



ACADEMY
LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



Our first full week of the Autumn 2 term began by dodging the rain and wind – and I have to pay tribute at this stage to all staff and students for navigating what seems to have been a never-ending tirade of poor weather, meaning break time and lunchtime have been affected. Due to the unique nature of how we do school in our model at

Q3 Langley, this puts additional strain on staff having to sit in for a 'wet break' and we are all incredibly grateful for their commitment in this area. In addition, please can I remind families that students are allowed to bring an umbrella to the Academy on such days!

It is a very sad newsletter for me today – additionally because I won't be there in person, due to the ACE Parliament Trip, I am on – as we say goodbye to a pastoral stalwart in Miss Breen, who has been a part of the Q3 Family, since 2018. She has always been such a warm, kind and supportive colleague to staff and of course students alike. I have lost count of the number of messages praising her qualities I have received from families over the years! Thank you for all your hard work, commitment, warmth and brilliance – you have made a significant difference to so many here in your time as a Student Support Champion.

I must pay tribute to another colleague this week – the indomitable Mr Rahman. I know he's been a bit down lately due to Manchester United's worst start to a season since the 1970s – but he has more than made up for it in all that he does on a daily basis here at the Academy. On Monday, he hosted our annual Expectations meeting with our friends from Sodexo, and on Tuesday and Wednesday he joined me in presenting two national webinars focusing on his work. On Tuesday, we hosted a behaviour webinar as part of the Exemplary Leadership Programme, and on Wednesday we held one focusing on Family Lunch for We are in Beta. Q3 Langley – as always – changing the narrative and contributing towards system-wide leadership – and supporting colleagues the length and breadth of the country!

Miss Binsley (whom I know celebrated a certain birthday milestone this week!) is always speaking to me on a daily basis about how proud she is of our 300-strong Year 7 cohort and

about the wonderful individuals who make up the year group. One such student who has really impressed us all is Seth Allen, who has been awarded the first Gold Headteacher Commendation of this academic year. This is in recognition of his charitable exploits away from school. He raised £124 for The Birmingham Children's Hospital, when he ran in the 'Run Alton Towers' race last weekend, and came 19/729! What a superstar!

Mrs. Rogers and the SEND team hosted 5 visitors on Thursday, when we became the first school in Sandwell to undergo the new pilot, for the SEN Inclusion Quality Mark. We will not know the outcome of the process for a few weeks I expect, but to be able to host and engage with such colleagues, in order to help refine and improve our provision was an opportunity we couldn't pass up on!

Enrichment has long been a staple of Wednesday afternoons since we opened in 2016, and one colleague from our friends at Sips Music has been with us every single year – Mr. Singh. A world-renowned musician in his own right; I was thrilled to read about his Tabla Ensemble that is up and running at Sips every Saturday – 4th Floor Guardian House West Brom – register on this link <https://sandwellmusic.org/tabla/> Along with Mr. Brennan, we are thrilled to have both colleagues join us and provide such wonderful experiences, for those in Years 7 and 8 each week.

The Stars of the Lesson for this week are as follows: Anya Ali (7S2), Sahib Dhanoa (7L1), Noah Fofie-Turk (9S1), Kunal Sood (8S1).

It has also been a wonderful week to welcome back a colleague who has not been with us since May – Mrs. Anderson. She has been sorely missed and we are all so happy she is back in the building – even supporting Miss Twyford, with the Year 8 fieldwork lessons in Geography this week.

Have a great weekend – and a reminder that next Thursday is Black Friday – double Q-Points (and as Mr. Fullwood reminded me – a double staff 'Saturday Night Takeaway' draw on Friday evening!).

Best wishes,

Peter Lee
Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 13th November 2023. They are:



Bilal
Alami
8A1



Kieara
Stockton
8C1



Dilpreet
Singh
8D1



Maisie
Ellam
8L1



Jack
Tyler
8S1



Danny-Ray
Handy
10S2

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 20/11/2023

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 20th November	Pork Sausages Mashed Potato Green Beans	Veggie Sausages (V) Mashed Potato Green Beans	Gluten Free Chocolate Cake
Tuesday 21st November	Teriyaki Chicken (H) Turmeric Rice Garden Peas	Teriyaki Vegetables (V) Turmeric Rice Garden Peas	Yoghurt Pot
Wednesday 22nd November	Chicken Shawarma Khobez Bread Salad/Coleslaw	Falafel (V) Khobez Bread Salad/Coleslaw	Vanilla Ice Cream
Thursday 23rd November	Vegan Sausage Roll (V) Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn/Ketchup	Vegan Sausage Roll (V) Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn/Ketchup	Gluten Free Genoa Cake
Friday 24th November	Breaded Fish Chips Baked Beans	Vegetable Nuggets (V) Chips Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit

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

TWYFORD'S TRAVELS

Last week's Twyford Travel's Winner: Avneet Kaur
(7A1).

Well done Avneet!

This week's Twyford's Travel is:

Which three countries does Mexico share a land border with?

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 21st November 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



Black Friday

Friday 24th November 2023

Parents' Consultation Evening 2

Thursday 14th December 2023 - 3:00pm-7:30pm

Students finish by 2:30pm

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Friday 15th December 2023

Christmas Holiday

Monday 18th December 2023– Friday 5th January 2024

Inset Day

Monday 8th January 2024

Students return **Tuesday 9th January 2024** at normal times.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

This week is national anti-bullying week. Please use the following link whereby you can find a useful booklet for parents and carers. <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202023%20-%20Parent%20Pack%20FINAL.pdf>



Anti-Bullying Week 2023
MONDAY 13th TO FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER

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