

Langley Park School for Girls

Newsletter



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Dear Families

As we approach the middle of our summer term, public examinations have already begun. We wish all of our students the very best in the weeks ahead.

As the weather begins to improve we have some exciting outdoor events ahead of us this term – see below.

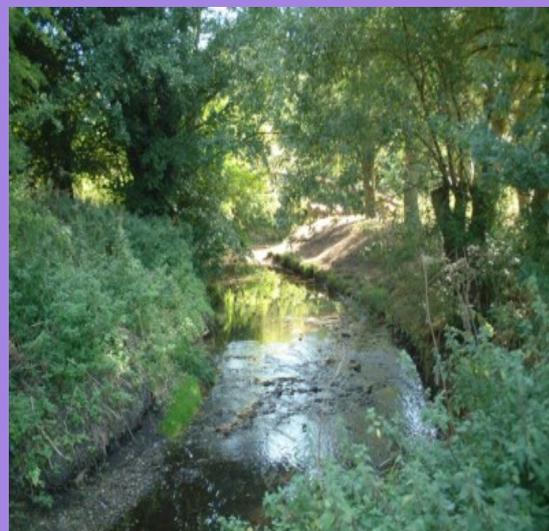
Langley Girls on Wheels: Annual Family Cycle on Sunday 7th June



Once again, we hope many of our students and their families will join us on the Langley Park School for Girls Family and Friends Cycle Day, which is being held on Sunday 7th June 2015. This year, we are offering the first students and family members to join us on the ride the added bonus of having an opportunity to purchase a 'Langley Girls on Wheels T shirt'. We will be meeting at LPGS at **8:00am** in the front reception. The route follows the largely off-road National Cycle Route 21, an attractive route through parks and partly along the valley of the Ravensbourne River. We cycle from LPGS to Cator Park, where we will join and be cycling along with other cyclists of mixed abilities who form part of the 'Tour De Penge'. Langley Park School for Girls cyclists will form part of the lead group for this event. This is a fantastic opportunity for your family (and friends) to cycle along a safe, guided route to Greenwich, take in the beautiful scenery along the way and have a spot of lunch in Greenwich Park, then choose to either cycle back at your family's own pace, catch a train or cycle back with the rest of the group.

We would particularly like to encourage any students who have recently done their Bikeability in school to join in the cycle and any other students who have participated in cycling in school time to come along too, however it is open to everyone! Please ensure that you have the correct safety equipment for the cycle and a good road worthy bike! If you need to borrow a bike, LPGS do have a small pool of bikes which we would be willing to 'lend' cyclists from LPGS for the day. Please email Miss Hamlett (NH@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk) about borrowing bikes.

If you are keen to participate and to secure ONE place on the ride, a free soft drink and your own special 'Langley Girls on Wheels' T shirt, please hand in a parental reply slip bearing the student's name with £3.00 to Mrs Yonge at reception by Monday 1st June, stating on the reply slip the size of t-shirt required. A letter has been sent about this via Parentmail. If you have not received one please collect one from reception.



LPGS Donates Much-Needed Food



On Tuesday 28th April, accompanied by Miss Galbert and Mrs Ashman-Clark, we delivered the large amount of food that families of LPGS students had donated for the Bromley Food Bank. We were also very proud to be able to present a cheque for £1,400 to the Bromley Food Bank. This was impressively raised by Year 10 and 8 Charity reps through multiple cake and sweet sales and many generous donations. Upon our arrival we carted the food to a room piled high with donations from all over the Bromley area and were thoroughly informed by one of the lovely volunteers about the process of organising and distributing the donations. Many families and people alone receive three bags which will provide them with enough food for just three days during a financial crisis.



We were surprised to discover that the organisation pays a yearly rent on the 'shop' from which people collect food. Their aim is to raise enough money to sustain a single warehouse that could supply more branches in the area. It was rewarding to see the gratitude the ladies showed when they saw our donations and further brought to our attention the necessity of their hard work and the support of institutions such as our school to help those in need. We hope to continue fundraising in the future for this worthy cause and would like to extend our thanks to all who participated in raising these vital donations.



