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Langley Mill Academy NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2026

A massive well done to the boys after school yesterday at the Amber Valley Football Tournament! ⚽ The boys played some excellent football, winning all six of their games, conceding just one goal and scoring an impressive 10 goals in total. What a fantastic achievement!

The team will now go on to represent Amber Valley against the top teams from across Derbyshire at the start of next year — an incredible opportunity and one they thoroughly deserve. We are all incredibly proud of the whole team and the effort, teamwork and determination they showed throughout the tournament. Mr Blake reports that he heard one rival team mumble: "Oh no, not the pinks again!" Looking ahead, we have the Gregg Cup coming up in November, hosted by Heanor Town FC. Hopefully there's plenty more silverware to come!

An Amazing Show of Generosity

A huge thank you for the support for our Salcare Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the amount of food donated. Every single contribution will make a real difference to local families and individuals who need a little extra support. The donations will be shared with Salcare, helping to support our community and ensure that food reaches those who need it most. Thank you for giving so generously.

Finally, the Great Recycle design challenge has had an amazing response: school council will judge winners next week – it will not be an easy decision. Thank you for the support given to pupils who wanted to take part. Mr Bland

Dates for your diary…

Wed 7th Oct: Attenborough Class Assembly: Parents & Carers of Attenborough class welcome to attend (school hall 8:30am)

Tues 13th: Great Athletes Visit - sponsored

Wed 14th Oct: Year 6 visit Eden Camp

Wed 14th Oct: Goodall Class Assembly – parents and carers welcome (school hall 8:30am)

Fri 16th Oct: Wear Red Day – show racism the red card.

20th-22nd Oct: Parents' Evening Week

Fri 23 Oct: Last day of half term (half-term break).

Mon 2nd Nov: Back to school

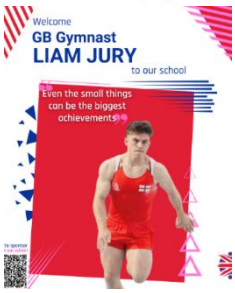
Tues 3rd Nov: Lea Green information evening – 4:30pm school hall.

19th Nov: Year 5 visit Tamworth Castle

18th Dec: Last day of term – Happy Christmas

4th Jan: Inset Day. **Tues 5th Jan:** First day of Spring Term

29th Jan: Year 3 visit Creswell Crags



This week I shared a video introduction with the children from Liam Jury, who will be our Great Athlete visitor on Tuesday 13th October.

Any small amount of sponsorship for this event is greatly appreciated, funding vital sport and playground equipment for the school. Children will receive small prizes in recognition of sponsorship raised.

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Celebrations from home

George has shared a rugby medal from his tournament at the weekend. I know that George travels far and wide to compete with his rugby team – and I know that they all enjoy being together having spotted them at the part together over the summer break! Great achievement George – keep letting us know how you get on.

Mason with his trainer of the week trophy! A super achievement and a proud moment!

Riley in Year 3 got 'man of the match' for both his football teams! I see Riley with his friends each day playing basketball on the playground. It is great to see our new Year 3s enjoying and celebrating sport.

Attendance

Good school attendance is above 95% (or less than 10 missed school days) per year. Good attendance helps pupils to make the most of their learning, build positive relationships and develop confidence and independence.

Overall school attendance this week was 94.9%

Our top 3 classes this week for attendance were:

- Attenborough - 100%!
- Arkwright - 99.7%
- Ayling-Ellis- 98.5%

We are here to support every family with school attendance, through our pastoral team led by Mrs Naylor, alongside our Family Support Worker, Miss Robb.

Attendance Matters

Recognition from home

Kaiden has been excelling at his archery and is joining a club. He has enjoyed the sessions, and I fully agree that the Olympics 2036 should now be firmly in his sights and targeted!

Maisie has shared another instance of unearthed Langley Mill Pottery! Whilst having work done on the garden and path, Maisie's family found two superb small vases. I will be sharing another assembly with the children where we revisit some of Langley Mill's industrial past later this term, and this find was a reminder of the potteries, mills and factories that once dominated Langley Mill.

Value Award Winners

Our Values Award winners received their certificates this week in our whole school values assembly.

Year 3:
Attenborough: **Ralph – Perseverance**
Goodall: **James – Empathy**

Year 4:
Berners-Lee: **Elizabeth - Success**
Hadid: **Sophie C – Empathy**
Kahlo: **Beau – Perseverance**

Year 5:
Ayling-Ellis: **Heath – Responsibility**
Hawking: **Cara – Perseverance**
Tull: **Theo - Success**

Year 6
Arkwright: **Isabel – Empathy**
Gregg: **Ava – Empathy**
Hallam: **Stanley – Empathy**