



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas is a time for giving and I am so proud of the generosity of our school community over the past few weeks. Amongst other acts of kindness, we have collected 5 full trolley's worth of goods for the Knowsley's Big Help Food Bank project and I thank all families and staff who were able to contribute.

I was delighted to meet with a number of our Year 11 pupils on Wednesday who have performed exceptionally well in their recent examinations. It was a pleasure to hear about how they approached their revision and what their ambitious plans are for September 2024. I also met with members of our new Pupil Parliament yesterday. We have two new Head Pupils, two Deputy Pupil Leaders and many cabinet positions and you can read more about the Parliament on page 3.

After a proud year for our school in 2023, we have 'gone big' for Christmas this week. Pupils across all year groups have enjoyed a Silent Disco and Reward Assemblies and our Staff Christmas Committee have certainly made sure staff have been able to enjoy themselves as well.

All pupils return to school at the usual time on **Monday 8th January 2024**. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, but for now, please enjoy a very restful and safe Christmas holiday.



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher



V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Numeracy Puzzle

$$\text{Santa} \times \text{Santa} = 36$$

$$\text{Mug} + \text{Santa} = 26$$

$$\text{Candy} + \text{Santa} + \text{Santa} = 15$$

$$\text{Santa} + \text{Mug} + \text{Candy} = ?$$

Y7 boys win away at Halewood



Y10 Boys Inter House Football League

It has been a busy and exciting time in Physical Education at LDA this last half term. KS3 PE lesson activities have included football, fitness and volleyball. There has also been a lot of after school opportunities for our pupils including round one of our inter-house football league as well as several football fixtures for boys and girls.

KS4 core PE has involved all of our Year 10 pupils learning about healthy lifestyles and we have arranged for a number of external visitors to come into our PE lessons to deliver exercise sessions. The feedback from our pupils about these sessions has been very positive. Year 11 GCSE PE and Sports Studies pupils continue to work hard on their exam preparation, coursework and practical skills. Extra PE lessons for all our Year 11 pupils take place every Friday at 3.10pm. We look forward to seeing the parents / carers of all of our Year 11 GCSE PE and Sports Studies pupils at the Year 11 Parents Evening on Jan 18th 2024. Happy Xmas from all staff in the PE department and best wishes for the new year.

LDA

Inter House Football League

(Wed 17/01/24) - Yr 7
 (Wed 24/01/24) - Yr 8
 (Wed 31/01/24) - Yr 10

Round 2 Fixtures
 Curie City v Einstein United
 Da Vinci Rovers v Nightingale Albion

Meet at 3:10 pm in the Boys PE
 changing rooms.

Wear PE kit / astro's
 No Football Boots

Matches will finish around 4:30pm



Mr Parr
Head of
Department



Mrs Mills
Deputy Head of
Department



Mr Proctor
Head of
Year 8



Mrs Morrison
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Blackmore
Head of Year 10



Mrs Molyneux
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

As part of Healthy Living
Year 10 girls
took part in a RockBox
fitness class.



Year 10 try a range of healthy
foods as part of their healthy
living module



Y11 GCSE PE pupils high
jump assessment



Chocolate Log Competition

★ ★ ★ Winner ★ ★ ★

**Michael
K
9V1**



★ Runners up ★

**Sophie
L
7C2**



**Poppy
C
7K2**



Congratulations to the winners of the Chocolate Log Competition 2023, we had 97 delicious and creative entries! The standard was excellent, all pupils have been awarded 6 enrichment house points for entering.

Lego Club

Thank you to everyone who attended the Lego Club Christmas Party, here are a few pictures of the models created.

If you would like to join us in the new year, Lego Club is every Wednesday after school 3:10 – 4:10. We have new sets and ideas coming in January 2024. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mr Starkey



Pupil Parliament

This week we have appointed two Head Pupils and 4 Deputy Head Pupils within the Year 10 cohort. Congratulations to Head Pupils Eleanor Connolly and Bethany Rogerson and Deputy Head Pupils Paul Weir, Alfie Devon, Amy Lawler and Jessica McCallum. We have also appointed Morning Wanjiku. Congratulations to all these pupils on their successful applications!

Thank you very much for all your donations for our Christmas Hamper appeal. We managed to fill almost 5 trolleys with food and other everyday items for the Knowsley Foodbank, which will help any struggling families in the borough over the Christmas period.



VIRTUAL COURSE in British Sign Language



What? An exciting opportunity for pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 to complete an online course, where you will; learn **how to sign** and communicate with the Deaf community, win prizes each week, and gain a **certificate and qualification** in BSL!

When? After School (3:10 - 4:00) on Wednesdays, starting after Christmas.

Where? In F15 with Miss Creely and Elaine from 'Interpreting Solutions'.

How? Sign up before Christmas break. Please let your form tutor know if you would like to sign up, or come and see Miss Creely in F15 to get your name down.



Be quick! Only 12 spaces left!