



Weekly Newsletter

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



What a brilliant first half-term we have had! I have to begin this week's newsletter by paying tribute to our amazing students; their stoicism and resilience during our first official Assessment Week has been absolutely incredible to behold. We were joined by a visiting head teacher from Stoke-on-Trent this week, who commented on the calm and purposeful nature of our students; I was particularly pleased

to see them discussing their learning and Quest for Knowledge booklets during Family Breakfast.

We have issued a Head of School Commendation to Janna White (7A1) for raising funds for Cancer Research by cutting her hair – I was delighted to recognise such a selfless act! On Friday, we held our #WearItPink day, where funds from student donations were raised for this worthy cause too.

It always saddens me to have to use space in this newsletter for anything but positive feedback, but I feel I must include a vital message around Family Lunch. There are several students whose parents and carers are not up to date with paying for Family Lunch on Parent Pay, and have slipped into arrears. You may be aware that in many schools, parents and carers are required to pay for a full term's worth of lunches up front, something which we are at pains not to have to implement. Our system means that lunches can be paid for on a week-by-week basis; unfortunately, some parents and carers are not fulfilling that responsibility. If there are any issues around ability to pay, or concerns about our system, please contact the Academy, where we will support you.

Tuesday afternoon saw our inaugural Table Football tournament of the year, where Mr Karim, the mastermind behind the competition, sought to retain his crown. Though they reached the quarter finals, they were unable to make it all the way (just like the Champions League, which for over 20 years, was never won back-to-back); the final was contested between Edison Pitt-Kerr and Liam Burgoyne (both 8S1) and Katie Bayliss (8C1) and Xiomara Lewis (8A1). Though both teams were superb throughout, the boys' team could not be resisted, and roared to the crown. I wonder who will be victorious in the next one...

We say farewell this week to two colleagues who have been part of our journey in different stages. Firstly, we say farewell to Ms Ellis, our City Year Impact Officer, and welcome Ms Lloyd, who has been with us for the past two weeks. We thank Ms Ellis for her hard work, setting up our City Year programme with our Mentors and Mr Karim. In addition, we say farewell to Mrs Griffiths, who has worked with us as our Marketing guru, as well as providing support across both sites as Dr Badyal's P.A. We appreciate all of the work she has put in to Langley, particularly in the planning and advertising aspects of our journey; she has

always been a wonderful guest to the Academy too. Personally, I will miss her: her warmth, hospitality, kindness and humour leave me with many warm memories, as we wish her all the best in her career.

With the changeable weather, particularly with the onset of Storm Ophelia, and our orange skies in mind, I reflect on the amazing work of our colleagues Mr Evans and Mr Lester. They tirelessly prepare and maintain our site, ensuring that it is not only safe for our students, but immaculate, causing serious pride in our staff and students' hearts. At the end of this half-term, I hope they get to enjoy a break – they are in before 06:30 each day – Mr Evans does not leave until after 18:00! Also, I thank my staff team from the bottom of my heart – our absentee record is incredible: this is due to staff wanting to be there with your children, each and every day. Even when staff are off, due to absence or meetings, our incumbent team work to cover, meaning students are always receiving the 'Langley' way of teaching and learning (whilst not incurring costly cover charges to external agencies).

Mr Mills, PLD for Year 8, launched the Excellent Attendance Cup this week – known as the EA Cup, as we continue our push for the very best attendance for students in the Academy. Some parents and carers have contacted me, requesting me to sanction time off during term-time. I am unable to do this, and I reiterate my consistent request for holidays and trips to be booked during our generous holiday time. Simply put, every day missed disadvantages students who are absent – we have no days off here – learning happens and is excellent every day. Mrs Fields, who deals with attendance for us, does so much fantastic work in this area – she buys into our belief that students learn when they are in school.

I was pleased to hear that Kyle-Amir Byrne (8D1) achieved a Distinction in his Grade Four drumming examination this week – we are always thrilled to hear about any extra-curricular success of our students! Wednesday also saw several religious leaders hosted by Mr Alexander in a Horizon Question Time panel – the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with our visitors, representing many faiths, commenting on how insightful the questions were. With that in mind, I extend my warmest wishes to all who have celebrated Diwali this week.

I wish all parents, carers, staff, and of course, our students, a relaxing and refreshing half-term break. We will see the students back bright and early on Monday 30th October.

Best wishes

Peter Lee
Head of School

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 16th October 2017. They were:



MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 30/10/2017

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meat</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
Monday 30th October	Chicken Korma Turmeric Rice	Mixed Vegetable Korma (V) Turmeric Rice	Ring Doughnut
Tuesday 31st October	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes Broccoli Florets Gravy	Quorn Fillet (V) (H) Roast Potatoes Broccoli Florets Gravy	Fresh Fruit
Wednesday 1st November	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Penne Pasta Garlic Bread Slice	Quorn Pieces in Tomato Sauce (V) (H) Penne Pasta Garlic Bread Slice	Jelly Pot
Thursday 2nd November	Cheese & Tomato Pizzas Chipped Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizzas Chipped Potatoes	Pancakes
Friday 3rd November	Chicken Tandoori Pitta Braised Rice Mixed Salad	Quorn Fillet Tandoori Pitta (V) Braised Rice Mixed Salad	Chocolate Muffin

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

SAHOTA'S SOLUTION

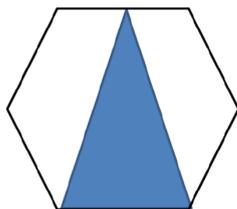
The winner of Sahota's Solution this week was Thomas Barton (7D2). Well Done Thomas!

The answer for last week's Sahota's Solution was:

4cm.

This week's Sahota's Solution is:

What fraction of the area of the regular hexagon is the shaded triangle?



Answers clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 31st October at 3:05pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Head of School's decision is final in this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

P.A.C.T

Monday 6th November 7pm-8pm

Christmas Fête

Saturday 2nd December

Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 5th December