



NEWSLETTER

17th December 2004

Dear Parents,

I would like to wish all of you a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and send thanks to you, the parents, for the tremendous support you give Langley. This has been a busy term for students, staff, governors and parents and the break is well deserved.

Weddings!

We are delighted to announce the wedding of Miss L. White on 18th December 2004. Miss White then becomes Mrs. Yarrington. Our congratulations to the Christmas pair.

Our 'favourite inspector' retires

We said goodbye this week to David Curtis, a Senior LEA Inspector, who has had responsibility for Langley for many years. He has always been a true friend of the school and is an educationalist genuinely committed to the needs of children rather than the demands of government. His wisdom and integrity have benefited us considerably and we wish him every success in his next phase.

Christmas Card Design Competition

In November a competition was held for Years 7 and 8 to produce a design for Langley's Christmas card. There was a fabulous response with over 70 entries in total. Joint winners were Rehaab Khan 7H, Emily Bygrave 8K, Edward Carter 8O and Holly Hayles 8k, whose cards were printed and used to represent the school this Christmas. Additionally there were three Highly Commended prizes awarded to Sonia Sanghera 8L, Lauren Coles 7H and jointly Emma Burton 8L and Rachel Davis 8U, and 15 commended ones. We were thrilled to receive sponsorship from Cadburys who provided all the prizes for us. Many thanks and congratulations to all entrants.

Christmas Concert

We hope those of you who attended the Concert this week enjoyed the excellent performances and wonderful atmosphere. Thank you to all those students who took part and to Mr. Scholey and other members of staff who worked so hard for this event.

Aachen Christmas Market Visit – 2nd-4th December (Report by Hannah Connan (Form 8E))

We set out at 9.30 p.m. and the journey to Aachen went well. Not many of us had a good sleep, but overall it was not too bad! The weather was good and the stalls were lovely. Lots of them were decorated and had Christmas lights for a finishing touch. We bought some lovely presents and we thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Germany.

Language Club

Twenty six Year 7 pupils, supported by their own personal Year 9 'Language Coach', have now completed a full term at Language Club. A special mention needs to be given to

Rehaab Khan (7H), Zeba Taj (7H), Stacey Cave (7H), Alice Coreless (7G) and Keziah Barlow (7U), who all gained top marks in their spelling.

Well done to the sixteen language coaches who have successfully completed their first term's work with Year 7. These are:

9L Taaron Uppal, Ashley Lillis, William Harwood, Elizabeth Brookes, Katherine Rutter
9E Anna Sewell, Cathy Hackney
9G Sarah Collins, Helen Gibbins, Caroline Kluyver, Jessica Smith, Lianne Williams, Anna Taylor, Helena Parker
9U Kate Paradine, Caitriona Martin, Nagela Ford.

Finally a big thank you to Mrs. Beck, Librarian, for all her support with the group.

Language Club restarts for Year 7 on Tuesday, 11th January 2005.

Road Safety – 'It can never happen to me'

Please impress on your children, at this excitable time of the year, the need for the sensible use of pavements and caution in crossing the road. On Tuesday afternoon of this week, a fair haired Langley School boy aged approximately 14, impulsively ran into Kinton Green Road near Gunns Way. He forced two cars to break hard. He then ran back across the road and disappeared in the direction of the Warwick Road. The driver of one of the cars was sufficiently shaken to drive to school and report the incident.

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Success

A superb performance by the Under 14 Basketball team ensured our first victory of the season. A team of nine players travelled to Coleshill having trained hard for the last few weeks. The scores at the end of each quarter were as follows:-

	Coleshill	Langley
Quarter 1	20	14
Quarter 2	26	26
Quarter 3	28	42
Quarter 4	46	48

In a thrilling end, Langley held on and now go into a Christmas break. Well done to the following players:

Rob Collins	Alistair Sheldrick	Oliver Hesson
Zac Palling	Mark Lisle	Ashley Sammons
Daljit Singh	Lewis Wills	Nick Bird

Top scorer was the 'awesome' Ashley Sammons with 20 points.

Mud, Sweat and Cheers!

At a recent Inter-Counties Cross Country race both Beverley Cook and Luke Madden represented the West Midlands. Over a challenging course, Luke was the fifth runner home and Beverley was a superb twelfth.

A huge congratulations to you both and make sure you have a deserved break over Christmas.

SPRING TERM 2005

Tuesday, 4th January

Spring Term commences
Students to arrive for 10.30 a.m.

Monday, 10th January

Clubs start

Thursday, 13th January

Dance Show, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, 28th January

Year 11 photographs

Monday, 7th February

Year 11 reports issued

14th to 18th February

Half Term

Thursday, 24th February

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Wednesday, 9th March

Year 9 reports issued

Thursday, 10th March

Year 9 Parents' Evening

15th/16th/17th March

School Play, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 23rd March

End of term for students

Thursday, 24th March

In-service training day for staff

Monday, 11th April

Summer Term commences

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher