOXING (5-9 YEARS OLD)
18.15-19.15: JUNIOR BOXING (10-16 YEARS OLD)
19.30-21.00: SENIOR BOXING (16 YEARS +)

FRIDAY

17.00-18.00: MINIS BOXING (5-9 YEARS OLD)
18.15-19.15: JUNIOR BOXING (10-16 YEARS OLD)
19.30-21.00: SENIOR BOXING (16 YEARS OLD +)

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