



NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th January 2020

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

I was honoured this morning to declare the LDA Pupil Parliament for 2020 open. I met with our new cabinet members at a special opening ceremony and our outgoing Head Boy Hey Yee also delivered an inspirational speech. The LDA Parliament provides a voice for all pupils and enables our school community to embody the British Values to which we hold true, including Democracy and Mutual Respect.

I thank the new cabinet for stepping forward and embracing their roles as leaders. I am truly looking forward to hearing pupil views and to working alongside the Parliament as we continue to further develop all aspects of school life at LDA.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Modern Languages Spelling Bee on Tuesday. Pupils from four of our partner primary schools joined us and I was very impressed by their linguistic abilities. Many thanks go to Mrs Jamieson for making the evening possible and congratulations to the overall winners Malvern Primary.

Finally, thank you to the Year 11 parents who attended Parents Evening last night. This was a crucial evening for parents to access information from teachers about your child's progress and I hope you found it useful. I am confident the school is doing all it can to support your child in the lead up to the GCSE examinations but please do let us know if you require any additional support, advice or guidance.

With best wishes for the weekend

Yours sincerely,

V Gowan, Headteacher



Miss Gowan
Headteacher

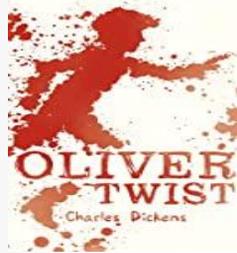
LITERACY

Literacy Word of the Week: **Redemption**

1. The action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil. "God's plans for the redemption of his world"
2. The action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt. "the peasants found the terms of redemption unattractive"

Book Recommendation:

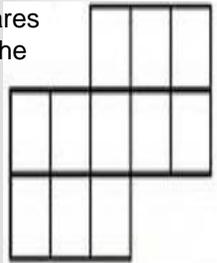
The story of orphaned Oliver, who runs away from the workhouse only to be taken in by a den of thieves. Plunged into a dark criminal underworld of vivid and memorable characters - the arch-villain Fagin, the artful Dodger, the menacing Bill Sikes and kind-hearted Nancy - Oliver struggles to survive and find his real family. A rich, powerful look at London poverty from Charles Dickens.



NUMERACY PUZZLE

How many squares can you see in the shape below?

Hint:
Remember to count squares of all different sizes.



WINNERS 13th – 17th January

Attendance **Nightingale**,
Punctuality **King**,
House Points **Einstein**,
Behaviour **King**



LDA's Annual Primary MFL Spelling Bee

This week, we were delighted to welcome primary pupils and their families to our annual Primary MFL Spelling Bee. These young linguists from Malvern Primary, Park View Academy, Blacklow Brow School and Hope Primary had all worked incredibly hard to learn 50 words in Spanish. Words were selected at random for the pupils to spell (including accents!) in front of the audience. The pupils certainly rose to the challenge with incredible performances and were a credit to themselves, their schools and families.

Once again, LDA pupils, including many from our Pupil Parliament, were on hand to help and support with the event and they did an amazing job; special thanks must go to Tom S who acted as judge and demonstrator! After a resilient battle, the winning school was Malvern Primary School who were delighted to receive the prestigious LDA Spelling Bee plaque and class learning package. The individual winner was Maisey, also from Malvern Primary School. Congratulations to everyone and we look forward to seeing you defend your titles next year!



YEAR 11

The English Department are incredibly proud of the opportunities we provide for our Year 11 cohort to assist them in their preparation for their exams and beyond. These valuable opportunities create a buzz around the school and our pupils show real enthusiasm and dedication.

Walk and Talk Mock

The next set of mock examinations are coming up and to help our pupils prepare Mrs Sergison and Mrs Venables have been taking the cohort through a 'walk and talk' mock. These sessions have proved incredibly useful to pupils and their conduct has been impeccable.



LDA at Edge Hill University

Last week we took 140 Year 11 pupils on a trip to Edge Hill University. The pupils had the opportunity to visit the campus, have a tour around its award winning facilities, talk to current students and catch a performance of their Literature Paper 1 text 'A Christmas Carol'. The pupils were a credit to themselves and represented our school impeccably



Literacy Matters!

Literacy

The library is situated in HB3 and the E-Library is accessible through the school website. If you would like additional information, please see Miss Morris. Happy reading!

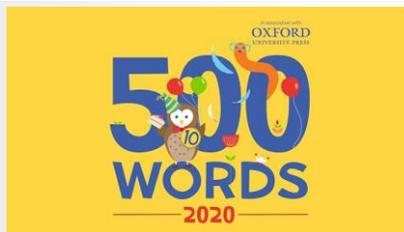
Bedrock Vocabulary

Bedrock is set as a homework every week in Literacy. Pupils are expected to complete 2 lessons of Bedrock per week. Bedrock is a vital tool to help pupils expand and enhance their vocabulary!



Creative Writing Competition!

BBC Radio 2's '500 Words' competition launched last week and here at LDA we would like to encourage as many of our talented authors to get involved as possible. The deadline for online submissions is the 27th February. If you would like to enter please speak to your English teacher for more information.



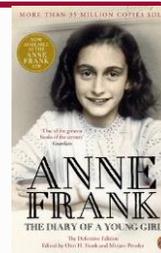
Recommended reads: for pleasure and for challenge

In honour of Holocaust Memorial Day (27th Jan).

'Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl' is an unforgettable and tragic piece of history everyone should read. The young Anne dutifully writes about her life as a Jewish girl in 1940's Poland hiding from the Nazi's with her family. Anne's diary ends just before their capture and transportation to the death camps of Nazi Germany.



'The Girl Who Stole An Elephant' follows fierce protagonist Chaya as she, her friends and an elephant adventure through the jungle.



Mrs Fletcher
Head of
Department



Mrs Venables
Deputy Head of
Department



Mrs Phillips
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Sergison
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Barry
Responsibility in
English for Year
7



Miss Morris
Leader of
Literacy



Mrs Herridge
Classroom
Teacher with
KS3 TLR



Miss Thwaite
Classroom
Teacher
SENDCO



Mrs Grisdale
Classroom
Teacher and



Classroom
Teacher Head of
Year 7



Mrs Brophy
Classroom
Teacher
NQT/ITT
Professional
Mentor

Stars of the Week

Year 7 - E Kennedy, O. Cooper-Finch, J. Lee, A. Bennett, E. McKay

Year 8 - M. McKeown, P. Fisk

Year 9 - E. Milburn

Year 10 - L. Dunn, S. Lawler

Year 11 - A. Davies, R. Smith

