



Kings Langley School News

Issue 7

A note from the Principal Assistant Headteacher - Mrs Harris

Before we break for the half term it is a good time to reflect on the first half term of the year. It has been great to see our new Year 7 and Year 12 students settle into the KLS family and take advantage of the variety of clubs and activities on offer throughout the school. We encourage all students to participate in extra-curricular clubs to support their social and academic development. Please do have conversations with your child/ren over half term to learn what they have been doing and if they would like to join a new club please sign up.

Parental engagement is crucial for the successful education of a child, and it was wonderful to see online so many parents/ carers at our Year 8 parent consultations last week. If you are a Year 8 parent, please do complete our parent feedback questionnaire as we are very interested in developing our future consultations and listening to your opinions. We are also looking for parents who may be interested in meeting with us over the course of the year. Please use the link overleaf.

School Events

Monday 4th November:

Back to school 8.40am

Thursday 7th November:

Y13 Subject Consultation

(online) 4pm - 7pm



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Year 8 Parent Consultation Feedback Form

<https://forms.office.com/e/LEtm5UiW4J?origin=lprLink>

While you have more time to talk to your children over the half term break, we would like to revisit our online safety guidance. We advise open conversations with children regarding interactions with their friends online whether that is through their mobile phones or online gaming platforms. After the recent Online Safety Act (2023), online developers are being held more accountable for the content visible to children. However, as educators and parents, we need to be aware that young people are not always alert to the dangers online and how to stay safe. We would like to recommend the PhoneSmart licence as a way of supporting parents with these conversations. The licence is free, and you enter a prize draw to win an Xbox Series X.

Who is PhoneSmart Licence for?

PhoneSmart has been created for children, aged 10-13.

While we do not recommend children under 11 having smartphones, this is a tool for parents and guardians to help gauge their child's readiness for the responsibilities of smartphone ownership. It is also there to help navigate bigger conversations about the risks they might face online.

Our Goal

We believe phones should be used for good, not hate so we want to help parents to empower their children with the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe and happy online.

Sign up for free parents & kids smartphone licence:

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's tutor to discuss any aspect of online safety.

As the nights are starting to draw in, we need to make the most of our daylight hours. Here are some ideas of how you and your child/ren can get outdoors and benefit from the beautiful autumnal areas locally.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/10/autumn-outdoor-activities-for-kids/>

Thank you for your on-going support. Have a wonderful half term.

Kings Langley School Facilities for Hire - Deputy Head (School Manager) - Mrs Bell

Did you know that Kings Langley's School facilities are available to hire?

Are you looking for the perfect venue for your club? Or the ideal space for your next event? Look no further than Kings Langley School! Our state-of-the-art facilities are now available for hire, providing the ideal space for a wide range of activities and occasions.

Whether you're looking for a new space for your club, a conference, a workshop, or a celebration, our facilities offer versatility and quality to meet your needs. With a new 3G football pitch, grass pitches, dance and drama studio, sports hall, conference facilities and more, we have everything you need to make your event or club a success.

Booking with us is now easier than ever, thanks to our partnership with Vivify Venues. Vivify Venues streamlines the booking process, allowing you to reserve your desired space, and manage your bookings, with just a few clicks.

To book our facilities and make your event unforgettable, simply click this link <https://www.kls.herts.sch.uk/home/facilities-for-hire/> and let Vivify Venues take care of the rest!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to host your event at Kings Langley School.

Visitor Parking

If you are visiting the school, please use one of the designated visitor spaces which are sign posted immediately on the left hand side when you drive into the school site. These spaces start from the motorcycle bay next to the blue textile recycling collection bin.

Please do not park in the numbered student parking spaces 1 - 16 on the left side just beyond the visitor bays as these are specifically allocated to named Sixth Form students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chess Club

Kings Langley School chess club will be starting on 5th November. We would greatly appreciate any donations of chess sets that you are not using. **Please take them to Mr Roger in G108.**



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Headteacher Commendations



Congratulations to Dylan 11C for achieving his Sports Colours Silver Award.

Congratulations to Alex for qualifying for the British Championships for his age group in trampolining.



Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to the following top performers for LanguageNut in September:

Year 7: Zulfi 7C, Maria 7G, and Leighton 7P

Year 8: Sophie 8A, Elise 8C, Sophie 8D, Cerys 8G, Nathan 8J, and George 8P.

Year 9: Emily 9A, Lucy 9C, Eduard 9D, Emily 9G, Roma 9J, Katie, Amelia and Nathan 9P, and Maddie 9T

Year 10 GCSE: Olivia and Jake

Year 11 GCSE: Bethany and Catherine.



Form 7P were chosen this week to represent Year 7 in our annual laying of poppies outside the front of the school. This is part of the school's commemoration activities in the lead up to Remembrance Day.



Sports News



Alex (11P) travelled to Telford over the weekend to take part in the English Championships. It was an excellent weekend for Alex, as he and his partner won a silver medal in the 13-16 synchro event. Alex then competed in the 15-16 individual category where he gained a place in the finals and finished as the 8th best trampolinist in England.





