



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a rewarding and enjoyable week at LDA. We have launched our Knowsley Food Bank Appeal through our House System and our LDA Christmas Tree arrived today.

I was delighted with the positive feedback we received from our first online Parents Evening last night. I would like to thank the Year 8 parents who engaged with this process. I hope you found it to be useful. We will be hosting further remote evenings for other year groups from January onwards - until we are able to welcome parents back on site once again.

Next week will see us take part in our second COVID-19 **opt-in** testing study with the London School of Tropical Medicine for staff and pupils in Years 8 and 9 and we are looking forward to welcoming back the majority of our pupils who have had to isolate at home. Information on return dates is available on the website.

With best wishes for the weekend.

*V. Gowan*

V Gowan  
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher

## MFL

Just like with our MFL rocks challenge, once again the department was overwhelmed with the response from LDA pupils for the Día de los Muertos competition. The standard was really high and it was a difficult decision to choose the winners. Well done to everyone who entered; keep checking the MFL corridor and the newsletter for details of our next competition. In the meantime, look out for the winners in next week's newsletter!



Year 7 pupils working from home have been researching festivals in Spanish speaking countries as part of their independent research project. We are extremely pleased and proud of these pupils who have produced some outstanding pieces of work. These will soon be displayed in the MFL corridor so look out for them!



## TASSOMAI

Last week the use of Tassomai was incredible. Celebrating success are our winners for this week. They have all completed the daily goal challenges effectively across English, maths and science. Pupils still have time to get onto the leader board for the newsletter next week. Year 7 – Corde C, Year 8 – Mina A, Year 9 – Amelia B Year 10 – Harry D, Year 11 – Thomas A Overall LDA champion – Lille C! Well done everyone – Mrs Lancelott-Morris will pass a little prize to your HOY.

Calling all Y7 ... are you ready  
for a Maths challenge?

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December LDA is hosting a Maths quiz for all Y7 pupils. The quiz will take place on Kahoot between 6.30pm and 8.00pm.

The game pin will be shared via your Maths class google classroom and the LDA Twitter page on the day of the challenge.

You must put your first name and the maths set you are in as your screen name (Eg Mike7y67).

Who will be our top scorers?  
Will x band or y band be victorious?



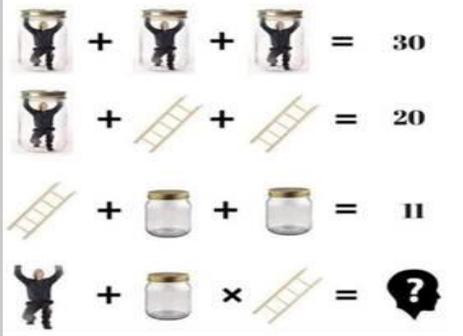
Good luck!



We would like to congratulate Year 11 on their outstanding approach to their most recent mock exams. Your hard work, resilience, determination and mature attitude has shone through and staff are very impressed with your maturity. Considering the challenges you have faced this year, you have been an absolute credit to yourselves and your families. On many occasions we have seen revision notes being read over at lunchtime, pupils quizzing each other and many of you have been returning after school to continue your studies. Keep up the excellent standards Year 11, we look forward to celebrating this success with you when you receive your results!

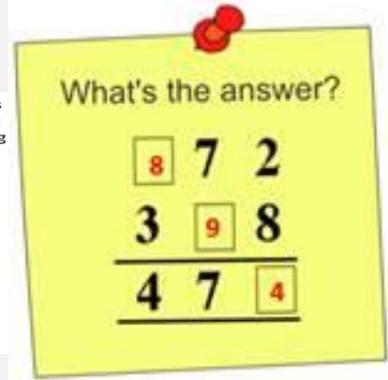
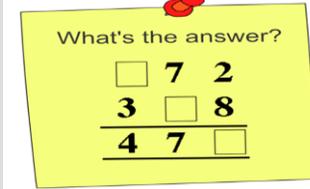
Well done!

### Numeracy Puzzle



### Last weeks puzzle and answer

The question below has some numbers missing. Can you figure out the missing numbers and what operation was being used?



