



Easter 2019



It has been another extremely positive and busy term at Langtree. Foremost amongst the many highlights, were the performances of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. I was lucky enough to see some of the rehearsals as the staff, crew and cast designed the performance and it built beautifully towards a breath taking production. The team all rose to the occasions and staged what was the very best school performance I have seen in thirty years of teaching. Many congratulations to them all and, of course to Gill Pimm and Stephen Henderson for their hard work in producing the show.

At the end of March Mrs Holroyd co-ordinated a fantastic Creativity Day - Year 7s all had a fantastic time at Warwick Castle, Year 8 had to solve some tricky STEM puzzles, Year 9 had a wonderful day learning about forensic science from a team of ex- Crime Scene Investigators, Year 10 had various opportunities including a PE visit to Bath University, an opportunity to visit Reading University and an Enterprise Day at a local business. Year 11 spent the day studying Romeo and Juliet - enjoying a choice of workshops in the morning and a performance of the play from the Globe Players in the afternoon.

Other exciting opportunities included a STEM club visit to the Big Bang Science Fair, a trading game organised by BP for year 9, Comic Relief which raised over £1700, a very impressive amount, a team competing in the UK Maths Challenge, A group of students who had a series of seminars as part of International Women's' Day, Staff and Students getting dressed up for World Book Day. Langtree Students finally took part in the postponed Rock Dance Competition - despite being by far the smallest school involved and competing against other establishments that are veterans in this type of contest our students, lead enthusiastically by Ms. Phipps, performed brilliantly and achieved an amazing five awards. More details and photos of all of these opportunities are all available on the school twitter feed - follow [@Head4094](#) for more information and updates.

On Friday March 29th we marked the first anniversary of the death of our much missed exams officer, Hilary Protheroe. It was a lovely occasion that, I believe, Hilary would have approved of - we welcomed family and old friends into school, ate cakes made from vegetables (something Hilary herself was an expert at) and planted a tree in her memory. It was a lovely day and I am very grateful to all who attended to share memories and make the day so special.

Sadly, at the end of term we said goodbye to some colleagues. Mrs Courtman has made a fantastic impression in her short time at Langtree - her fiendishly difficult maths problems of the fortnight have reflected the problem solving focus in her lessons - I will miss dropping in to her lessons and being presented with a maths puzzle to solve. Her husband has been promoted to a helicopter engineer training position and is being posted to a different base. We have been lucky enough to recruit two highly qualified replacements - Mrs Brassell will take on most of her lower school classes and we are delighted to welcome back a certain Mr Doyle who will take on some GCSE groups. Also leaving, although we hope it will only be for a short time, is Ms. Acevedo-Garcia. We very much look forward to seeing Ms Acevedo-Garcia again in term 6 when she will be returning to Langtree. We will be welcoming Mrs Warren who will be taking up her position as Modern Foreign Languages Subject Leader after Easter

I wrote to all parents in March to inform them of the increasingly difficult financial situation facing all schools nationally. I remain optimistic that the combined calls of headteachers, teachers parents and students will be reflected in an increase in funding for schools, academies and colleges in line with increasing student numbers and needing to provide a broader range of services as other support networks are being reduced or disbanded completely. Copies of the letter to parents and a template letter to people with the power to lobby for greater school funding are both in the letters section of our website.

Finally, I would like to wish all the very best to our Year 11 students, who are about to embark on their GCSE examinations. I wish them all well: stay calm, revise thoroughly, and simply aim to do the very best you possibly can. That way, the freedom you will enjoy through the long, hot summer will feel all the more enjoyable and satisfying!

Mr Simon Bamford—Headteacher



Remembering Hilary

Happy Memories

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways.
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun.
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

BP – International Women’s Day

BP opened its door to a group of Langtree Students for International Women’s Day. We had a great day learning about STEM and about the science that happens at BP. During the morning we learnt about the careers that STEM subjects could lead to with the opportunity to ask many questions. After lunch we toured the BP site and saw STEM jobs in action. Thank you to everyone at BP for inviting us to join them for the day. Veia Zanelli.

