



Artist of the Term: Bella Burbea 9HB



The end of Term 1 is already upon us and what a very busy seven weeks it has been! It has been a great pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students into our school community, and they are now very much at home in their lessons and activities around the school.

Unusually at Langtree, we have some changes in staffing to report early on in the academic year. We will be very sorry to say farewell to Mr Burrows at Christmas, following his successful appointment to King James School in Macclesfield. However, we have been fortunate enough to recruit an outstanding teacher of modern foreign languages, Miss De Munster, who will be joining Langtree in January. Miss De Munster has already been extremely successful in her previous role in Peterborough and, as a Belgium national, brings considerable expertise in speaking no fewer than five European languages!

We will also be very sorry to say farewell to three members of our support staff, Carly Belcher (Reception), Dionne Child (Cover Supervisor) and Debbie Groundwell (Teaching Assistant), all of whom are moving on to new roles. On behalf of all the staff and students, I would like to wish them all every success in their new roles in January.

Our Sponsored Walk was another huge success this year, on a beautiful autumnal day. Our students rose to the challenge very well indeed and one member of the public was so impressed he wrote to congratulate the students on their behaviour, and made a donation to school funds at the same time! On the matter of donations, we would be very grateful if all families could return all sponsor monies as soon as possible after the half term holiday, as we have a need to order the curriculum resources the students so desperately need and we are anxious to confirm our grand total of fundraising. Many thanks in advance for all your help and support in this.

We were also delighted to welcome over 250 families to Open Evening and our three Open Mornings, as the admissions process for 2017 gets well underway. Our student ambassadors Niamh Rasmussen and Callum Lackey (Year 7) and Lucy Hallett-Jones and Charles Norman (Year 11) spoke to packed audiences and were a credit to the school. We look forward to welcoming our Class of 2016 back to Langtree for our traditional Presentation Evening on Wednesday 16th November, in order to celebrate their record breaking results. Meanwhile, our focus is firmly set on the progress of our current Year 11 students, and we have high hopes that they will continue the pattern of increasing outcomes at GCSE which we have seen over recent years.

In the meantime, on behalf of all members of staff, I hope that you all manage to find time for some enjoyable family time over the half term break, and that students return to school rested and refreshed on Monday 31st October for another busy term ahead.

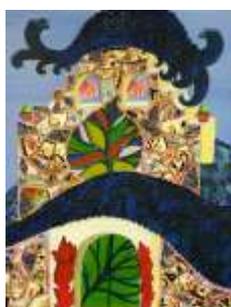
Mr R Holroyd. Headteacher

Congratulations to the whole of KS3 who have been awarded an amazing 6219 merits since the beginning of Term 1. Well Done KS3.

#### Harvest Festival

Last Friday we welcomed Linda Smith the vicar at Woodcote to school to lead our annual whole school Harvest Festival. Students brought in a large amount of food that can be seen in the photographs. All the food was then donated to the Wallingford Food Bank who work along side Churches Together supporting those in need in our local area.





Some brilliant examples of art work from this term.  
From the top left to right:  
Top: Jack Carrington, Emma Symons, Bryony Furlonger.  
Middle 1: Holly Salter, Caitlin Tubbs-Galley, Millie Kent  
Middle 2: Julian Davis, Saoirse Coveney, Joanna Hopwood.  
Bottom: Ben Brown, Freya Blackburn

Year 10 Musicians perform for Woodcote WI

On Wednesday 19th October nineteen Year 10 GCSE Musicians performed a selection of film music to members of the Woodcote WI in the Village Hall. The members were delighted with James Bond themes from Skyfall and Spectre as well as music from Titanic, the Fault in our Stars and the Pink Panther theme. The musicians were a credit to the school. The WI President Mrs Ann Larden said that it was "lovely to hear that the students had practised and didn't spend all their time on their phones!"



Congratulations to the following students who passed musical instrument examinations at the end of the Summer Term.

Rhiannon Evans, Saoirse Coveney, Erin Varnes, Laurie Stevenson, Sophie Webb, Ben Atkins, Aimee Boyd, Debs Hanstock, Caitlin Parmar, Laura Ogden, Sophie Waters, Asri Southby, Megan Walpole, Holly Crook, Sophie Webb, and last but not least Freya Foster who passed Grade 7 singing with Merit.

### KEY STAGE 3 INTER- CROSS COUNTRY

Held on Thursday 20th Oct this was the first of the Inter-Tutor events. Year 10 GCSE PE girls helped with organisation and officiating of the event. Over 60 runners inspired by Team GB's success volunteered to represent their class. All participants performed well and the times recorded were personal bests for many of the runners.

