



Friday 28th February 2020

NEWSLETTER



Miss Gowan
Headteacher



Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to announce that Lord Derby Academy has achieved the Inclusion Quality Mark Inclusive Schools Award and has been recommended as a Centre for Excellence for Inclusion. This recognition comes after a two day assessment visit to the school in January. During this visit the assessor visited lessons, looked at pupils' work and spoke to staff, governors, Dean Trust Executives and Local Authority representatives. Here are just some of the very positive statements the assessor included in her formal report:

Lord Derby Academy is a school where high standards and expectations are embraced by all.

Diversity is celebrated, yet there is a clear vision, which is the same for every child, based on a culture of ambition.

The staff at Lord Derby Academy are tenacious in their mission for every pupil to succeed and they do not give up on any child.

There is a culture of excellence and high aspiration which defines all aspects of school life.

All children spoken to during the visit say they feel safe when at school.

The quality of Careers Advice and Guidance at the school is excellent.

There was a spontaneous round of applause during a pupil voice interview as the children talked with pride about how kind the teachers are and how respectful everyone is towards each other.

What pupils like best about Lord Derby Academy is how welcoming everyone is, the diversity of the curriculum, the enrichment on offer and the excellent standards of behaviour.

We are so proud of this outcome. On behalf of our entire school community, I would like to thank everyone involved for their ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

V. Gowan

V Gowan, Headteacher

Information to parents/carers – Confiscated items

If a banned item is confiscated such as jewellery or a mobile device, the item will be handed into Student Services for safekeeping during the school day.

School will inform you via a phone call or text if your child has had a banned item confiscated. At 3.30pm the box of labelled confiscated items will be handed to reception and parents/carers will be able to collect such items between the hours of 3.30pm – 5pm.

Please be mindful that reception staff are only giving back the items and will not know the finer details.

Should you wish to speak to a member of staff please make an appointment to do so. If your child repeatedly brings banned items onto the school site, this item may be held by the school until a mutually convenient appointment is made with your child's Head of Year or a Senior Leader.

Please refer to the school's website for a reminder of the school's standards and expectations and guidance on banned items. This information is shared with parents/carers and pupils before they join the school.

Please be aware that the school is not responsible for any loss or damage of a banned item that has been brought onto the school site and confiscated by staff.

Use of perfume, fragrances and deodorant at school - For the health and consideration of pupils and staff at LDA, pupils have been reminded that spraying perfume, fragrance and deodorant is not permitted. Pupils have been made aware in assembly that these items will be confiscated if they are spraying them within the school building. The exception to this is PE, where current arrangements will continue. Thank you in advance for your support.

LITERACY Literacy Word of the Week: **Pinnacle**

Definition: The highest or culminating point, as of success, power, fame, etc.

Book Recommendation: Stella is a bold heroine and this is an inspiring read, showing readers that history is made person by person – like stars coming out one by one to brighten the night sky. And maybe they can shape the world themselves if they get involved in something they are passionate about?



NUMERACY PUZZLE

Answer to last puzzle

5	3	
7	144	49
2	?	36
	8	1

Add the 2 numbers then square it:
2 + 8 = 10
10 x 10 = 100

WINNERS
10th – 14th February
Att –
Nightingale
Lates – **King**
HP – **King**
Beh – **Curie**

607 LDA parents are currently following their child's Behaviour for Progress on the Class Charts app. **Are you?** Call reception today for your login details.



Spanish Trip - Barcelona

“Explore – Dream – Discover. It’s a big world out there.”

Bienvenidos a Barcelona!

On the 14th February Mrs Holme, Mr Wheeler and Mrs Bannon had the pleasure of accompanying 27 KS4 pupils on a Spanish cultural trip to Barcelona, Spain. LDA pupils spent three days fully immersed in Spanish culture. We travelled from Huyton to Manchester where we boarded Ryanair, four of our amazing pupils achieved their ‘first flight trophy’, well done to those pupils.

Once in Barcelona we headed to our accommodation, *Alberg Pere Tarrés*. It was straight out to explore....9 hours later we returned to check in. The day consisted of sightseeing for the group, we visited La Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas and the famous Port of Barcelona.

Saturday saw a fun packed day visiting the castle, *Poble Espanyol*, a local Spanish pendant making workshop and a food festival. Pupils enjoyed the experience of conversing in Spanish with the locals, gaining knowledge of the handcrafted souvenirs and travelling on both local buses and underground. The day was completed with a Spanish quiz in the evening, it was lovely to see the cultural knowledge shining through from our pupils.

On Sunday, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience of the Barcelona Nou Camp and chilling in the Spanish sunshine with Mr Wheeler eating the biggest cake!

Pupils have returned confident in their use of the Spanish speaking and Listening skills and feel able to produce much more spontaneous language.... just in time for their GCSE Speaking exam!

All staff who accompanied the trip are extremely proud of all pupils, their behaviour and conduct was impeccable at all times. It was an absolute privilege to experience the once in a lifetime opportunity with such amazing young people. A huge thank you to all Parents/Carers who allowed us to spend time with your children.

Upcoming event:

We are looking forward to welcoming the Spanish pupils from Zaragoza to LDA on the 24th March 2019.

