

Friday 23rd January 2026



Another 'Champions' celebration this week as our girls' team achieved victory in 'Futsal'. They won every game and played a strong Duffield

Meadows team in the final, winning on penalties thanks to Brooke and her incredible goal keeping heroics! As Mr Blake has rightly observed, this is the first time in the competition that both boys' and girls' teams from one school have been champions. Great effort Langley Mill Academy!

In their recent class assembly, Gregg Class taught us about William Gregg, a World War One soldier from Heanor. William Gregg served with great bravery during the war and was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest award for courage in the British Armed Forces.



William Gregg earned the Victoria Cross for his incredible actions fighting in World War One. Despite being under heavy fire and badly wounded, he continued to help his fellow soldiers and showed outstanding bravery and determination. His

actions saved lives and inspired those around him.

By learning about his life and his bravery, we honour not only him but all those who gave so much during the First World War. Remembering his story helps us understand the importance of peace and the sacrifices made for our freedom by those who lived in our local area.

Mr Bland



Dates for your diary...



A big thank you to Heanor Tesco for donating a selection of seeds. These will support our 'Big Grow' event, led by our Sustainability Team, and our Gardening Club, which will begin later this year just in time for sowing!

Celebrations from Home

Having taught Ivy at swimming and seeing her passion for the sport, I was delighted to hear that she has now achieved her Stage 6 award and advanced to stage 7! Ivy loves being in the pool and is rightly proud of her success.



Mia has been appointed team captain for one of her cheer teams for season 12! We have all been in awe of some of the performance photos Mia has shared with us, and the role of captain is richly deserved. The 'Pep Talk' is a big responsibility! Well done, Mia!

Yulia in Year 4 has enjoyed her first football match. Accompanied by her brother, Maisie, in Year 5, and other friends, I hear they had a great time and were also well wrapped up in Red and White for the match!



Peter in Hawking Class has visited the South Yorkshire aircraft museum and, whilst looking at some of the air raid shelters, noticed that one was made in Ilkeston. What a great local connection to find. It is important to learn about the

important of our local area and its former industry. Remember this knowledge for Year 6 Peter – you will be well prepared for the World War Two history enquiry!



Finally, I was blown away by Maisie's watercolour artwork that she has completed at home. The echoes and the spirit of Hokusai – Year 5's artist study for this term – are clear to see! Beautiful Maisie – thank you for sharing.

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Layla-Jane – Confidence**

Carson: **Ben – Enthusiasm**

Goodall: **Coby – Determination**

Year 4:

Hadid: **Harley – Confidence**

Kahlo: **Myla N – Determination & Faith - Respect**

Berners-Lee: **Logan – Aspiration**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: William – Respect

Hawking: **Cody – Enthusiasm**

Tull: **Phoebie-Grace – Enthusiasm**

Year 6

Arkwright: **Lydia S – Confidence**

Gregg: **Sienna-Mai – Confidence**

Hallam: **Mollie H – Aspiration**

RESPECT
CONFIDENCE
DETERMINATION
ENTHUSIASM
ASPIRATION
KINDNESS

This award recognises pupils **for living our school values and** inspiring others to follow. Well done to you all!

Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 97.2% and our top 3 classes were:

Hadid 100%

Kahlo 100%

Hallam 99.5%



We work together to ensure good school attendance: we are here to support the children and our families. Attendance support will be provided by our whole school team, with our Family Support Worker available to signpost help and services. [Langley Mill Academy - Early help](#) & [Langley Mill Academy - Attendance](#)