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ACADEMY LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



It always seems that the weeks pass by in a blur due to the relentless and busy nature of daily life here at Q3 Academy Langley. We started the week by wishing Mr Albon, Miss Rea and Mrs Grove all the very best on their EEF Outward Bound residential to the Lake District. I know many families will have been following the daily adventures via the dedicated WhatsApp channel, and what a time they have had! We also received trip training this week, organised by Founding Member Miss Goodbourn, with the support of the brilliant Aileen Barlow who, alongside Christina Grange, provides Evolve support for all trips, visits and residentials. In my ten-plus years as a headteacher, they have been a constant source of help in these areas, and I thank them for their diligence and professionalism. We also welcomed back Ms Richardson following her operation as part of our Solo cleaning team. We have certainly missed her during the absence!

On Monday, we hosted academic researchers conducting work around the new Food Standards. In addition, as part of our AI programme sponsored by the DfE, Mrs Lees organised the first of several visits to trial new software designed to provide greater support for maths learning at home. Exciting times, and cutting-edge as always here at Q3!

On Tuesday, we hosted our first DfE Attendance and Behaviour Hub Day and, as always, a huge thank you to Miss Deasy for organising it, along with Mr Snell, Miss Parslow, Miss Pritchard, Mrs Koasha, Mr Dale, Miss Longhurst, Miss Howe, Mr Day and Mrs Fogarty, among many other staff members who helped to host our visitors. We received wonderful feedback and, as always, the students were the superstars of the day! I had to dash down to London for a very special book launch later that evening with our good friend Katharine Birbalsingh, and it was wonderful to meet so many old and new friends at the event.

Mrs Mackie launched Ethos Week 2027 with the staff team, and I cannot wait to see it come around again. In particular, I am looking forward to hosting the KS3 Family Lunch during the week. We also conducted a successful lockdown drill, which provided some valuable learning points and, hopefully, reassured students about what would happen in such eventualities.

I enjoyed a Time 4 Tea with three footballing superstars on Wednesday: Amelia Lilli-Price (10C2) who has recently been selected to trial for England's U16s as a goalkeeper and Malachi Kapaso (9L2) and Zion Smith (9L1), who have all also achieved great success in their footballing journeys. Malachi and Zion have both been selected for the West Midlands County U14 Boys' Football Squad, which is a tremendous achievement. When we see them representing England in the future, remember where you heard their names first!

On Wednesday, we were honoured to welcome the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, who acts on official occasions as a representative of His Majesty the King, to help conduct this year's Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day. As ever, our good friend, the Digital Creator, managed to capture the essence of the service, showcasing the impeccable behaviour of our students. Like last year, our friends from Sound Innovations were able to provide audio support that enhanced the entire event. If you have not yet seen the video, head over to our social media channels to take a look.

The winners of three star of the lesson awards in a single day are as follows: Muhammad Ali (9C2) and Reevun Takhar (7D1).

Mrs Evans sent a text message to all families within the last seven days advising that communications received via A Star, Bromcom or Class Charts are sent from our systems and are safe to open. If you are ever unsure, please contact reception and we will be happy to help.

This evening, Mrs Morrall and Miss Hardy are taking our choir to the annual Oldbury Christmas Lights Switch-On. I hope the weather is kind and, as ever, we thank staff for going the extra mile to support events outside our already long school day.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Peter Lee

Headteacher

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Q3 ACADEMY LANGLEY

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 9th November 2026. They are:

Mikhail Khan 9A1

Zara Akhtar 9C1

Armaan Syal 9D1

Boris Ferrao 9L1

Matilda Okyne 9S1

Simranjeet Kahlon 11D2

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 16/11/2026

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 16th November	**Beef Pork Sausage** Mash Potato Onion Gravy	**BBQ Bean Sausage Casserole (V)** Mash Potato	**Ice Cream Tubs**
Tuesday 17th November	**Chicken & Chickpea Korma (H)** Carrot Rice Spiced Roast Cauliflower	**Cauliflower & Chickpea Korma (V)** Carrot Rice Spiced Roast Cauliflower	**Chocolate Brownie**
Wednesday 18th November	**Mexican Beef & Nacho Pasta Bake**	**French Onion & Leek Macaroni Cheese (V)** House Salad	**Fresh Fruit**
Thursday 19th November	**Sicilian Aubergine & Tomato Pasta Bake (V)**	**Sicilian Aubergine & Tomato Pasta Bake (V)**	**Fruit Yoghurts**
Friday 20th November	**Battered Fish** Chips Peas	**Cheese & Onion Slice (V)** Chips Peas	**Chocolate Chip Cookie**

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians (H) Halal Meat. The menu is subject to change at short notice.

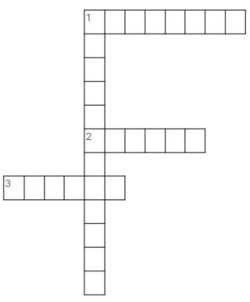


SABIN'S SCRAMBLE

Last week's Sabin's Scramble winner is: Aaminah Waseem (7D1).

Well done Aaminah!

This week's Sabin's Scramble is:



Across

1 A fundraising event where men grow facial hair in November for Mens health causes

2 The Poppy Appeal is organised by the Royal British....

3 The BBC Children in Need Mascot in November

Down

1 November sees campaigns to raise awareness of Men's....

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 17th November at 15:30pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Headteacher's decision is final in this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Black Friday

Friday 27th November 2026

Cyber Monday

Monday 30th November 2026

Parent's Consultation Evening 2 - including XMAS Fair

Thursday 10th December 2026 - students will finish early times TBC.

Christmas Holidays

Monday 14th December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027

Y11 by invite only: Monday 14th December - Friday 18th December

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is violence, abuse, and harmful behaviour that mainly affects women and girls, including domestic abuse, sexual violence, harassment, and controlling behaviour. Scan the QR code for more information.

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