



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very purposeful week at LDA. The parents/ carers of our Year 7 pupils met with Form Tutors yesterday evening to discuss how well their children have settled in at the Academy. The feedback we received from parents was overwhelmingly positive and I am delighted that the year group are already proving themselves to be so well -mannered, respectful and highly aspirational. Thanks to Ms O'Reilly, Mrs Wheeler and the wider staff for their support with this event.

Our new Associate Assistant Headteacher Miss Pope and our Pastoral Officer Mrs Johnson have been leading assemblies across the week on mental well-being. There has been a specific emphasis on us all using social media carefully and in moderation. We attach a great deal of value to the importance of mental health and well- being at LDA and our Personal Development Curriculum this week has also focused on this crucially important area. There is always a lot of support and guidance for our pupils in school should they need it. Year 11 pupils are continuing to work hard towards their GCSE examinations. They will shortly be receiving in-depth feedback on their mock examinations in maths and English. The vast majority have been attending the additional lessons on offer before school, at lunch time and after school. Can I ask parents to support us in this domain by encouraging your child to engage with the additional provision.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

*V. Gowan*

V Gowan, Headteacher



Miss Gowan  
Headteacher

## WINNERS 30<sup>th</sup> September–4<sup>th</sup> October

Attendance–Einstein, Behaviour– King, House points–Einstein, Punctuality–King



## LITERACY

Literacy Word of the Week: **TONE**

**ART:** TONE refers to the lightness or darkness of an object. TONES are created by the way light falls on a 3D object. TONE is used in drawing & painting to create the illusion of form

**DRAMA:** TONE is the manner of speaking - your characteristic style or manner of expressing yourself orally; "his manner of speaking was quite abrupt".

A TONE of voice shows what the speaker/actor is feeling.

**MUSIC:** TONE is the quality of the sound produced by an instrument or voice (i.e. the trumpet has a brassy, harsh tone) AND the interval between two pitches (i.e. C to D is a tone but C to C# is a semitone)

**Book Recommendation:** Meet Bruno Tonioli - *Strictly Come Dancing* judge, wildcat choreographer and stardust magnet. With his irrepressible personality and Italian exuberance, Bruno has become a TV sensation, settling the fate of Britain's ballroom hopefuls during the nation's favourite Saturday night show. Bruno's journey is mind-blowing. He fled from home at eighteen to join the dance company La Grande Eugene and travelled around Europe; he later coached the actress Goldie Hawn as a dance instructor, and orchestrated lavish productions for TV, film and pop videos, where he worked alongside The Rolling Stones, Freddie Mercury, Duran Duran and Tina Turner.



Along the way Bruno has Tanged with high fashion, performed the Cha Cha Cha with untameable pop vixens Bananarama and danced an emotional Waltz with bereavement and breakdown before settling in the perfect location - a seat on the judging panel of *Strictly Come Dancing*, where he wowed the nation at home and in Hollywood with his passion for dance and an excitable turn of phrase.

## NUMERACY PUZZLE

**Monster Puzzle**

$$2 + 3 = 25$$

$$4 + 5 = 45$$

$$0 + 8 = 40$$

$$1 + 6 = ??$$

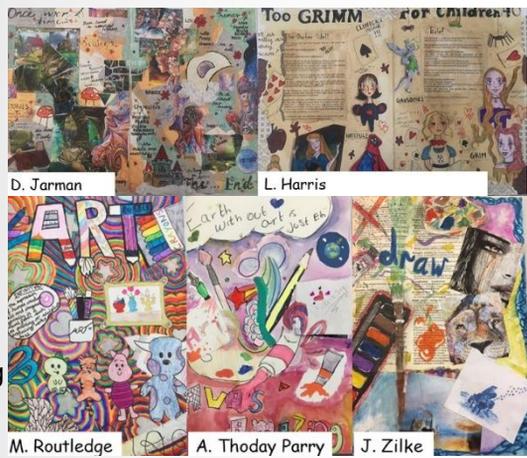


Last weeks answer:

😊 + 😈 x 😊 = ?