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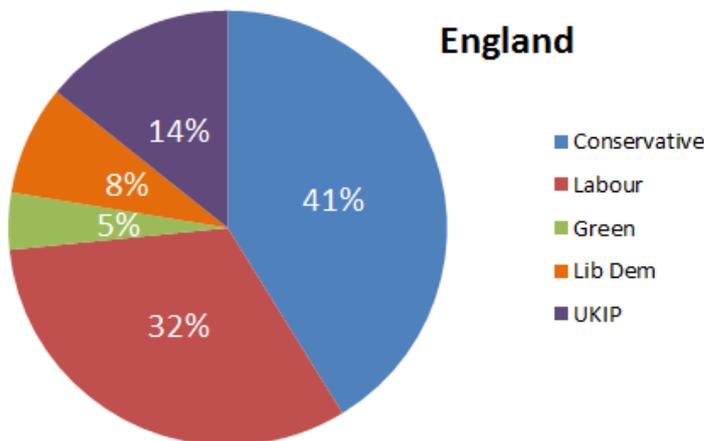
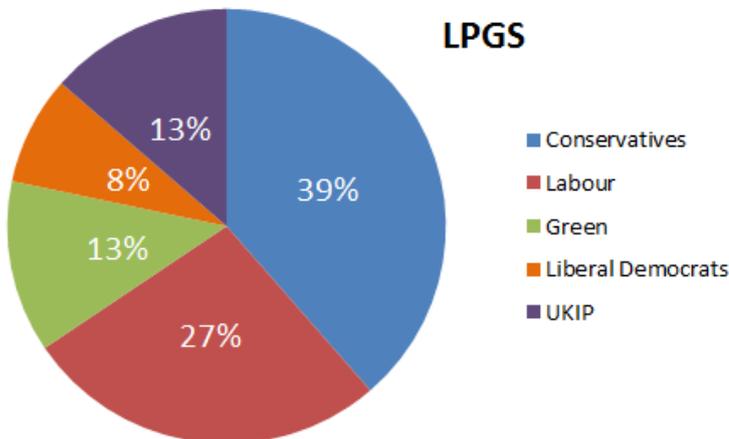
Langley Election 2015

Despite not being able to vote in the general election, Year 7 – Year 10s were able to cast a vote in the Langley Election 2015. All major parties were listed on their ballot form and over the last week of the Election Form groups dutifully went to the polling station (or the 'DALO') and posted their votes.

PSHCE Co-ordinator, Mr Beardsworth, who organised the event, had the task of counting up the votes for each Form group based constituency.

At lunchtime on 7th May, as the rest of the country was voting, Langley was ready to announce their results. With 32 seats up for grabs would it be as close the recent polls were suggesting?

The Langley election resulted in a strong win for the Conservatives, with a sprinkling of seats won by Labour, UKIP and the Green Party. This seemed to go against what the recent polls had been projecting but come Friday morning our girls seemed to have accurately mirrored what had happened up and down the country. In the chart on the left, Maths teacher Jessica Orr shows just how close our vote was compared to the real general election vote.





Friday 19th June: Candy Colours Own Clothes Day

On Friday 19th June, in preparation for the Summer Fair on Saturday 27th June, students can contribute to the PTA's major fundraising event by bringing in sweets or biscuits (or paying £1.00) in return for being allowed to wear their own clothes.



The theme for the day is candy colours.



Dance Festival and Summer Fair on Saturday 27th June. 11.00a.m. – 3.00p.m.

Our first PTA-backed summer fair promises to be an exciting event with over 13 different stalls including jewellery, crafts, plants, pet accessories, hula hoop training, our special tombola, home-made lemonade and cakes. It will also be a chance to see some innovative and talented performances from Langley girls as well as children from primary feeder schools.



Entrance £1.00 in advance from school reception,
£1.50 on the day.

To book a stall space please email
contactatpsalpgs@gmail.com with subject
'Dance Festival'.

Fashion Awareness Direct Finalist



Following on from the success of Beau Scarlett -Pitt in 2013, current Year 12 student Sophie Watson has also made the final of the Fashion Awareness Direct competition 2015. Being one of the 20 finalists, Sophie will get to showcase her work during London Fashion Week. Sophie wrote:

'Last term I took part in the FAD fashion programme, this involved participating in 11 weekend workshops over 3 months. FAD is a creative charity supporting young people to bridge the gap between education and the fashion industry. I really enjoyed the whole experience especially revising skills such as fashion illustrating and draping, as well as learning new skills like screen printing. I also found the industry day really inspiring as we got the chance to talk to high street designers. I feel much more confident now in my work and I'm really looking forward to refining and making my garment in the next few workshops, in preparation for the FAD catwalk show at fashion scout in September during London Fashion Week.'



Tree bench donated by Adremians



The Adremians are our old girls. Their name comes from the school motto, 'Ad rem: mox nox'. For many years they have donated an annual prize for achievement in Science. This year, they have also kindly donated funds to enable us to buy the bench in this photograph. I'm sure our students will think about their thousands of predecessors when they sit on it and enjoy the memorial garden.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2015	Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June	School begins as usual
Monday 8th June	Year 12 timetable Resumes
Wednesday 10th June	Year 8 Vaccinations, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 16th June	PSHCE Day
Saturday 27th June	Dance Festival and Summer Fair, 11.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday 1st July	Sports Day 9.30am - 3.00pm
Tuesday 7th July	New Year 7 Induction Day
Wednesday 8th July	Reserve Sports Day 8.30am - 3.00pm
Wednesday 8th July	New Year 7 Parents Evening, 7.00pm
Thursday 9th July	Summer Concert, 7.00pm
Thursday 16th July	KS3 Presentation Evening, 7.00pm
Friday 17th July	School ends for Summer Holidays, 12.30pm

Best wishes

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Headteacher