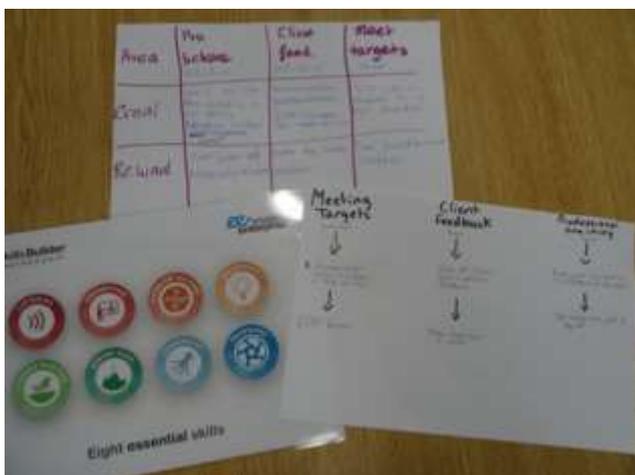


Pictures from Year 9 Forensic Science Day



Year 10 Creativity Day visit to the Rural Payments Agency

After a welcome and introduction to the agency, the Year 10 students spent the first part of the challenge conducting some crucial research by interviewing volunteers about their roles, responsibilities and how they use the essential skills in their day-to-day jobs. They then looked at how the Rural Payments Agency survey land and used practical mapping techniques to survey an area, before taking a tour to explore the different departments within the agency. Students were then ready to begin their project: to plan a new reward scheme for the employees of the Rural Payments Agency. They needed to aim high in their teams to make sure they could identify key goals and effective rewards to reflect these. The volunteers were able to help them through this research stage with further interviews and examples from their personal experience. The day was rounded off by performance management meetings where the teams introduced staff to the new reward scheme and the volunteers gave feedback on these ideas and how successfully teams had presented these.



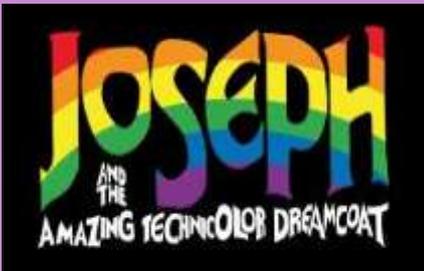
Thank you for helping us to support Red Nose Day
So far we have raised **£1723.53**

- Ruby sold her **Green Frog** nose on eBay & donated the £31!!!!!!!
- Bake off competition was won by Hazel Joyce 07LCO
- The Cake Sale raised £53.50
- Teacher vs Student nose and spoon race raised £22.01
- Ellie Bailey 105A won the Spot the teacher competition
- Mr Smith won the 'Which is Katherine Ryan's Favourite cup cake' sweepstakes





"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for inviting us to see your production of Joseph. All of us thought it was fabulous! I was really impressed with the children's dedication and passion for the music and the seamless show. Our children loved it and were captivated by it! A huge well done to all of the cast, crew and staff – they were a real credit to you! Especially after the fire alarm!
Please do invite us to other events as it was great for the children to see possibilities and options open to them as they get older. Lots of them were saying "I will be here in 3 years time!"
Headteacher, Nettled Primary School



"What a show!
Events like last night's final performance stay with you forever. Whether you're the one on stage, the proud parent in the audience, or the doubly-proud grandparent. You, Mr Henderson and the supporting staff have indelibly marked the memories of hundreds of people with an evening of delight, by your above-and-beyond investment of time (and no doubt patience!) in our children, putting on the Joseph show.
Just fantastic to see the camaraderie between them all and such a buzz on stage at the end!
A truly heartfelt thank you to you all."



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Ski Trip 2019—Italy

39 Year 10 students

5 staff

A 26 hour 900 mile journey to get there, (only 22 hours to get home!!)

3 different ski areas

An alpine roller coaster.

Night skiing

Brilliant instructors.

And our Head of the PE department Mr Clark, who went out a non skier and returned a skier who conquered black runs, along with every student who went on the ski trip.

An amazing trip, we will be going back to Cavalese next year, if you are a Year 9 see Mr Vitty or Mr Clark to sign up now.

