

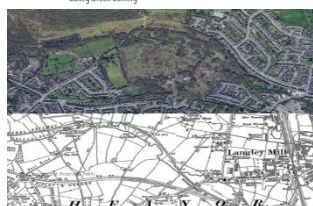
Friday 19th September 2025

In this week's assemblies we have been looking back at the history of Langley Mill so that we can help build a picture of our past. Langley Mill was once considered to be one of the most industrialised villages in England, and we spent time learning about some of the former industries, including the flour mill – evidence of which goes back to the Domesday book – the Pottery, Aristoc hosiery – who produced dinghies in WW2, Vic Hallam and GR Turner.

We also compared old maps and the area around our school site, which was once occupied by farmland and the former Bailey Brook Colliery!



Bailey Brook Colliery



Viewing photographs, we looked at the site of the old Pottery and examples of pottery, such as jelly moulds, vases and hot water bottles! Some of these had pottery markings, including 'Langley' and 'Lovatts'.

After the assembly, Maisie in Year 5 brought in a small bottle that had been found in her garden! Following some groundwork, the bottle was found amongst many examples of broken pottery – and hints at an interesting past on the site.



Langley Mill has an industrial history and heritage to be proud of and it is important that our pupils know about the past of our local area: there is a wealth of information and images on Langley Mill | Heanor & District Local History Society which I have been exploring. It is fascinating!



Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...

3rd October: Harvest Collection – 'Bring a Tin' non uniform for Salcare & local Food Banks

8th October: Attenborough Class Assembly – school hall at 8:30am

15th October: Goodall Class Assembly

16th October: Year 6 visit to Eden Camp

17th October: Wear Red Day for 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

23rd October: Year 5 Faith Walk visit to Derby

24th October: Break up for Half Term

3rd November: Return to school after half term break.

6th November: Year 4 London visit to British Museum (provisonal date)

20th November: Year 5 visit to Tamworth Castle – Anglo Saxons & Vikings

26th-28th November: Year 6 Residential to Lea Green

3rd December: Year 3 visit to Creswell Crags

8th December: Sign and Sing Event at Derby Theatre

10th December: Year 3 & 6 Pantomime at Nottingham Theatre Royal – Cinderella.

Our school kitchen team this week held a special 'first week back' theme!

Mrs Jones and her team are now preparing for 'Space Day' on 2nd

October, details of which,

along with all menus, can be viewed here: Primary food explorers - Derbyshire Catering Service



Celebrations from Home



Sebastian had a great Summer in France (he even saw the English Roses win their semi-final match against Italy!) visiting family and friends. Sebastian told us all about his most recent paragliding experience in our school assembly today. In France, Sebastian also visited a Goat Village and lots of waterfalls in the mountains! He even went on a luge down the mountain!



It was wonderful to have a close look at Maisie's example of Lovatt Pottery that she brought into school to share – complete with potter's mark.

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Aurora – Confidence**
 Goodall: **Sophie – Enthusiasm**
 Carson: **Sapphire – Determination**

Year 4:

Kahlo: **Evie – Confidence**
 Berners-Lee: **Brayden – Confidence**
 Hadid: **Julia – Determination**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Kaitlyn – Kindness**
 Tull: **Jude – Kindness**
 Hawking: **Alena – Determination**

Year 6:

Arkwright: **Nicola – Enthusiasm**
 Gregg: **Maddie – Enthusiasm**
 Hallam: **Phoebe H – Kindness**

**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!

Learning in school

On Thursday I encountered Mrs. Connellan's class making their way through school equipped with parachutes! They were on their way to test their science creations, learning about friction and air resistance.



Our school hall is currently being used for wheelchair basketball. We are very lucky to work with Amber Valley School Sport Partnership, who have provided the wheelchairs

for the past few years. These give all children a perspective on wheelchair use, as well as developing skills in coordination, positioning and control.



Attendance

Congratulations to Maisie in Year 5 who was this week's 100% attendance award winner - she chose a non-uniform day for herself and a friend. Overall attendance was 97% this week and our top 3 classes were:

Hadid – 99.6 %

Attenborough 99.4%

Arkwright – 99.1%

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.

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