### LDA will be experiencing our very first virtual Book Fair next week!

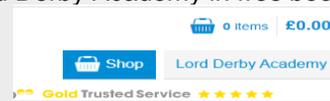
Lord Derby Academy is placing vocabulary at the heart of everything that we do and reading is key to supporting our pupils in learning new vocabulary. Pupils will have the opportunity next week during KS3 Literacy lessons to choose a book of their choice to read which will be gifted by the school.

#### FREE books for your school

If you would like to view the full range of books on offer through the Book Fair, use the link below.

Please make sure that when you order, that you are linked to our school, because for every £1 you spend 20p goes to Lord Derby Academy in free books when you order books :

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/>



## Lord Derby Christmas Appeal

### What will we be doing this year?

We will be collecting food items for Knowsley's Foodbank. Bring in a food item from the list provided or a food item from home that is no longer required.

Make sure the food item is in-date.

Also 150 pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 have participated in a Christmas card workshop to send to our local elderly residents within our community.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!**

OUR FOOD STOCKS ARE LOW

We desperately need:

UHT milk	Tinned fruit
Fruit squash	Tinned rice pudding
UHT juice	Tinned meat
Instant coffee	Tinned potatoes
Biscuits	Jars of pasta sauce

Big Help Project 0151 482 6084  
 Link Rd., Huyton L36 6AP Reg. Charity No. 1141024



Mrs Arnold  
Deputy  
Headteacher  
Inclusion Line  
Manager



Miss Thwaite  
SENDCO



Mrs Finn  
Inclusion Manager

## Transition Tutors



Mrs Privilege  
Transition  
Tutor



Mrs  
Sunderland  
Transition  
Tutor



Mrs  
Thomas  
Transition  
Tutor



Mr Westfalewicz  
Transition  
Tutor



Mrs Hughes  
Transition  
Tutor



Mrs Keaton  
SEND  
Administrator



Miss Jones  
Newly appointed  
Inclusion/ SEND Officer

## Teaching Assistants



Mrs Byrne  
Teaching  
Assistant



Mrs Jenkins  
Teaching  
Assistant



Mrs Unwin  
Teaching  
Assistant



Mrs Brown  
Teaching  
Assistant



Mrs Bruchez  
Teaching  
assistant



Mr Kettle  
Teaching  
Assistant



Mrs Kelly  
Teaching  
Assistant



Miss Redmond  
Teaching  
Assistant



Mrs Oiger  
Teaching  
Assistant

## New Staff



Mr  
Cooper  
Teaching  
Assistant



Miss  
Scouler  
Teaching  
Assistant



Mr Downie  
Teaching  
Assistant



Miss Verinder  
Teaching  
Assistant

As pupil numbers increase at LDA we have added to our support staff. We are delighted to welcome our amazing new staff to our, already very talented team of support staff.

## Merry Christmas



It's that time of the year again and the pupils in the Personalised Learning Environment (PLE) have been very busy creating a wide range of beautiful mini Christmas trees for charity. During their horticulture lessons, they have produced a plan to identify what materials were needed to produce the mini trees. Working in partnership with the school groundsman, they have identified trees in the garden that needed pruning to keep them healthy. As a team, they selected suitable branches and safely used tools to collect them.



They began to design and produce the mini trees and, using donated decorations, they started to embellish each one. The pupils took great pleasure in making their creations and proudly displayed them around the KS4 room, ready for staff to purchase. The proceeds of sales will be used to purchase food for The Knowsley Food Bank.

## HORTICULTURE

During horticulture lessons back in February, the pupils collected pumpkin seeds. The seeds were planted and nurtured at home during the summer by Mrs Bruchez (horticulture teacher).

On returning to school in September, Mrs Bruchez brought in the newly grown pumpkins for the pupils who had planted them and they were delighted.



## DIY CHALLENGE

The pupils were challenged to construct a new office chair from a flat pack. They used one of their lunch times and worked as a team to read through the instructions and start to assemble the chair.

Each pupil had their own 'job' which included: director, assembler and quality controller. The chair was ready for use within a thirty minute time limit and is now fully in use by newly appointed SEND/Inclusion support officer, Miss Jones.