Recognition

Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something

Students of the Week w/c 21st October

Drama	Beth 10G
Her positive attitude, numerous contributions to class and her smile! A fantastic start to GCSE drama.	
English	Holly 11J
For going above and beyond in doing extra examination practice questions. Fantastic effort. Keep it up!	
Politics	Vinnie 12LIY
For achieving the highest score in our most recent knowledge test, with 33/34 marks. Well done.	
History	Eric 12ANE
A fantastic start to KLSix with a conscientious attitude to his studies.	
Library	Callum 7D
Showing great enthusiasm and stickability helping out in the library.	
Modern Foreign Languages	Jack 7G
Jack is our top performer across the whole school for the past month on LanguageNut.	
Music	Alex 9C
Fantastic bass guitar skills in music this week! Very impressive watching you learn tab.	
PSHE	Nefeli 7P
Excellent participation in resilience lessons. Keep it up!	
Philosophy, Religion, Ethics	Leticia 11P
Excellent effort and achievement in her PRE end of unit test.	
Science	Phoebe 11G
For being so committed to improving her science understanding!	
Year 7 Head of Year	Maisie 7G
Excellent commitment and engagement with school sports. Well done.	
Year 8 Head of Year	Archie 8A
Much improved in the last week.	

Best at Bedrock! Week 8

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

- Mariia 7G (275 points)
- Mia 8D (112 points)
- Elsie 9A (91 points)
- **Adam 10P (257 points)**
- Gracie 10C (93 points)

Highest progress made in each year group

- Phoebe 7D (167%)
- Lewis 8G (226%)
- Sam 8T (700%)
- **Freddie 10D (600%)**
- Ethan 11D (313%)



Confident voices, strong literacy



Artwork of the Week



Jon 11F

Jon's drawing from the artist Clive Halnan's painting of a fish. He has been looking at water fish and shells and has done an excellent piece recreating the range of tones and mark making from this work.

Well done !



Drama News

The Book Thief

We are now in our final few weeks rehearsing for our production of 'The Book Thief'. We are very pleased with our cast who have worked so well since the start of the term. Students were able to show their commitment to the production in the full day rehearsal we had on Sunday 13th October. There are still tickets available to purchase for the performance which will be on Friday 15th November at 7pm. We would like to thank all students and staff who have supported and helped and we can't wait for the final performance.

The Drama Department.



King's Langley GOES RED to support Anti – Racism



On Friday 18th of October, we painted KLS RED to show our commitment towards anti-racism. Wear Red Day is an annual event organised by the education charity, 'Show Racism the Red Card'. Each year, schools and offices across the country are encouraged to wear red in an effort to solidify their dedication towards creating a more equal and inclusive society.

This year staff and students all wore red ribbons and a series of special assemblies led by our very own Anti – Racism champions were held to mark this significant event. Mr Scott, Mr Moyo, Mrs Ashraf and Catherine (12ANE) and Sai (12ANE) all organised and led discussions about

racism and race related issues and how we must all do our bit to stamp out racism related behaviour wherever we see it. Below are some of the tips that we discussed on how to become an active anti-racist ally:

- **Start by challenging your own friends!**

Using questions such as “What do you mean by that?” or “How is that funny?” can make people rethink what they are saying. Racist related comments are usually only shared around people that we are comfortable with, so challenging friends is a significant opportunity to be an active anti-racist ally.

- **Check in with people to see if they are okay!**

If you witness that somebody is upset or uncomfortable about comments by another person, please ask them if they are ok! Making someone aware that you are there for them can make a big difference to how somebody feels.

- **Listen more, Talk Less.**

It is okay to not know everything. What is more important is that you listen to others instead of trying to take over.

- **Avoid Assumptions.**



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BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

This week at Tooled Up we are celebrating the arts. With the pressure that many young people experience on academic achievement and results, it is important to remember the value that extra-curricular learning and knowledge can have. In addition to being a nourishing, lifelong hobby, an interest in music, art and literature can have wide-ranging cognitive, social and emotional benefits. The arts help shape who we are, and enable young people to become well-rounded and interesting individuals who are attractive to universities and employers.

Tooled Up has a number of resources that illustrate the cognitive benefits of the arts and provide ideas to ignite children's interest.

This [article](#) on the ways that music improves cognitive performance shares research on the benefits of learning an instrument. Find out more in this recent, surprising podcast on [Drumming and the Brain](#), with neuroscientist Dr. Marie-Stephanie Cahart.

Classicist David Bowker gave us this list of his [Top 10 Greek Myths](#). These are the thrilling stories at the heart of many of the literary genres, movies and video games that we enjoy today and the list will give you plenty of ideas for exploring them with your child.

Inspiring creativity at home can be as simple as handing your child some paper and a pencil! Find [30 Calming Drawing Ideas](#) to share, then take some time with your child to explore the [Paintings Every Family Should Know About](#).

Did you know that Tooled Up recently passed the milestone of **1,000 resources** in our online library? We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who contact us every week with questions about parenting, education and well-being. This communication and feedback shapes what we do. Explore our [Top 5s of 2024](#) to discover the topics that are most popular and relevant to parents right now.





STEM Challenge

This week's challenge:

There were two cars driving on the same road. Both started at 2:00. One car was heading north whilst the other car was heading south. Each car was moving in the direction towards the other car. Yet, they did not crash into each other. How is that possible?

Answer next term

Last week's answer:

A girl first turned right. Then she turned left. She then performed a backflip and turned around. After that she performed a spin and turned right twice before taking a picture of the sunset. What direction was she facing?

Answer: Because she took a picture of the sunset she had to be facing west.

This week's jackpot winning numbers are:

339474

Your supporter has donated their winnings of **£30.90**



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Family Quiz Night

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Saturday 16th November

7 for 7.30pm

hosted by Mr Shephard

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Competition:

Remembrance Day is an important event at KLS and across the world.

Produce an A4 poster, story, poem, music item or a model item to demonstrate the significance of Remembrance Day.

Competition details:

Students should submit their poster/item to Miss Scanlan no later than FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2024. Posters and models can be produced in whatever material and media you wish including paper, card, textiles and photography.





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