YEAR 7 BOYS – 1st Louis Kennard 2nd Oliver McCormick, 3rd Samuel Wilson

GIRLS – 1st Jasmine Hogg 2nd Courtney MacKinnon 3rd Ella Lovegrove

YEAR 8 BOYS – 1st Ben Morgan 2nd Robert Millop 3rd Sully Akers

GIRLS – 1st Gemma Botham 2nd Caitlin Edgar 3rd Katie McDowall

YEAR 9 BOYS – 1st Joe Gainsford

2nd Jack Botham 3rd Kyle Gourley

GIRLS – 1st Juno Norman 2nd Lauren Morgan 3rd Rosie Davies

TUTOR RESULT

YEAR 7 1st CN 2nd= WI & BA

YEAR 8 1st MO 2nd NJ 3rd SA 4th AB

YEAR 9 1st NM 2nd LB 3rd JS 4th HB



## Professor Brian Cox – Climate Change

On Saturday October 8th a group of 60 went to Reading University for a debate / Q&A event on climate change, hosted by Professor Brian Cox in collaboration with two professors of Meteorology at Reading University (Sir Brian Hoskins and Professor Keith Shine), Professor Kate Jones (Chair of Ecology and Biodiversity at UCL) and Oliver Morton (editor of the Economist). This was the first presentation in a new series called from the Royal Society entitled 'Science Matters'.

The panel answered the audience's questions on the issue of climate change and debated some of the most important matters such as: Is climate change irreversible? How can we supply enough food and water to support a growing population? The challenge of coping with new weather conditions (e.g. tropical storms) and artificial sequestration: trapping CO2 from the atmosphere and pumping it under lakes, where it will dissolve directly into the water.



I really enjoyed this and think that this was a great opportunity for us to get an insight into the important scientific issues that impact us all. It also gave us the chance to form our own views on climate change, as it is an issue that requires the co-operation of the scientific community, governments around the world and the general public.

For anyone that wasn't able to attend the event (which sold out very quickly!) it can be viewed through this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xj9bYALLYJ4>

By Saoirse Coveney 10SD

## Sponsored Walk

Another beautiful autumn day greeted us on the morning of our sponsored walk, a day that all those involved really enjoyed. Thank you to all the parents who helped us by marshalling.

So far we have raised over £5300 with more money to come in. We were especially delighted to receive a letter and a donation from a member of the public that our students met on the walk who was most impressed by the politeness and behaviour of the Langtree Students they met whilst walking their dog.



## Spooktacular Library

Terrifying tales, fantastical fiction and scary stories were all on offer today at the annual Spooktacular library event. Full marks to the Library Action Team for organising a host of horrifying happenings. Can you guess what hidden treasures the students found in our secret boxes? Over 50 books were borrowed during the Spooktacular – **let's try** and beat this at our Christmas event!



## Moon Rocks

Our visit to the Geology department at Henley College to see the moon rocks was an eye opener for me and the others that attended. We learnt so much about the **NASA rocks from Mrs Wickens' talk and the informative display boards**. It was a surprise to see the range of rocks that had fallen from space due to their variety in colour, composition and weight.

This trip gave us a very rare opportunity to see something we may not have had a chance to see without the connection between our two schools. I would like to thank The Henley College and our teachers for organising this fun and insightful trip and for allowing **us to hold these NASA's moon rock samples** which were surprisingly colourful.

By Tyreece Charles Year 11



## 2016 – 2017 Term Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Start of Term 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students	9 <sup>th</sup> February*	End of Term 3
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Term 1 starts for all other students	10 <sup>th</sup> February*	Inset Day
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Sponsored Walk	February Break – 13 <sup>th</sup> February – 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Evening/students finish at 1.00pm	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Mock Exams Week
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning for prospective parents	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning for prospective parents	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Creativity Day 2 and End of Term 4
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Assembly	Easter Holiday – 10 <sup>th</sup> April – 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	
21 <sup>st</sup> October	End of Term 1	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
October Break – 24 <sup>th</sup> October – 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2016		1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Start of term 2	26 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
10 <sup>th</sup> November	CREATIVITY DAY 1	May Break – 30 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	
16 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm GCSE Presentation Evening	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Creativity Week
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Citizens Christmas party	17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2 (12.30pm finish)	19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6 (12.30pm Finish)
Christmas Holiday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2017		Summer Holiday 2017	

If you have any good quality **School Uniform** that your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful to receive it. Please bring any donations of uniform to reception, thank you.

If you would like to purchase any of the second hand uniform please contact the School Office [office@langtreeschool.com](mailto:office@langtreeschool.com) or 01491 680514

### 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, Langtree School Office.

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Paying online is quick and convenient and allows you to see what you have paid and any amounts left to pay, particularly useful for school trips. Paying online also helps the school by cutting down the amount of time needed to process the hundreds of cheques we receive. If you do not have your unique pupil code please email the finance office:

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