$$14 + 5 \times 10 = 64$$

**ART** - It's all about the sketchbooks in Art this half term. Years 7, 8 and 9 have been designing and creating their Title pages according to set briefs with outstanding results. Year 7 have to include a title, Art, a definition and drawings completed in a range of media. Year 8 have to be creative with their title and write it in a different language or include an example of a language device such as alliteration. They also have made reference to their favourite artist or artwork. Year 9 are making theirs more personal still and are basing their title page on their hobbies and interests. To add another dimension, and incorporate a literacy element, they are collaging a dictionary page into their work and decorating it appropriately. Year 10 pupils have fully embraced their first coursework project entitled 'Twisted Fairy Tales' and are thoroughly enjoying researching the darker side and origins of this genre with fabulous results.



Miss Taylor  
Head of Department

Ms Chase  
Classroom Teacher with Responsibility

Miss Boag-Munroe  
Lead Teacher of Music

Mr Proctor  
Classroom Teacher

**PHOTOGRAPHY** - This term we have turned back time to the days when taking a photograph involved a long wait for the results (no preview screens here!). With the very kind donation of a 35mm film SLR camera and associated equipment from Mr & Mrs Westhead of Huyton we have been able to develop our own rolls of B&W film negatives here in school. Year 11 Photography pupils have shown their skills and techniques in taking and processing black and white film (a very technical process involving mixing and timing chemical solutions and loading the film onto a spool, blind in a changing bag) before scanning and printing their negatives. The pupils have produced some wonderful images and the process of learning how Photography has developed alongside scientific developments over almost two centuries has been an invaluable addition to their learning.



Mrs Greenhalgh  
Classroom Teacher

## THE ACADEMY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Last year saw the introduction of The Academy Orchestra, who were able to take part in a range of performances in Manchester and London, as well as the development of The Academy Choir, which encourages all pupils to get involved in singing. Both of these ensembles continue to grow and all pupils are welcome to both. The Academy Choir takes place in G18 on a Wednesday lunchtime, you don't need to be 'good' at singing; there is no audition, just turn up and enjoy the singing with your friends. The Academy Orchestra welcomes anyone who plays an orchestral instrument (i.e. violin, trumpet or clarinet) but also welcomes guitar players and it is from 3-4pm on a Friday in G18 – please see Miss Munroe if you would like to join.



Miss Pickering  
Classroom Teacher

Mr Torode  
Technician

Mrs MacDiarmid  
Technician

## DRAMA CLUB

The drama club is growing in numbers every week and members are increasing in confidence and expanding their talents. We are in the beginning stages of preparing for the Lord Derby Academy Showcase. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to get involved come to G06 on Wednesday from 3:15 until 4pm.



**Calling all actors, musicians and artists**

The Expressive Arts team are excited to announce that this years' musical will be Annie. Do you have what it takes to sing "the sun will come out tomorrow"? Have you got the acting skills to convince the audience of your *hard knock life*? Could you play guitar or drums in the pit band? Would you like to learn about what it takes to be a lighting or sound technician and help backstage? Could you support with designing the set? Auditions for singing and acting will take place after half term so listen out for further details. Any pupils interested in being in the band should see Miss Munroe in Music as soon as possible.

**ARTS COUNCIL**

Art's council will be back up and running with all applications being accepted by Ms Pickering no later than 25<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils will have the opportunity to apply to be an arts council member for their year group for either Drama, Art, Music or Dance. In a written application please state why you deserve to be a member and what you have to offer the expressive arts department.

**Would you like to be a part of the LDA Arts Council?**

Benefits include:

- Being a representative of an art form in LDA for your Key Stage group.
- Hosting shows.
- Presentation evenings.
- Taking on a leadership role in your school.
- Being part of a passionate team.
- Pupil voice.
- (...and an exclusive badge)

**To Apply:**

Complete an application stating how you fit the leadership role.

For more information see an Expressive Arts Teacher.

**Deadline for applications:**

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct '18

Nothing is impossible...  
the word itself says  
*"I'm Possible!"*