

Easter 2021 Newsletter



I would like to wish all students and staff a very well-deserved and relaxing break over the Easter holiday. It has not been an easy start to 2021 but I am immensely proud of how well the whole Langtree community has coped with the difficulties.

Please continue to use the LFD test kits to test your child for Covid-19 twice a week and report the results to the NHS and to us as a school. If any positive results are received over the Easter holiday please notify me on sbamford@langtreeschool.com so as I can comply with the track and trace requirements.

It is lovely that the Easter break has coincided with an easing of national restrictions, and hopefully some sunny weather. I hope you enjoy the time with your families and are able to catch up with friends that you have not been able to see during the past few months of lockdown. However, I do urge all families to remain careful so we can welcome all students back after the Easter holidays.

Simon Bamford
Headteacher

Year 7 Van Gogh pastiche work





Students wore home clothes for the day and we raised £878
 The winners of the Design a Mask for Red Nose Day were Lucy, Josie and Emily



Fundraising in Lockdown

Over the course of the third lockdown my friend Jo and I decided to run 60km in a month in order to raise money for a disease called Alabama Rot. Alabama Rot is a deadly disease which affects all dogs. It causes damage to the skin and kidney's blood vessels which can result in small blood clots to form resulting in blockages that can lead to damage of the affected tissue. Unfortunately there is no cure for this disease meaning most dogs who get it unfortunately die; there is very known about Alabama Rot, even the cause is not known. 100% of the money Jo and I raised went towards the ongoing research into Alabama Rot. We raised nearly £300 and hope that this will help scientists and everyone get that bit closer to curing and saving countless dogs lives. Evie Gainsford and Jo Westcar.



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Prince's Trust Project—Fundraising for the NHS

Before Christmas I was asked to come up with a business idea as part of my Prince's Trust work. I decided to sell hot chocolate cones. I chose to give the money to staff working in the NHS because they deserve it after all of their hard work, especially during COVID 19. I raised over £70 for the NHS staff and gave it to an ER doctor from Ealing Hospital. They were able to buy enough pizza for all of the staff on the night shift, this included the doctors, nurses, paramedics, porters and cleaners.

Erin King Year 11



Lovely set of nights with a great team. We had our morale and waistlines boosted by the extremely kind donation from a young school girl local to where I live. She worked hard and fund-raised to make money to support the NHS and wanted us all to fill our bellies during our night shift. Nurses, doctors, receptionist, porters, ambulance crew, cleaners all enjoyed a slice or two of yummy pizza. She is keen to join the NHS team at some point in her future, and we all wish her the very best in her studies. Thank you Erin King



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Please pass on our thanks to Erin for the AMAZING pizza. Money went a long way with an NHS discount and all staff including domiciliary enjoyed it (including ambulance crews dropping people off). We have a card for her so could you send me your address? Xxx



Year 7 work inspired by David Hockney



Mr Clark—Head of PE has a place to run the London Marathon on 3rd October 2021

I have signed up for a challenge to complete the 2021 London Marathon on October 3rd to support Quest for Learning. By Participating in the marathon (one of bucket list activities I wish to do) the monies raised help to disadvantaged children in education in Oxfordshire, something I feel very passionate about. I'm hoping to do more fundraising throughout the year and will keep you updated with my Strava progress. Here is a link to the Virgin Money Giving page that I have set up and if you would like to support me I would be very grateful. Thank you!



https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/19665_9018825_60309

Also I have included a link to the Quest for Learning website, so you can read more about the great work they do on our doorstep (they're based in Didcot).

<https://www.questforlearning.org.uk/>

Since 1996, Quest for Learning has been helping to close the gap in literacy and numeracy between Oxfordshire's most disadvantaged primary-age children and their better-off peers. We believe that too many children are not fulfilling their academic potential through no fault of their own. The reasons for this are not easy to unpick: it may be because they arrived at school with only limited English, they don't have much support at home, or they miss vital teaching through illness or disruption. Sometimes, they simply don't have the confidence to engage in lessons.

Whatever the reasons, two things are clear. Firstly, if these children don't catch up with their peers by the time they leave primary school, their chances of doing so at secondary school are almost non-existent. Secondly, Quest for Learning, through our carefully designed interventions and resources, can make a real difference.

Strava link: <https://www.strava.com/athletes/4382536>

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WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
4 MARCH 2021



Staff made the most of
World Book Day

Mrs Maunder-Hand with Jem, Mrs Mote
and Mrs Henderson reading to their
grandchildren over FaceTime.
Mr Henderson reading to Oscar the cat
about some more cats! Mrs Brockwell
and Mrs Davies reading to their
children, Mrs Sulyeman reading to her
cat, Mrs Parker and Mrs Booker reading
to their respective dogs.



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2020 – 2021 Term Dates

INSET DAYS

October Break – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020	
Monday 2nd November	Start of term 2
Friday 18th December	End of Term 2 (School closes at 1.30pm)
Christmas Holiday – Monday 21st December 2020 – Monday 4th January 2021	
Tuesday 5th January	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 5th to Friday 15th Jan	Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams
Thursday 11th February	End of Term 3
Friday 12th February	Inset Day
February Break – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2021	
Monday 22nd February	Start of Term 4
Year 10 Exams (dates to be confirmed)	
Wednesday 31st March	End of Term 4
Thursday 1st April	Inset Day
Easter Holiday – Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April 2021	
Monday 19th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 27th May	End of Term 5
Friday 28th May	Inset Day
May Holiday – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021	
Monday 7th June	Start of Term 6
Mon 12th - Fri 16th July	Activities Week Y7 Camp / Y8 France / Y10 Work Ex. (all TBC)
Monday 19th July	Sports Day
Thursday 22nd July	End of Term 6 (Half Day)

LANGTREE SCHOOL IS NOW CASHLESS for TRIPS / VISITS / BOOKS and EQUIPMENT

If you do not have your unique pupil code please email
the finance office:
finance@langtreeschool.com

Paying online is quick and convenient and allows you to see what you have paid and any amounts left to pay, this is particularly useful for school trips. There is a link to the online payment system on the front of the school website.



LOST PROPERTY

When lost property arrives in the school office it is checked for a name. Named lost property is then returned directly to the owner. Unnamed property is kept in the school office in the hope that it will be reclaimed. 2 or 3 times during the school year the un-named lost property will be made available in the main hall for the students to look through. please help us to return belongings to students by clearly naming all their uniform and other belongings. Thank you.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The school office keeps a supply of second hand uniform for students and parents / carers to purchase. We are always happy to receive donations of good quality uniform to add to the second hand cupboard.

Absence Requests (other than for medical appointments)

Parents may not authorise absence; only schools can do this. Schools may authorise any absence they deem appropriate; conversely, they can refuse to authorise any absence. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw students from school for a holiday, and, in law, have to apply for permission in advance. Retrospective approval may not be given. Holidays taken during term time without approval from the Headteacher will be recorded as unauthorised. Removal of your child for a holiday in term time without permission without authorisation from the Headteacher may lead to issuing of fixed penalty notice or even prosecution under section 444 of the Education Act.

What to do:

Requesting absence should be done in writing at least one month prior to the absence. If the child does not return to school after an agreed period, they may be marked as having unauthorised absence. Requests for absence should be made in writing to the Deputy Headteacher Ms S Burman, via the attendance officer: Mrs Debbie Hayward studentabsence@langtreeschool.com stating the dates of absence and the reason for the absence, the school reserves the right to seek further information about the requested absence