



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well at this busy and cold time of year!

We too have had a very busy week in school.

Miss Morrison and Miss Ward worked incredibly hard to arrange for our Careers Fair to take place again for the first time since the pandemic. We welcomed many different Post-16 providers/industries etc to be a part of our market place and pupils across the school were able to visit their stalls and ask questions about what is on offer in the World of Careers to suit their abilities, interests and aspirations. I was so proud of how well our pupils responded to this opportunity.

I was also delighted to visit the Shakespeare North theatre once again yesterday evening for a presentation showcasing the work of LDA pupils as part of the 'Our Place in the Universe' project which brings together a range of expertise from our school, Liverpool Universities and Knowsley Safari Park. It was a privilege to see how this exciting piece of work has unfolded to broaden pupils' horizons personally, educationally, socially and in relation to their future lives and ambitions. Many thanks to our English team who have played a key role in bringing this project to fruition.

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that we finish for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022. **Pupils will be finishing school at 12:40pm** on this date and lunch will be made available for our pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals.

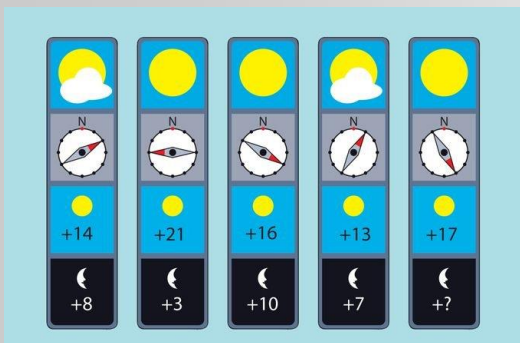
With best wishes for the weekend,

Miss V. Gowan  
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher

## This week's Numeracy puzzle...



## Last week's answer...

Firework C. There is a total of 9 yellow stars in the fireworks, but there are only 6 in the air. Do the firework math ( $9 - 6 = 3$ ) and you'll find that 3 yellow stars have not been launched yet.



Mrs Fletcher  
Director of  
Learning for  
English



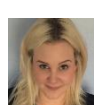
Mrs Herridge  
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English



Mrs Phillips  
Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs Sergison  
Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs Barry  
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English for Year 7



Mrs Venables  
Head of Whole  
School Literacy



Miss Thwaite  
Classroom  
Teacher SENDCO



Mrs Grisdale  
Classroom  
Teacher



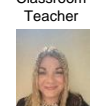
Miss O'Reilly  
Classroom  
Teacher/ Head of  
Year 10



Miss Morris  
Classroom  
Teacher



Miss Mullally  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mrs Lancaster  
Classroom  
Teacher

## Our Place in the Universe Exhibition

We are incredibly excited that an exhibition showcasing the work of our current Yr8 and Yr9 pupils is now open on the second floor of Shakespeare North Playhouse! Congratulations to: Chloe D, Evie D, Ava H, Chloe H, Madeline L, Lexie M, Sophie O'Brien Ruddock, Sophie S, Anthony J, Sherry and Erin U whose work is included in the exhibition, and Poppy B, Melody GJ, Peter S and Penny W whose work was included in a presentation to a range of representatives from local organisations. If you are in Prescot over the festive season, please drop in and take a look.



## KS4 Theatre Trip

It's nearly time for our KS4 trips to see A Christmas Carol in Shakespeare North Playhouse and we are really looking forward to taking our GCSE pupils to see this creative adaptation of the text. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience Knowsley's brand new Elizabethan replica theatre. We are still awaiting a few reply slips so please bring them back in as soon as possible to avoid missing the festive fun!



## Yr7 Enrichment

A big well done to the Yr7 pupils who attended Miss Barry's Scratch Book club this week. Pupils read a short Christmas story (with a twist!) and then got creative to make their own visual representations of the story. There was a lovely atmosphere and pupils are looking forward to reading another inspiring piece of literature next week.

## Yr11 Mock Exams

Yr 11 had a taste of what's to come in summer this week and last, when they completed mocks for English Language Paper 1 and English Literature Paper 2. The majority of pupils tried really hard to apply their learning in their responses and worked hard throughout. The English Department are now like busy Christmas Elves marking the papers in order to give effective feedback and support the progress of all pupils.

## Reading Recommendations

### KS3

#### Terry Pratchett – Wintersmith

SAYING IT WITH FROZEN ROSES AND ICEBERGS Young witch Tiffany Aching leaps into a dance - and suddenly the spirit of winter is in love with her.

Now she's dancing to his tune, and she can't change the steps.

Unless she can work out how to deal with the Wintersmith, there will never be another springtime . .



### KS4



#### A Scandinavian Christmas – Festive Tales for a Nordic Noel

Ranging from Hans Christian Andersen to Karl Ove Knausgaard, have yourself a Nordic noel with the very best Scandinavian Christmas tales.

Have yourself a truly Scandinavian Christmas... Of visions and prophecies seen in dark, dark woods. Of toys and trees come to life. Of trolls raising chaos, and of families torn apart - only to be brought back together by festive cheer.



# Enrichment at LDA



## Monday

Girls Fitness, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7-11

Mathswatch Club, S13, Lunchtime, KS3

French Club, F17, Lunchtime, KS3



## Tuesday

Stem Club, G44D, 3 - 4pm, KS3.

Netball, Muga, 3pm, Y7-10

Boys Football, Astro, 3pm, Y7

Table Tennis, Atrium, 3pm, Y8-10

Eco Club, HB2, Lunchtime, KS3

## Wednesday

Time travellers Club, S41, Lunchtime, KS3

Boys Football, Astro, 3pm, Y8-10

Y9 Sports Sportshall, 3pm, Y9

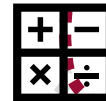
Trampolining, Sportshall, 3pm

## Thursday

Girls Football, Astro, 3pm, Y7-11

Mathswatch Club, S13, Lunchtime, KS3

Mindfulness Colouring, F18B, Lunchtime.



## Friday

Y11 Staff football, 4-5pm, Y11

Dodgeball, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7

## GIRLS ONLY SPORT (Years 7 – 11)

Fitness – Every Monday @ 3PM

Football – Every Thursday @ 3PM



Enrichment activity	Cheerleading:
Where and when is it?	Fridays: 3:15pm – 4pm, G07. PE kit required.
What is it?	Cheerleading is the fastest growing sport in the UK, and is being taught at schools across the country. Cheerleading for LDA pupils is a great option, as it allows pupils to try a brand-new sport, encouraging regular exercise and even a new hobby!
Why choose to take part in this enrichment activity?	Pupils will work on their physical endurance as Cheerleading is a great cardio workout. Stretching exercises in the sessions will support in developing flexibility and increase the pupil's range of movement. Cheer not only teaches athletic discipline, but also helps improve pupil's confidence and team-working skills. Cheerleading club will always have a chance to perform in the school talents shows, building confidence.
Who can sign up and who do you contact?	Pupils in KS3 can express an interest with Miss Taylor.



## Pupil Parliament

The recruitment process for a new Head Pupils for our Pupil Parliament has begun.

Any applications for these posts need to be handed in Mr Panther or Mr Young by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.



What a week it has been for Tassomai at LDA! We now have more pupils using Tassomai regularly which means they are accessing a brilliant resource to help their recall of the learning that has taken place. All pupils should complete at least 2 daily goals in each subject every week to really benefit them.

Pupils are now regularly completing their daily goals and demonstrating progress in each subject. Congratulations to this week's Tassomai champions.

Year 11 – Kayleigh B-F and Jacob D

Year 10 – Louis M and Ethan Mc

Year 9 – Martha R and Jessica Mc

Year 8 – Mia S and M

Year 7 – Jamie K and Harley M