



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

First, I would like to thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community safe by providing pupils with a face covering to wear in communal areas of school.

At LDA, enrichment plays an important role in providing valuable experiences for pupils beyond the classroom. This week, pupils have enjoyed a wide range of opportunities at LDA.

Assistant Headteacher, Mr Young was delighted by the number of pupil applications received for positions in the LDA Pupil Parliament. Interviews for key roles will take place in the coming weeks and we look forward to the official opening of the LDA Pupil Parliament in the New Year. Mr Panther, Pupil Leadership Ambassador, took a group of Key Stage 3 pupils to partake in the Knowsley Youth Cabinet Showcase. Pupils spoke confidently in front of a large audience and were a credit to themselves, their families and our school community. LDA Head of Expressive Arts, Miss Taylor, facilitated a fantastic opportunity for our Year 10 GCSE drama pupils with a workshop visit to the Everyman Theatre in Liverpool. Mrs Herridge, LDA Higher Achievers Ambassador, was really pleased to offer several Year 9 pupils the option to apply for the prestigious University Central London Scholars Programme. Good luck to all applicants.

Finally, an exciting enrichment opportunity has arisen for the LDA community with the launch of a 'Christmas Cook Off' Competition as advertised below by the Technology Department. I look forward to viewing the entries on the Competition Google Classroom!

*V. Gowan*

V Gowan,  
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher

## IMPORTANT NOTICE – PUPILS' APPOINTMENTS

In order to minimise disruption to the school working day and the pupils' education, all appointments such as optician and dental check-ups, should be made outside of school hours. This situation is the same for school staff. If your child has an orthodontist or hospital appointment scheduled during the day, this must be approved in advance by Miss Pope, Assistant Headteacher. This pre-planning also reduces disruption to the wider school staff and pupils and supports our tight safeguarding procedures so please ensure you follow the guidance. Many thanks for your continued support.

Process for appointments:

- Parent to inform school of appointment request. Approval will be considered by Head of Year
- Appointment card or letter will be provided as proof of appointment.
- It is the responsibility of the pupil to leave lesson 5 minutes early and to report Student Services to be signed out.
- For safeguarding reasons you must collect your child from reception and not arrange to meet them outside of school. If you do not collect them from reception they will not be allowed to leave school during the day.

## Inclusion Team



## Transition Tutors



## Teaching Assistants



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

## New Staff



## Supporting Behaviours that Challenge Offer



Merseyside-based ADDvanced Solutions Community Network (ASCN) will deliver a new programme for Knowsley parents and carers whose children display behaviours that challenge. The programme aims to give parents, carers, and professionals who work with families the skills, knowledge, and understanding to better manage children and young people's behaviours. The overall programme will cover 2 areas that are delivered across 4 weekly sessions. A child does not need to have a diagnosis for parents/carers to attend; if you have a concern about behaviour, you are welcome to attend.

Visit [www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk](http://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk) for information about the programme and how to book a place.

## Food Technology



The voice of the pupils in the PLE (Personalised Learning environment) was collected by Mrs Brown, food technology teacher. Pupils were asked what they would really like to cook and they all chose to make salt and pepper chicken.

Pupils divided into groups and varied the amount of chilli into each of their recipes to cater for taste preference. Pupils also made egg noodles to accompany the dish and the outcome was delicious. Pupils used their organisation and chopping skills during this lesson. Well done to all!

## Personal Development



Pupils were tasked with a challenge to discuss and work out together how to produce an item reusing materials to avoid wastage and harm to the environment.

# The LDA Christmas Cook Off 2021

Can you create a dish to celebrate the holidays?

**Task:** Create a sweet or savoury dish with a 'Winter Wonderland' or 'Christmas Comforts' theme.

Submit a photograph and brief description of your creation to our LDA Food & Nutrition Competition Google Classroom:

**Google Classroom Code: czymq3y**

All entries will be awarded 20 House Points

**Deadline: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 by 3pm**

**Prize:** Our LDA Bake Off Champion will win a £20 Voucher.  
2 Runners up prizes of a selection box  
Good Luck Everyone!



**Christmas  
Cook Off**

**TASSOMAI**

Tassomai continues to be the weekly homework focus to help our pupils to retain more powerful knowledge and improve their progress across English, maths and science.

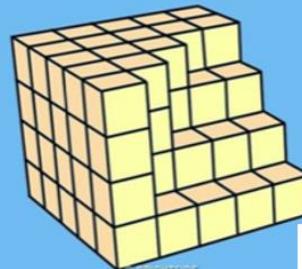
The following pupils have utilised this resource to accelerate their learning exceptionally well:

Libby A (Y10) – most daily goals at KS4

Caitlin CM (Y7) – most daily goals at KS3

Well done! Mrs Lancelott-Morris has a prize for you!

How many cubes  
are needed to build  
a full cube?



**NUMERACY  
PUZZLE**

**bedrock vocabulary**



Bedrock Competition!

From now until **December 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**,  
Each Form Group is included in a  
competition.

The Form Group that completes the  
most Bedrock lessons will win a  
**selection box**. There will also be a  
chance to win a  
**£20 Amazon voucher!**



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**Bedrock**

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