



ACADEMY  
LANGLEY

# Weekly Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



An icy chill descended upon the Academy first thing on Monday morning – as ever, we are always indebted to our Site team (Mr. Evans, Mr. Davis and Ms. Dawson) for opening up and keeping the site safe in all conditions! I must also pay tribute at this time to our brilliant Administration team. Over the past few weeks, including before

Christmas, they've all been a bit under the weather, but they still soldier on and do a phenomenal job each and every day. I salute Mrs. White, Mrs. Robshaw, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Kalsi – we couldn't function without them! I also thank Miss Stockdale and Miss Deasy for the Venice trip meeting held this week – not long until this takes place!

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we took part in an internal quality assurance review led by our Director of Education, Lois Kelly. She was supported over the two days by colleagues from within our Trust – Executive Head and Ofsted Inspector, Nicky Walters and Headmaster of Queen Mary's Grammar School, Richard Langton. In addition, Will Keddle – Headteacher over at Finham Park 2, and Neil Jones – Head of King Edwards Northfield (the former Turves Green Girls' School). As ever, these are days whereby we can not only showcase what is good about all aspects of the quality of education here at Q3 Langley, but we can also learn and improve. I thank all those involved – including the members of the Local Governing Body that attended on the final day for the feedback session.

In recent days, we have also been joined on a voluntary basis by a member of our inaugural cohort. Safeena Akhtar is with us for around four days per week – generally working down in the Umbrella facility alongside Miss Longhurst and Mr. Curtis – it is truly fabulous to have her back with us!

Late last week I welcomed colleagues from the University of Birmingham who, working alongside academics from Queen's in Belfast, are conducting some research into children's eating habits. We will be choosing a Year 7 and 10 class in due course to take part in the research – that also involves some work with families. A really interesting and unique opportunity, and again shows how since we opened in 2016 we have always been open to helping the wider education sector.

Over recent days I have had the pleasure of Time 4 Tea with a variety of students. Phoebe Perry (7D2) showcased her amazing karate talents, and on Monday four good citizens Taram Sandhu (9L2), Roman Foster (9L2), Lucas Cox (9D2) and Brandon Reney (9L2) were rewarded with hot chocolate for dutifully handing in cash that was found on-site! All five will receive Headteacher Commendations – and as always, if your child has excelled outside of the Academy, please let us know as we love to celebrate and recognise this! The Stars of the Lesson three times in a day are as follows this week: Oscar Beckingham (9A2), Maddison Blakeman (10C1), Joshua Browne (8D1), Haroon Dujja (8C1), Teeah Harrison (9D1), Khadija Kashif (9A1), Parveen Kaur (10L1) and Hamzah Samadi (7L1).

Enrichment continues to go from strength to strength under the stewardship of Mr. Davis. The range of activities this year – crafts, escape room, Lego engineering, drumming, dance, chess, board games, orienteering, salsa, culture dance, to name but a few, are becoming a firm favourite on a Wednesday afternoon for all in Year 7 and 8. It is also great to recognise individual efforts with the Praise Postcards issued at Family Breakfast the next morning! A reminder that other clubs run Tuesday-Thursday inclusive – please contact your child's Tutor to find out more!

Mr. Anderson opened up the Q-Point store when we returned in January, and as always Ms. Parslow has been busy processing orders this week – a reminder these get delivered to Tutor groups on a Friday each week. Students can access the online catalogue via the Class Charts app – a lovely way to reward those students that do get recognised for doing the right thing, first time and every time. Indeed if a student merely attends on time every day of the week and has their correct equipment, they will receive 10 Q-Points just for that!

We are going to be without our fantastic Science Technician, Mr. Clowes, for about a month as a minimum, as he suffered an injury playing rugby – I am sure families will join with me in wishing him all the best for a speedy recovery following his operation last week.

Have a great weekend!

**Peter Lee**  
Headteacher



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 15th January 2024. They are:



Sarmansaver  
Athwal  
8A1



Madina  
Ali  
8C1



Mustafa  
Badri  
8D1



Blake  
Goseley  
8L1



Raajveer  
Dosanjh  
8S1



Alice  
Mary-Horton  
10D2

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 22/01/2024

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
<b>Monday 22nd January</b>	<b>Pork Sausages</b> Mashed Potato Green Beans	<b>Vegan Sausages (V)</b> Mashed Potato Green Beans	<b>Mini Chocolate Muffin</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd January</b>	<b>Teriyaki Chicken (H)</b> Vegetable Rice Garden Peas	<b>Teriyaki Vegetables (V)</b> Vegetable Rice Garden Peas	<b>Yoghurt Pot</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th January</b>	<b>Chicken Shawarma</b> Khobez Bread Salad/Coleslaw	<b>Falafel (V)</b> Khobez Bread Salad/Coleslaw	<b>Vanilla Ice Cream</b>
<b>Thursday 25th January</b>	<b>Vegan Sausage Roll (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn/Ketchup	<b>Vegan Sausage Roll (V)</b> Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn/Ketchup	<b>Mini Shortbread Fingers</b>
<b>Friday 26th January</b>	<b>Breaded Fish</b> Chips Baked Beans Ketchup	<b>Vegetable Nuggets (V)</b> Chips Baked Beans Ketchup	<b>Fresh Fruit</b>

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians (H) Halal Meat. The menu is subject to change at short notice.

## WHITE'S WALK-IN

**The final Twyford Travel's Winner:** Danielle Raybould (9C2). Well done Danielle!

**Introducing White's Walk-In, our new weekly quiz! We thank Mrs. White (Medical Champion) for her weird and wonderful contributions to the newsletter, henceforth!**

This week's White's Walk-In question is:

During the Great Plague what did people believe could cure the disease?

- A - Plucking a live Pigeon and strapping it to any sores
- B - Plucking a live Chicken and strapping it to any sores
- C - Plucking a live Goose and strapping it to any sores
- D - None of the above

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 23rd January at 3:30pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Headteacher's decision is final in this matter.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Ethos Week

Week commencing– Monday 5th February 2024

### Half Term

Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

### Blood Brothers Performances

Thursday 22nd February 2024 & Friday 23rd February 2024

### Year 9 Pathways Evening

Thursday 7th March 2024

## SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

The NSPCC have a **FREE workshop for parents and carers about keeping children safe when gaming**. Please see use the link for more information on this.



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