Term 4 Sports Results

Date	Sport and year group	Opponents	Result
26/2	Year 7 football - South Oxon League	Lord Williams Wheatley Park	Won 3-0 Drew 2-2
27/2	Year 11 Vale Cup Second Round	Wallingford	Drew 0-0 lost 4-2 on pens
28/2	Year 10 Football - South Oxon league	Lord Williams Wheatley Park	Lost 0-1 Drew 1-1
28/2	Sports Hall Athletics - Year 7	South Schools	Overall 5th
28/2	Year 8 & 9 Netball	Gillotts	8 lost 18 - 4 9 lost 11 - 9
26/2	Year 9 Area Netball		2nd Overall
5/3	Year 7 football	Fitzharrys	Won 3 lost 1
6/3	Year 8 football - South Oxon League	Wheatley Park	Lost 5-4
7/3	Year 7 football - South Oxon League	Icknield	Drew 1-1
13/3	Year 8 football - South Oxon League	Icknield Wallingford	Won 3-1 Lost 3-0
14/3	Year 10 Football - South Oxon League	Wallingford	Lost 3-0
14/3	Year 7 Netball	Wallingford	A lost 8-5 B lost 7-2
14/3	Year 7 Netball	Icknield	A lost 11-1 B lost 9-0
19/3	Year 7 football South Oxon league	Wallingford	Lost 2-0
21/3	Year 10 football South Oxon league	Icknield	Won 1-0
21/3	Year 9 Netball	Icknield A Icknield B Wallingford A Wallingford B	Langtree A won 6-1 Langtree B won 7-1 Langtree A lost 10-3 Langtree B lost 7-6
26/3	Year 7 football South Oxon league	Gillotts	Lost 2-0
2/4	School Games Cross Country Langtree had two teams and two individual runners qualify for the County Cross-Country Championships at Tilsley Park on 2nd April. The ground was a bit soft which made the route very muddy and conditions weren't helped with good old British weather! Huge well done to all.	Oxfordshire	Ruby Cook 5th Year 7 girls Lydia Godfrey 6th Year 8/9 girls Juno Norman 7th Year 10/11 girls Connor Marples – 17 th Year 7 boys Year 7 girls team (Ruby-King Cooke, Isla Jarrett, Ella Hughes, Sienna Beckwith, Mary Jones) - final placing to be confirmed Year 8/9 girls team(Lydia Godfrey, Lola Batt, Tilly Ogston, Lily Burrows and Lottie Moghul) - 3rd place.
4/4	Year 8 Football South Oxon league home	Gillotts	Lost 3-1

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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

2019 – 2020 Term Dates

Monday 2nd September	Inset Day
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day
Wednesday 4th September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students – Induction Day
Thursday 5th September	Term 1 starts for all other students
Friday 27th September	Sponsored Walk
Tuesday 1st October	Open Evening/students finish at 1.00pm
Wednesday 2nd October	Inset Day
Tuesday 8th October	Open morning for prospective parents (9am-12pm)
Wednesday 9th October	Open morning for prospective parents (9am-12pm)
Friday 25th October	Harvest Festival Assembly
Friday 25th October	End of Term 1
October Break – Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2019	
Monday 4th November	Start of term 2
Date TBC	Y11 Henley College Taster day and CREATIVITY DAY 1
Wednesday 20th November	7.30pm GCSE Presentation Evening
Dates TBC Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams	
Wednesday 11th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Extravaganza Concert
Wednesday 18th December	End of Term 2 (School closes at 12.30pm)
Christmas Holiday – Thursday 19th December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020	
Monday 6th January	Start of Term 3
Thursday 13th February	End of Term 3
Friday 14th February	Inset Day (Disaggregated)
February Break – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020	
Monday 24th February	Start of Term 4
Dates TBC Year 10 Exams	
Friday 3rd April	End of Term 4
Easter Holiday – Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2020	
Monday 20th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 4th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	End of Term 5
May Holiday – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020	
Monday 1st June	Start of Term 6
Friday 3rd July	National Inset Day
Dates TBC	Activities Week Y7 Camp / Y8 France / Y10 Work Ex.
Monday 20th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 21st July 2019	End of Term 6 (School closes at 12.30pm)

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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.